



WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



21st August 2022

21st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME C

FEASTS & MEMORIALS

22 August —*The Queenship of the Blessed Mary Virgin*

23 August —*St Rose of Lima*

24 August —*St Bartholomew*

DBB—Episcopal ordination of Most Rev. Anthony Randazzo (2016)

25 August - *Sts Louis & Joseph Calasanz*

27 August—*St Monica*

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

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today's Gospel reading is the third of three parables in chapter 13 that deal with the theme of the unexpected reversals brought by the Kingdom of God. The other two parables are about the tiny mustard seed that grows into a large tree and the small amount of yeast that makes a large batch of dough rise. All three are about the few and the many and the Kingdom of God.

As this parable opens, Luke reminds us that Jesus is making his way to Jerusalem. This journey, this exodus as Luke refers to it, makes up the entire middle of the Gospel. He is teaching as he goes. A question from the crowd gives Jesus the chance to make a prophetic statement. Luke uses this question device a number of times in his Gospel. A few weeks ago, the question "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" led to the parable of the Good Samaritan. The question about will only a few be saved uses typical Christian language about salvation but also expresses the Jewish concern about whether everyone who calls himself a Jew is actually faithful to the covenant. This was a concern of the Pharisees. Jesus answers that they must strive in the time remaining to enter through the narrow door because many will be trying to get in but won't be strong enough. He then moves to a parable about another door. (The translation says "gate" then "door," but the same Greek word is used.) Once all those entering the master's house are in and he locks the door, there will be no way for others to get in. Those left outside may knock, but the master will say he doesn't know them. Unlike the Gospel reading from a few weeks ago where Jesus was teaching about prayer, and we were told to knock and the door would be opened, in this parable, the master will not open and say he does not know us. People from the north, south, east, and west will take our place inside. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the prophets will take our place in the Kingdom of God. Those who do not make it through the narrow door will be cast out to where there is wailing and grinding of teeth.

The image of the door is replaced in the final verses of the parable with the image of the heavenly banquet. Two passages from the Book of Isaiah influence the conclusion. Isaiah 43:5-6 speaks of God bringing Israel's descendants back from the east and from the west, the north and the south. And Isaiah 25:6 speaks of the Lord providing a feast of rich foods and choice wines for all peoples on his holy mountain. The answer to the question if only a few will be saved is no. In the end, many will be saved, but many who thought they would be saved will not be saved. The parable is a prophetic warning to repentance in order to enter the kingdom.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/21st-sunday-in-ordinary-time-c-sunday-connection/>



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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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.



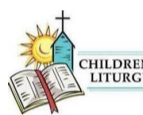
Sit & Chat Returns- A group of seniors meets every third Monday in the Leo Mahon Room from 12.30pm – 2.00pm. Transport provided if needed. Contact the Parish Office on 4341 1073.

Next meeting 22nd August

FOR SALE 1x3 wheel walker with no seat and 1x4 wheel walker with a sling seat. Please contact Willy Woods on 0411 735 349.



Due to the requirements on the purity of Holy Water and COVID restrictions, Fr Timothy organised a Holy Water Dispenser (same as for hand sanitiser) before he went on leave. It has now arrived and once blessed by Fr Geoff, it will be set up for use near the main church entry.



Children's Liturgy of the Word resumes this Sunday, 21st August during the 9:15am Mass. For more information contact Christine French 0431 765 401

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



World Youth Day 2023

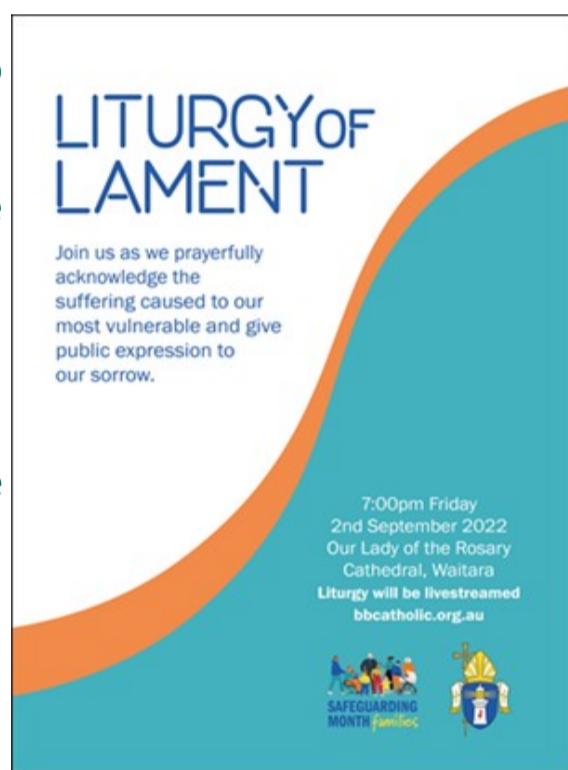
is a global gathering of Catholic Youth – and it is just one year away! Bishop Anthony Randazzo is inviting you to join him on a pilgrimage to Italy and onto Lisbon, Portugal where

thousands of young people will gather for this amazing event.

