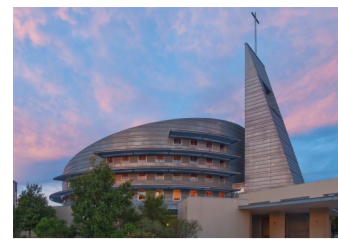




# WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



## 14th August 2022

## 20th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME C

### FEASTS & MEMORIALS

**15 August —The ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**16 August —St Stephen of Hungary**

**19 August —St John Eudes**

**20 August - St Bernard**

### MASS TIMES &

### OTHER WORSHIP

#### **Weekend Masses**

Saturday Vigil - 5.00pm

Sunday - 7.30am, 9.15am and 5.00pm

#### **Weekday Masses**

Monday - Friday: Morning prayer at 8.15am followed by the Eucharist at 8.30am

Saturdays & Public holidays - 9.00am

#### **Healing Mass**

First Friday of the month during Mass at 4.00pm

#### **Reconciliation/Confession**

Friday -9.00am

First Friday of the month - 3.30pm

Saturday - 9.30am and 4.30pm

Sunday - 7.00am

#### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Thursday evenings from 7pm - 8pm

#### **Blessed Sacrament Chapel**

Mon, Tues, Thurs—8.30am—3.00pm

Wed and Friday 8.30am - 4.00pm

#### **Divine Will Cenacle**

Thursdays 9.15am -10.30am

#### **Christian Meditation**

Monday evenings from 6pm - 7pm

### PARISH CONTACTS

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### GOSPEL REFLECTION

Having reminded the apostles and the crowd that facing the coming judgment takes patience, Jesus now goes on to speak of how difficult it will be to wait. He tells them that he has come to set the earth on fire. Recall that in chapter 3 of Luke's Gospel, John the Baptist tells the crowd that he is baptizing with water, but someone mightier is coming who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. The fire Jesus speaks of here is the distress caused by the coming judgment. It is also the fire of the Spirit that Luke, in the Acts of the Apostles, will describe descending on the disciples on Pentecost. That fire will strengthen them to go out to the whole world to preach the good news of Jesus' Resurrection. Jesus will be the first to experience the distress of the coming judgment. His baptism will be the conflict into which he will be immersed as he approaches Jerusalem and his death on the cross. His followers will not be spared that distress. The angels at Jesus' birth proclaimed peace on earth, and Simeon, holding the baby Jesus in the Temple, said to God: "Master, now you may let your servant go in peace." Here Jesus tells the crowd not to think he has come to bring peace; he has come to bring division. Simeon said as much when he turned to Mary and said that the child was destined for the rise and fall of many and to be a sign that will be contradicted. Peace is the ultimate end of the Kingdom of God, but peace has a price. Jesus is warning the crowd that wherever the Word of God is heard and acted upon, division occurs. Fathers will be divided against sons and mothers against daughters. The coming judgment forces us to look at the implications of our commitments. As Jesus warned in last Sunday's Gospel, a commitment of faith requires us to change our attitude toward material possessions and to take even more seriously our moral responsibilities. Here he reminds the crowd that those who commit to him will find it affects the way they relate to friends and family members. The angel who announced the birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah said John would go before Jesus to turn the hearts of fathers toward their children. But a commitment to Jesus forces us to change the way we live our lives, and this can put strains on relationships. We don't expect to hear such difficult words from Jesus in the Gospel. But it is good to be reminded once in a while that the decision to do the right thing, the good thing, is not always easy and without conflict. Jesus himself did not make easy decisions and avoid conflict. In today's reading, he reminds his followers to be prepared for difficult decisions and conflict as well.



<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/20th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-cycle-c-sunday-connection/>

### 15 August —The ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**Mass will be celebrated 8.30am at St John the Baptist Church Woy Woy  
and**

**11.45am at SJB Primary School - 24 Dulkara Ave Woy Woy**

*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.*



**Congratulations to the children who made their Confirmation last Sunday. Certificates will be presented at 9.15am Mass on Sunday 14th August..**

Due to confirmation Certificate presentation, the Children's Liturgy of the Word will not occur this week during the 9:15am Mass. For more information contact Christine French 0431 765 401

**NEW** Parish Giving envelopes are ready to collect from the Gathering Area. If you would like to contribute through Parish Giving Envelopes, please contact the office.

