



WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



28th August 2022

22nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME C

FEASTS & MEMORIALS

28 August — *Social Justice Sunday*
29 August — *The Passion of St John the Baptist*
1 September — *World Day of Prayer For Creation (Holy See)*
2 September - *Spring Ember Day*
3 September — *St Gregory the Great*

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
Marian Bowyer - 0432 882 776

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SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY—Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse

Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse points out that the roots of domestic and family violence "lie in the abuse of power to control and dominate others" and that "this stands in contrast to the relationships to which God calls us". Our relationships should be "marked by equality and reciprocity rather than domination and violence, respect and freedom rather than coercion and control". We know that most often those who suffer violence and abuse in homes and families, in workplaces, and in communities, are women and children while the perpetrators are most often men. We support women in calling for respect in relationships; their lives and those of their children are sacred.

Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse focuses in a special way on the problem of spiritual violence and abuse. It discusses how religious teachings – including our own – may be manipulated by perpetrators to excuse violence or to exert control over others. Cultural factors in the Church and in society often also play an important role in the violence and abuse suffered in families, households, communities, and workplaces. This behaviour is sinful. We believe that respect, dignity and justice, transformation and hope are possible.

The Statement affirms the work being done by faith communities and organisations to support those who experience domestic and family violence and abuse, and to address the drivers and enablers of violence. It points to further ways in which we can all respond to spiritual violence.

Finally, it calls for faith communities to support and believe those going through domestic and family violence and abuse, to hold perpetrators to account and work towards individual and social transformation.

<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2022/08/02/sjs2022-23/>


Full statement can be viewed at: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ywUe8vTK1m4wMKNG9cEdCTDcfEgSwuTN/view>

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.

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.

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



 Children's Liturgy of the Word has resumed Sundays, during the 9:15am Mass. For more information contact Christine French on 0431 765 401.

Reader Rosters for September to December 2022: are ready to collect from the servers sacristy. Please collect asap. Thank you

 We warmly welcome those who were **Baptised last weekend: Niamh Graham, Flynn Hazelwood, Arlo Deguara, Pippa Wood and Anika Wood**


Cash Housie !!!
Saturday nights 7.30pm

50 games at Peninsula Community Centre
93 Mc Masters Rd Woy Woy.

Proceeds benefit our parish.

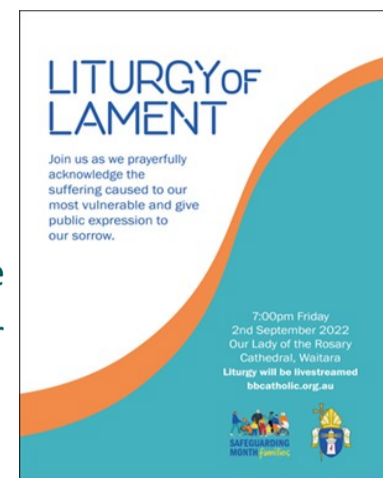
For more information, please contact Robert Graham on 0427 990 818



 Donations of ribbons, scrap material, buttons, Velcro etc. are sought for a charitable craft project. Please drop off to the Parish Office.

Liturgy of Lament Friday
2 September at 7.00pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara

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.



MISSION and VISION

Bringing Jesus Christ to ALL through:
Worship and Liturgy; Outreach;
Our Parish School; Hospitality;
Adult and Child Faith Formation

Fransalian Quote

Hasten while life is left in your Saviour's footsteps. But run ardently and swiftly. Following him is of little use, unless you succeed in accompanying him.
St. Francis de Sales

CLEANERS 2 September 2022:

Pam Hickey **Mabel Torres**
Amanda Gray **Laila Dawe**

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

READERS for 3-4 September 2022:

Sat 5pm — Paul Rutherford & Jane Rutherford
Sun 7.30am — Isaak Giunter & Joel Bato
Sun 9.15am — Michael Dixon & Olga Mhilli
Sun 5pm — Kristina Aitken & Lorena Lalor

SERVERS for 3-4 September 2022:

Sat 5pm—Paul Cavanagh & Vincent Cavanagh
Sun 7.30am—Peter French & Rae Busby
Sun 9.15am—Hanaa El-Khatib & Bernie French
Sun 5pm – Laurie Jarvis/Pio Savea

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

- ◆ We welcome more Readers, particularly for 5pm Saturday and Sunday.
- ◆ Welcomers are sought to greet parishioners and visitors for each weekend mass.

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



The Holy Hour for Vocations and Discernment Evening

is a time for us to come together and pray for God's guidance in our lives. We will pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, and for those who are discerning their vocation. This is a time for us to reflect on God's call in our lives, and to seek His will for our lives.

