



WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



4th September 2022 23rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME C

FEASTS & MEMORIALS

8 September — *The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

9 September — *St Peter Claver*

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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Fathers Day Reflections

WHAT MAKES A DAD?

What Makes A Dad?

God took the strength of a mountain,

The majesty of a tree,

The calm of a quiet sea,

The generous soul of nature,

The comforting arm of night.

The wisdom of the ages,

The power of the eagle's flight,

The joy of a morning in spring,

The faith of a mustard seed,

The patience of eternity,

The depth of a family need.

Then God combined these qualities.

When there was nothing more to add,

He knew His masterpiece was complete,

And so, He called it... "Dad!"

A PRAYER BY A FATHER

Lord,

We need your special care.

Like your earthly father, Joseph,

We want to do god's will,

Even if we may not always understand.

Make us gentle and selfless

In the care of our family and children:

Help us guide them in the toils

and troubles,

The happiness and wonders of this life.

Like our Father in heaven

Make us strong in love and forgiveness

For those you entrust to our care.

No one can do these things rightly, Lord,

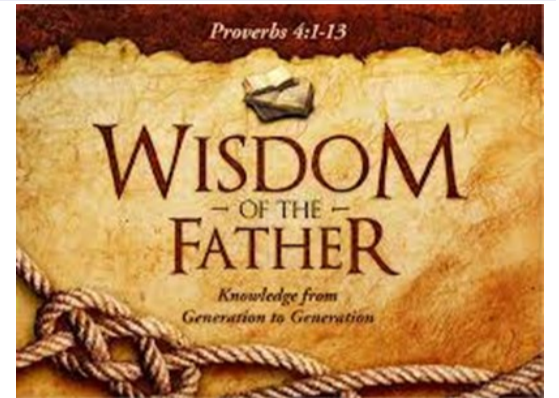
Without your constant help

and boundless mercy.

Be with us always,

And may we come to you in heaven,

And all our family with us—Amen.



"Honour your father and mother so that you may have a long life in the land of the Lord, your God, has given you."

Ex 20:12

CELEBRATE FATHER'S DAY

REFLECTIONS IN HONOR

OF FATHERHOOD

Donna Schaper

Donald Hall, the poet laureate of New Hampshire and also a great baseball poet, went to his grandfather's attic and found many, many boxes. One was filled with lots of short pieces of string. It was labeled in an old hand "STRING TOO SHORT TO BE SAVED." Hall was astonished. It caught him completely off guard—and from his off-guardedness and unguardedness, he wrote the beautiful collection of essays *Strings Too Short to Be Saved*.

The title states the obvious. His grandfather had saved the string that was too short to be saved! So do most of us. We try to connect. Sometimes we make it; sometimes we don't. We store memories of failure and memories of connections in huge areas called attics, called memory. Or is that place called hope? It is both—yet more like a great string ball, tied together, than anything else. These reflections are for those of us who save things, in our memories and in our attics, like Donald Hall's grandfather.

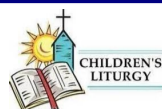
SOURCE: Fr Geoff Bugden

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



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 Roster for September to December 2022: is ready to collect from the servers sacristy.

Please collect asap. Thank you

THE Catholic Weekly

Pulpit Points:

- Making better dads
- The conversion everyone is talking about
- Blackmailing parents
- WYD 2023: 12 months to go!
- Movie review: *She-Hulk*
- Discover your faith: New online resource

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

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."

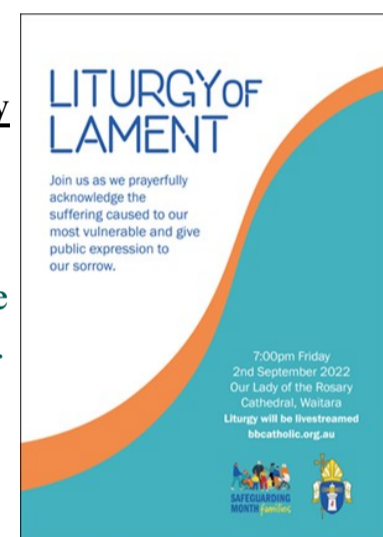


Listen to the Voice of Creation
SEASON OF CREATION 2022

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.