**Invitation to attend the Central Coast Secular Franciscan Order (OFS) monthly meeting to be held Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August at The Entrance Catholic Parish in the Lecture Room at 2pm. Information: Secretary Gerard Price OFS Mobile: 0439 519 018. Pamphlets are also available in the gathering Area.**

**Cash Housie !!!**  
Saturday nights 7.30pm  
50 games at Peninsula Community Centre  
93 Mc Masters Rd Woy Woy.  
**Proceeds benefit our parish.**  
For more information, please contact Robert Graham on 0427 990 818



**Catholic Youth Broken Bay invites youth and young adults across the Diocese to 'Praisefest: Welcome to Mercy.' It will be held on Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> August from 7:00pm – 9:00pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish at The Entrance.**

The evening will involve a variety of fun, engaging and prayerful segments. Praise featuring, Glorious and school students and a dance battle, will get the youth to their feet and enjoy the lively atmosphere.

'Rambling with the Rev' will be hosted by Deacon Adrian Gomez and feature panelists from CatholicCare and students who are actively involved in social justice. The youth will be invited to delve into Christ's "fountain of life" through a contemporary dance performed by Michaela Hoffmann and followed by an opportunity for prayer and reflection before the Blessed Sacrament in Adoration. Priests from around the Diocese will be coming to offer the sacrament of Confession. Of course, the evening will finish with a Praise party to give all glory and thanks to God! Questions? Email Jen: [jen.healey@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:jen.healey@bbcatholic.org.au).



**CLEANERS 19 August 2022:**

<i>Rose Kissing</i>	<i>Maria Owen</i>
<i>Kathleen Cullen</i>	<i>Elena Egan</i>

\*\*\* if unable to work on your appointed day, please swap or arrange a replacement\*\*\*

**READERS for 20-21 August 2022:**

*Sat 5pm — Jane Somerville & Jane Rutherford*  
*Sun 7.30am — Isaak Giunter & Phoebe Glacken*  
*Sun 9.15am — MaryRose Barlow & Olga Mhilli*  
*Sun 5pm — Kristina Aitken & Peter Smith*

**SERVERS for 20-21 August 2022:**

*Sat 5pm—Paul Cavanagh & Vincent Cavanagh*  
*Sun 7.30am—Bernie French & Paul Nolan*  
*Sun 9.15am—Joesie Cameron & Steve Hopley*  
*Sun 5pm – Laurie Jarvis/Pio Savea*

**VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED**

- ♦ We are looking for volunteers to clean the bus once a month
- ♦ Welcomers are sought to greet parishioners and visitors for each weekend Mass

**How can YOU support OUR parish???**  
Please let us know—4341 1073



**OLMC Parramatta - Class of '90, '91 & '92 30 Year Reunion**

**Reunion Function Saturday 17th September Parramatta Park Royal. RSVP 4th Sept.**  
Come and join your old schoolmates and teachers for a reunion for the Classes of 1990, 1991 and 1992. There will be roaming canapés throughout the evening, with an on-consumption bar and a live DJ to dance the night away.

**OLMC Alumnae Day Sunday 18th September**  
10am Mass in the Chapel followed by College Tours.  
12:30pm High Tea at Lachlan's Restaurant, Old Government House  
Click on the link to secure your ticket!<https://bit.ly/3nOIPD3>

**Accommodation at Parramatta Park Royal.**  
Special OLMC Alumni Rate (including breakfast)

**Reunion Committee led by:**  
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**World Youth Day Lisbon 2023**

Thinking about World Youth Day 2023? Bishop Anthony Randazzo is inviting young people of the Diocese to join him on an experience of a lifetime.

