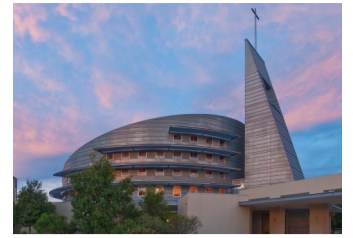




WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

"He must increase, I must decrease" (Jn 3:30)



6th March 2022 1st Sunday of Lent—C

LENTEN PROGRAMME

Way of the Cross & Mass:

Wednesdays & Fridays:

**6.30pm followed by
the Eucharist at
7.00pm**



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MASS TIMES & OTHER WORSHIP

Monday - Friday : Morning prayer at 8.15a.m. followed by the Eucharist at 8:30am.

Saturday: Morning prayer at 8.45a.m. followed by the Eucharist, adoration and confession. Evening at 5pm

Sunday 7:30am, 9:15am & 5pm

First Friday: Confession 3.30pm

Healing Mass 4pm

Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament: Thursdays 7—8pm

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We began our annual Lenten journey this week with Ash Wednesday and the distribution of ashes which are a sign of repentance from sin. The liturgical practice of applying ashes on one's forehead goes back as far as the eighth century, and while they symbolise penance and contrition, they are also a reminder that God is gracious and merciful to those who call on Him with repentant hearts. Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving – often called the three pillars of Lent. It also reminds us of the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert praying and fasting, and leads us to Jesus' death and resurrection. This is a time when we can put our souls before a mirror and see who we really are; when we recognise and own our fragility; when we can reflect and refocus on our lives and make sure we are not in any way being deflected from love of God and neighbour. Lent allows us to give more time to prayer and build our personal relationship with God. We all have busy lives in different ways but a life without prayer is a life without the joy of the presence of God. Fasting is one of the oldest practices linked to Lent. An imitation of Jesus Christ's fasting in the wilderness before He began His public ministry, it is the most solemn period of fasting on the Church's calendar, leading to the celebration of our most important feast, Easter. We give up some comforts or adopt particular spiritual practices, spend time in self-examination, resolve to repent from sin but ultimately this is the time for spiritual renewal and spiritual growth. Almsgiving is a very ancient charitable practice, and while we should always consider the suffering and needs of others, Lent encourages us to do more than just consider. One of the central lessons of the cross is compassion, and making the needs of other people our own, sharing our material goods. Contributing to an appeal for the poor or persecuted is true Christian charity. We don't have to look far to see the recent desperate situations of people both here and abroad. This past week the heartbreaking devastation unleashed by unprecedented rain and floods, the loss of life and homes, has been heartbreaking. And on the other side of the world the invasion of Ukraine, the targeting of civilian buildings, and an escalating death toll. We have a great deal to pray for during these turbulent times. Now more than ever, I encourage you to reconnect with the Body of Christ during this Lenten season, and reflect upon your spiritual pilgrimage as individuals and a community as we prepare for the glorious celebration of Easter.

With my prayers and blessing, +Anthony

CATECHIST RECOGNITION

- DOROTHY FULTON

Congratulations to Dorothy Fulton for 40 Years of Service as a Catechist. And thank you to all throughout the Parish, who joined in the celebrations and arranged refreshments and flowers to mark the occasion.

(Photos: Courtesy of Christine French)



Happy Anniversary
50
Years together

Congratulations also to Kevin and Phoebe Glacken, who celebrated 50 years married on 3rd March!!!

(Photo: Courtesy of Rosie Na'ati)



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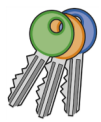
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COVID-19 REGULATIONS: A REMINDER OF THE CHANGES TO CONDITIONS:

- No density limits apply in Places of Worship.
- COVID-19 Safe Check-in NO LONGER REQUIRED.
- Singing and dancing is permitted
- **Masks are encouraged for indoor settings where you cannot maintain a safe distance from others to protect vulnerable people who must access these premises. Please be respectful of each others choice.**



We The Woy Woy Catholic Parish acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.