Friday August 26: 6pm
Holy Name Parish Wahroonga
rsvp to: Vocations.ministry@bbcatholic.org.au
Ph: 0418 522 449



An upcoming event with Bruce Downes the Catholic Guy Ministries is as follows:

DATE : Saturday, 3rd September 2022
VENUE: Bankstown Sports Club
ADDRESS: 8 Greenfield Parade, Bankstown
EMAIL: BruceDownes.org/Sydney

Contact the above if unable to pay \$25.- entry - to cover costs of the event.

"Do not let this prevent you from attending! Everyone is welcome!"
We do want you to come.

Sandra Purcell Director of Outreach and Events.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1: Sir 3:17-20, 28-29

My child, conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts. Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find favor with God. What is too sublime for you, seek not, into things beyond your strength search not. The mind of a sage appreciates proverbs, and an attentive ear is the joy of the wise. Water quenches a flaming fire, and alms atone for sins.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 67 (68):4-7, 10-11

R. **God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.**

Reading 2: Heb 12:18-19, 22-24

Brothers and sisters: You have not approached that which could be touched and a blazing fire and gloomy darkness and storm and a trumpet blast and a voice speaking words such that those who heard begged that no message be further addressed to them. No, you have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and countless angels in festal gathering, and the assembly of the firstborn enrolled in heaven, and God the judge of all, and the spirits of the just made perfect, and Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and the sprinkled blood that speaks more eloquently than that of Abel.

Alleluia: Mt 11:29ab

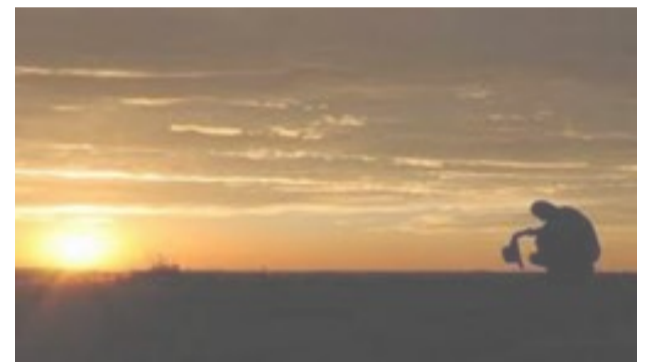
R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.

R. **Alleluia.**

Gospel: Lk 14:1, 7-14

On a sabbath Jesus went to dine at the home of one of the leading Pharisees, and the people there were observing him carefully. He told a parable to those who had been invited, noticing how they were choosing the places of honor at the table. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not recline at table in the place of honor. A more distinguished guest than you may have been invited by him, and the host who invited both of you may approach you and say, 'Give your place to this man,' and then you would proceed with embarrassment to take the lowest place. Rather, when you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you he may say, 'My friend, move up to a higher position.' Then you will enjoy the esteem of your companions at the table. For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." Then he said to the host who invited him, "When you hold a lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or your wealthy neighbors, in case they may invite you back and you have repayment. Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."



Embrace the Call to Global



Palms Australia

American Samoa, Cambodia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Zambia are requesting Australian Catholics to live in and share their skills with parish communities.

Embrace one of these **Mission opportunities abroad** and mentor those with little other opportunity. You will be well prepared and supported by Palms Australia who have engaged Australian Catholics in this mission since 1961.

Enquire online or **Ph: 0422 742 567** and **Register** for a Webinar on **Saturday September 24th at 11:30am** where you can talk directly with Veronica Lawson who is mentoring teachers in Pago Pago, American Samoa now.

Or visit others already engaged in Mission with Palms on our **13-day Encounter Tour to Timor-Leste from October 16th to 28th**.



Listen to the
Voice of Creation
SEASON OF CREATION 2022

Season of Creation

1 September –

4 October 2022

1 September is the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, established by Pope Francis in 2015. This day begins the 'Season of Creation' which runs until 4 October, the Feast of St Francis, and is an ecumenical season calling all Christians around the world to pray and take action for our common home. The theme for 2022 is "Listen to the Voice of Creation." In his message for World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, Pope Francis says, "If we learn how to listen, we can hear in the voice of creation a kind of dissonance. On the one hand, we can hear a sweet song in praise of our beloved Creator; on the other, an anguished plea, lamenting our mistreatment of this our common home."

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

Recently deceased: Nila Swanson, Sheila Houghton, Mary Scarf

Anniversary: Vince Leonard, David Tullipan, Paul Louis Stormon, Warwick John Munro, Mary Gatt, Colin O'Reilly

Remembrance: Bugeja, Catania, Grima and Edgecomb families, Blanch and O'Reilly families

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, 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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