CLEANERS 9 September 2022:

Kathleen Cullen

Elena Egan

Maria Owen

Mimi Lambert

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

READERS for 10-11 September 2022:

Sat 5pm — Jane Somerville & Marie Andrews

Sun 7.30am — Mabel Torres & Phoebe Glacken

Sun 9.15am — Joesie Cameron & Don Matheson

Sun 5pm — Lorena Lalor & Peter Smith

SERVERS for 10-11 September 2022:

Sat 5pm—Jeff Freeman & Joel Bajo

Sun 7.30am—Jose Torres & Paul Nolan

Sun 9.15am—Steve Hopley & Jenny Fitzgerald

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



FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

We offer our sincere condolences to all their families.



Mary Scarf: Was originally from Ballina and worked as a cashier. Her life will be celebrated at St John the Baptist church on Tuesday 6th September 2022 at 10.30am



Erin Hallows: Originally of Cootamundra, she was a wonderful wife and mother. Her life will be celebrated at St John the Baptist church on Friday 9th September 2022 at 2.00pm

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1: Wis 9:13-18

Who can know God's counsel, or who can conceive what the LORD intends? For the deliberations of mortals are timid, and unsure are our plans. For the corruptible body burdens the soul and the earthen shelter weighs down the mind that has many concerns. And scarce do we guess the things on earth, and what is within our grasp we find with difficulty; but when things are in heaven, who can search them out? Or who ever knew your counsel, except you had given wisdom and sent your holy spirit from on high? And thus were the paths of those on earth made straight.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 89 (90):3-6, 12-14, 17

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Reading 2: Phmn 9-10, 12-17

I, Paul, an old man, and now also a prisoner for Christ Jesus, urge you on behalf of my child Onesimus, whose father I have become in my imprisonment; I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I should have liked to retain him for myself, so that he might serve me on your behalf in my imprisonment for the gospel, but I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that the good you do might not be forced but voluntary. Perhaps this is why he was away from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a brother, beloved especially to me, but even more so to you, as a man and in the Lord. So if you regard me as a partner, welcome him as you would me.

Alleluia: Ps 119:135

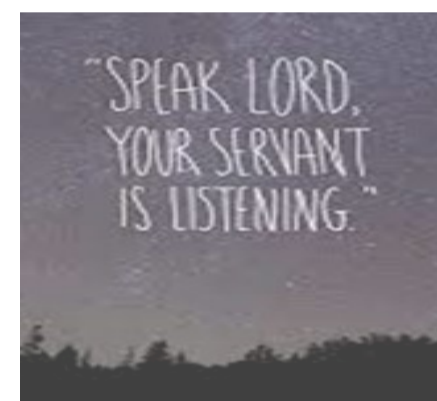
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Let your face shine on your servant;
and teach me your laws.

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Gospel: Lk 14:25-33

Great crowds were traveling with Jesus, and he turned and addressed them, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? Otherwise, after laying the foundation and finding himself unable to finish the work the onlookers should laugh at him and say, 'This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.' Or what king marching into battle would not first sit down and decide whether with ten thousand troops he can successfully oppose another king advancing upon him with twenty thousand troops? But if not, while he is still far away, he will send a delegation to ask for peace terms. In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."



Embrace the Call to Global



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](#).



This year, the theme for Safeguarding Awareness Month is **Safeguarding in Families**. Through Safeguarding Month, we celebrate the important role families play in keeping children safe when they have a strong sense of belonging and connection to family. We encourage all families to share with us your experiences of how you connect as a family in the form of a story, a video or a photo during the Safeguarding Month of September. The most creative and inspirational stories will be showcased on our [Safeguarding Month 2022 webpage](#)

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

Recently deceased: Fr Jim Ware, Tony Townsend

Anniversary: Guiseppe Sergei, Caterina Zappavigna

Remembrance: Greg Pearce

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, Christine Semark



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September:

Abolition of the Death Penalty

We that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

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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