Parish Key & Swipe Register: For insurance purposes, the parish keys & swipe register is being updated. Any persons who hold keys or a swipe to any parish buildings or property, kindly contact the parish office by email stating your name, contact details and which keys/swipes you have. Anyone holding keys/swipes which are no longer required please return to the parish office as soon as possible.

Parish Bus Pick-Ups for Mass

Parishioners who require a Bus Pick Up are asked to contact the Parish Office on 4341 1073, and give their details. This will allow the Office to advise the Drivers, who will contact you direct to provide pick up time.



Welcome to our new Parishioners!!!

Please contact our parish office on 4341 1073, if you require assistance or any further information.

If you haven't already done so, we invite you to complete a census form, making sure you include any parish community groups you wish get involved with.

We particularly welcome those being Baptised this Sunday:

- Nicholas Moore**
- Genevieve Lake**
- Izaiah Wills-Salas**
- Millie Riviere and Taj Overton**



A New Beginning with Lent

Anyone interested in supporting the Youth is invited to attend our Youth Leaders meeting this Sunday the 6th of March at 6.30pm at Leo Mahon room. All those interested must have a Work With Children's Check and Safeguarding and must completed all requirements forms needed. All parents and guardians of young people who participated in our youth are requested to fill in the Parent Guardian Participation Consent Form as required by the Parish and the Diocese. Trained will be required as well in our model of youth ministry especially in our Catholic faith and Spirituality. Musicians are required for our Youth Mass as



we approach Easter. Leaders must be 18 plus and prepare for training. Youth and Leaders will start recruiting for members next week.

Please contact Oliver 0430 302 086 or Kiliti 0412 731 979 for more information. God bless.



Happy 88th Birthday to Pasqualina Cutrone on 6th March

Rosary Making Group will return to the Walter Baker Hall at 9.30am, Tuesday 8th March. Welcome back!



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The term 'Children's Liturgy of the Word' (CLOW) refers to the practice of children leaving the Sunday assembly during the Liturgy of the Word and gathering elsewhere to celebrate a separate Liturgy of the Word that is more appropriate to their level of understanding. In our parish, CLOW occurs during the Sunday 9:15am Mass throughout the school term excluding the 1st Sunday of the month. It is for children between the ages of 4 to 12. Parents/guardians please ensure your children are well and have washed or sanitised their hands prior to attending CLOW. CLOW resumes Sunday 13th March.

For more information contact Christine French 0431765401

SERVERS for 12/13 March 2022:

- Sat 5pm—Jeff Freeman & Joel Bajo
- Sun 7.30am—Peter French & Rae Busby
- Sun 9.15am—Steve Hopley & Jenny Fitzgerald
- Sun 5pm –Greg Lalor

Sacramental Programme:

Parents, please contact the office to book your child in if not done so already. Children will be presented at a Mass of your choosing on the weekend of 5th and 6th March. First group meeting will be the week of 14th March.

READERS for 12/13 March 2022:

- Sat 5pm — Jane Rutherford & Paul Rutherford
- Sun 7.30am —Phoebe Glacken & Veronica Jordan
- Sun 9.15am —Joesie Cameron & Kiliti Na'ati
- Sun 5pm — Peter Smith & Lorena Lalor

CLEANERS for 11 March 2022:

- Veronica Jordan* *Christine French*
 - Amanda Gray* *Laila Dawe*
- *** if unable to work on your appointed day, please swap or arrange a replacement***

VOLUNTEERS

- Eucharist Ministers in the Community
- Phoebe Glacken 4341 6324
- Bus Drivers
- Vince Wiegold 4341 1073
- Catechists
- Michael Tebbut 0437 440 169

- Church Cleaners
- Christine French 4342 4548
- Readers
- Dorothy Fulton 4341 7610
- Music Ministry
- Lyn Dwyer 0417 659 526
- Baptisms
- Brenda Sweet 4341 1073

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading I: Dt 26:4-10

Moses spoke to the people, saying: "The priest shall receive the basket from you and shall set it in front of the altar of the LORD, your God. Then you shall declare before the Lord, your God, 'My father was a wandering Aramean who went down to Egypt with a small household and lived there as an alien. But there he became a nation great, strong, and numerous. When the Egyptians maltreated and oppressed us, imposing hard labor upon us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and he heard our cry and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. He brought us out of Egypt with his strong hand and outstretched arm, with terrifying power, with signs and wonders; and bringing us into this country, he gave us this land flowing with milk and honey. Therefore, I have now brought you the firstfruits of the products of the soil which you, O LORD, have given me.' And having set them before the LORD, your God, you shall bow down in his presence."