[Check out the CYBB WYD](#)

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# LITURGY OF THE WORD

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## **Reading 1: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10**

In those days, the princes said to the king: "Jeremiah ought to be put to death; he is demoralizing the soldiers who are left in this city, and all the people, by speaking such things to them; he is not interested in the welfare of our people, but in their ruin." King Zedekiah answered: "He is in your power"; for the king could do nothing with them. And so they took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern of Prince Malchiah, which was in the quarters of the guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the cistern, only mud, and Jeremiah sank into the mud. Ebed-melech, a court official, went there from the palace and said to him: "My lord king, these men have been at fault in all they have done to the prophet Jeremiah, casting him into the cistern. He will die of famine on the spot, for there is no more food in the city." Then the king ordered Ebed-melech the Cushite to take three men along with him, and draw the prophet Jeremiah out of the cistern before he should die.

## **Responsorial Psalm: Ps 39 (40):2-4, 18**

R. Lord, come to my aid!

## **Reading 2: Heb 12:1-4**

Brothers and sisters: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith. For the sake of the joy that lay before him he endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God. Consider how he endured such opposition from sinners, in order that you may not grow weary and lose heart. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood.

## **Alleluia: Jn 10:27**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;  
I know them, and they follow me.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## **Gospel: Lk 12:49-53**

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three; a father will be divided against his son and a son against his father, a mother against her daughter and a daughter against her mother, a mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law."



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## **THE ASSUMPTION: THE HOPE OF MARY IS OUR HOPE**



The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a celebration of hope. A celebration of hope that God rewards his faithful servants who cooperate with him to fulfil the salvific plan of salvation. This is the reward of Mary for her faithfulness to the will of God. Hence, God will not let her experience the fate of mortality but immortality. This is the celebration of the Solemnity of Assumption of Mary to heaven body and soul after her mortal life on earth was due. The [Assumption of Mary is dogma](#) in the Catholic Church. It teaches us how the Virgin Mary, having completed her earthly stay, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory. Like the dogma of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, the doctrine of the Assumption of Mary is not explicitly stated in the Holy Bible. The teaching that at the end of her earthly course, Mary was assumed into heavenly glory, body and soul was dogmatically promulgated on 1 November 1950 by Pius XII in 1950 in [Munificentissimus Deus](#). Munificentissimus Deus in Latin means The most bountiful God. It is the name of an apostolic constitution written by [Pope Pius XII](#). It defines ex-cathedra as the dogma of the Assumption of the

Blessed Virgin Mary. In this Papal document, Munificentissimus Deus, Pope Pius XII gives four reasons for our belief in the Dogma of Assumption of Mary.

1. The uninterrupted tradition about death and the Assumption of Mary starting from the first century.
2. The belief expressed in all the ancient liturgies of the early Christian Church.
3. The negative evidence – the absence and veneration of a tomb of Mary while most of the apostles have their tombs.
4. The possibility of bodily ascension in the Old Testament without corruption of the body, in the cases of Enoch (Genesis 5:24), perhaps Moses (Deuteronomy 34:5), and especially Elijah (II Kgs 2:1).5)warranted this teaching.

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

**Recently deceased:** Leona Grosse

**Anniversary:** Ivy Evans, Anthony Caruana, Mary Dolan, Fae Casey, Francis Brian Morrison, Agapito Coloma, Tirso, Matilde, Renato and Angelita Carpio, Ray Camilleri, Grace Farrujia, Verginia Grech, Jim Filewood Snr, Jim Filewood Jnr, Paulina Menezes, Umiliano Menezes

**Remembrance:**

**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, Chris Mitchell, Trish Stuart, Colleen Garland, Robert Baker, Josephine Weate, Ed Hyland, Sheila Rogan, Pat Savage, 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, Janice Green, Robert Parker, Maureen Wardrop, Ros Harbig, Georgie Brigdale, Sue Campbell, Bobby Brame, Kerrie Roberts, Lauren Alchin, Bruce Yip, Ada Primrose Murphy, Cathy Eades, James Matthews, Doreen Arahill, Theresa Mitchell, Anita Servi, Jean Pierre, Michael Tannous, Charles Lawson, Marsha Burzynski, Emma Mitchell, Vince Weigold, Lola DeSouza, Cathy Hennessy, Bev Purser, Joseph King, Maureen Fotheringham, Jim Cooper, Christine Semark, Rae Busby



### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for August:

#### **Small Business**

*We pray for small and medium businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.*

#### 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

You can also donate via Bpoint, which will take you to our Website for secure online payments. <https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/woywoyparish>

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