There are two Information Nights coming up. Tuesday 23 August at 6.30pm at The Light of Christ Centre and Wednesday 24 August at 6.30pm at St Peter's Catholic College, Tuggerah. It will be a huge night of information the about the pilgrimage, WYD and our journey to Fatima after Lisbon. Food, fun and facts!

Register at <https://bbwyd.org.au>

Everyone is welcome to our annual Liturgy of Lament. Please put the date in your diaries and let us join together on this occasion when we remember, acknowledge and pray together.



CLEANERS 26 August 2022:

Rano Spiteri

Tom French

Reg Harrington

Peter Smith

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

READERS for 27-28 August 2022:

Sat 5pm — Paul Rutherford & MaryRose Barlow

Sun 7.30am — Joel Bajo & Dorothy Fulton

Sun 9.15am — Michael Dixon & Gemma French

Sun 5pm — Peter Smith & Lorena Lalor

SERVERS for 27-28 August 2022:

Sat 5pm—Jeff Freeman & Joel Bajo

Sun 7.30am—Peter French & Rae Busby

Sun 9.15am—Bob Wilson & Jenny Fitzgerald

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



FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

We offer our sincere condolences to all their families.

Sheila Florence Houghton Her life will be celebrated at Greenway Chapel at 10.00am on Tuesday 23rd August 2022.

William (Paul) Heaney We celebrate his life at Greenway Memorial Gardens on Wednesday 24th August 2022 at 12.00pm



The Campion College Student Association invites you to attend a medieval masquerade ball on 10 September 2022

5.30pm Vigil Mass
6.45pm Ball commences
\$80 per person. Purchase your tickets at:
campion.edu.au/events

8-14 Austin Woodbury Place
Toongabbie NSW 2146
Open to youth/young adults (ages 16-35)
... All welcome!



LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1: Is 66:18-21

Thus says the LORD: I know their works and their thoughts, and I come to gather nations of every language; they shall come and see my glory. I will set a sign among them; from them I will send fugitives to the nations: to Tarshish, Put and Lud, Mosoch, Tubal and Javan, to the distant coastlands that have never heard of my fame, or seen my glory; and they shall proclaim my glory among the nations. They shall bring all your brothers and sisters from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots, in carts, upon mules and dromedaries, to Jerusalem, my holy mountain, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring their offering to the house of the LORD in clean vessels. Some of these I will take as priests and Levites, says the LORD.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 116 (117):

R. Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.



Reading 2: Heb 12:5-7, 11-13

Brothers and sisters, You have forgotten the exhortation addressed to you as children: "My son, do not disdain the discipline of the Lord or lose heart when reproved by him; for whom the Lord loves, he disciplines; he scourges every son he acknowledges." Endure your trials as "discipline"; God treats you as sons. For what "son" is there whom his father does not discipline? At the time, all discipline seems a cause not for joy but for pain, yet later it brings the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who are trained by it. So strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees. Make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed.

Alleluia: Jn 14:6

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Lk 13:22-30

Jesus passed through towns and villages, teaching as he went and making his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" He answered them, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough. After the master of the house has arisen and locked the door, then will you stand outside knocking and saying, 'Lord, open the door for us.' He will say to you in reply, 'I do not know where you are from. And you will say, 'We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets.' Then he will say to you, 'I do not know where you are from. Depart from me, all you evildoers!' And there will be wailing and grinding of teeth when you see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God and you yourselves cast out. And people will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God. For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."



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:

Belinda Clarke (Witter), 1992, belindahildaclarke@gmail.com

Natalie Galea, 1991, natalie_galea@yahoo.com.au

Sarah Kenny, 1990, sarahkenny767@gmail.com

We are seeking volunteers for our Community Visitors Scheme!

JUST ONE HOUR A FORTNIGHT IS REQUIRED

Would you like to volunteer for an organisation with exceptional values? Are you passionate about achieving positive outcomes for seniors? CatholicCare Diocese of Broken Bay is seeking volunteers for our federally funded Community Visitors Scheme. Our volunteers have flexibility to choose a day and time that suits them, we just ask for a commitment of at least one hour



per fortnight. As a volunteer you will support seniors in a local Aged Care facility or in their own home to help improve their quality of life. Affectionately referred to as CatholicCare's 'friendship program', you will be able to build new connections and positive relationships with someone who will greatly appreciate your company. The time will be spent having a cuppa, going on outings, reading together, listening to music, playing games and other activities. We receive regular requests for volunteers who speak other languages so it's a bonus if you are multilingual! All volunteers are supported with regular check-ins. Can you help? Please call Nicki on 0418 435 304, email nicki.bispham@catholiccareddb.org.au or visit www.catholiccareddb.org.au/volunteer.

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

Recently deceased: William 'Paul' Heaney, Sheila Florence Houghton

Anniversary: Wanda Grima, Safaa El Khatib, Dora Vera, Margaret French, Paulina Menezes, Umiliano Menezes, Joseph Uk, Vince Leonard, Paul Louis Stormon

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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