Ps 91(90):1-2, 10-15.

R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

Reading II: Rom 10:8-13

Brothers and sisters: What does Scripture say? *The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart* —that is, the word of faith that we preach—, for, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. For the Scripture says, *No one who believes in him will be put to shame.* For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, enriching all who call upon him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Verse Before the Gospel: Mt 4:4b

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

One does not live on bread alone,

but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

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Gospel: Lk 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, *One does not live on bread alone.*" Then he took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a single instant. The devil said to him, "I shall give to you all this power and glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I may give it to whomever I wish. All this will be yours, if you worship me." Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written *You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve.*" Then he led him to Jerusalem, made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written: *He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you, and: With their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone.*" Jesus said to him in reply, "It also says, *You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.*" When the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from him for a time.



JOSEPHITE COMPANIONS MEETING THIS MONTH

Last year we re-established a group of Companions on the Central Coast (formerly called Associates) and met in the Leo Mahon room here at Woy Woy Parish. We will meet again once a month, from 10am to 11:30am on Monday, 28th March, 2022.

Josephite Companions are men and women who identify themselves with the charism of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop and Fr Julian Tenison Woods, co-founders of the Sisters of St Joseph. We offer mutual enrichment and support in **friendship, prayer and service**. If you are interested in knowing more or joining our group, please contact Anne Bailey, annebccoast@gmail.com or (02) 4341 6300 or come to 9am Mass and morning tea after in the Leo Mahon room on the **Feast of St Joseph – Saturday, 19th March, 2022.**



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Keep Us In Your Prayers of your charity pray for the souls of:

Recently deceased:

Anniversary: Lucy Laura DeSouza, Ken Thurson, Bishop Bede Heather, Girolama Mercuri, Alan French

Remembrance: Peter Whiteman, Bryan Moroney, Kjell S, Joyce Fotheringham

Sick: Melissa Bezzina, Lisa Ryan, Hanaa El Khatib, Sheila Houghton, Marie Head, Lisa Yeo, Marta Panczyna, Oscar James Moretti, Linda Italiano, Eneio Wolfgram, Emma Matthews, Eileen Jones, Kathleen Bezzina, Moya Jones, Kiliti Na'ati, Chris Mitchell, Trish Stuart, Colleen Garland, Robert Baker, Josephine Weate, Ed Hyland, Sheila Rogan, Pat Savage, Ernie Mullins, John Mitchell, Donna Vella, Ken Joyce, Jo Farrelle, Donna Briemer Malin Tugaga, Pamela Power, Mary Scarf, Rose Aloisio, Tina Cohen, Amanda Sheridan, Audrey Barsenbach, Mary Wood, Therese Horner, Jack Dummett, Anne Singleton, Janice Green, Robert Parker, Maureen Wardrop, Ros Harbig, Georgie Brigdale, Sue Campbell, Bobby Brame, Maria Arundell, Larry Cresswell, Kerrie Roberts, Lauren Alchin, Bruce Yip, Ada Primrose Murphy, Cathy Eades, James Matthews, Clare Gleeson, Margaret Gibson, Dawn Torrens, Jackie Asic, Margaret Hope, Doreen Arahill, Theresa Mitchell, Anita Servi, Jean Pierre, Michael Tannous, Charles Lawson, Marsha Burzynski, Emma Mitchell, Vince Weigold



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March:

A Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

PARISH COLLECTIONS

1st collection: goes to the Clergy Remuneration Fund for the financial support of the priests.

2nd Collection: Funds the operational management of the Parish

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