



WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



11th September 2022 24th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME C

FEASTS & MEMORIALS

- 12 September — Most Holy Name of Mary
- 13 September — St John Chrysostom
- 14 September — Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- 15 September — Our Lady of Sorrows
- 16 September — Sts Cornelius and Cyprian
- 17 September — St Robert Bellarmine

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 Mass 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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In the Catholic Church, Safeguarding Sunday occurs at the end of National Child Protection Week. It complements the wider Australian commemoration but has a distinctive emphasis. Safeguarding Sunday was affirmed by the members of the Church's recent Plenary Council, who in the decrees expressed "our profound sorrow that children and young people and vulnerable adults have been abused by clergy, religious

and lay workers of the Catholic Church, and that religious leaders have failed to act sufficiently to prevent or respond to abuse". That focus naturally leads to the desire to make amends to the people who were abused and to ensure that in all the relationships with children within the Church they will be safe. The processes and protocols support that commitment to say "Never Again" to abuse. National Child Protection Week looks more broadly at the need of children for protection. Its theme this year is "Every child in every community needs a fair go". It asks us to reflect on the support that children need to grow into confident and trusting adults, free from abuse of every kind. This perspective brings home to us the horror of what was done in the Catholic Church by setting it in the broader need for protection in the Australian community as a whole. Our effectiveness in safeguarding children depends on changing deep-rooted attitudes, particularly to recognise our own sinfulness and failure to protect children and to be attentive to the vulnerable people in our Church community. The Mass readings focus on this. We must also, however, make safe the environment in which they live. We do this by ensuring that they are listened to, are accompanied, that they are not vulnerable to predators and that protocols of conduct with children are strictly observed. The Plenary Council "calls on all Catholics to commit to ensuring that Church environments are safe and respectful". The ways of keeping safe must be imprinted on hands and feet, on fences and in timetables, as well as on minds. For children, being given a fair go means that they will be safe in the 19 AUG 2022 company they keep and in the activities they do. For adults who accompany them, ensuring that they have a fair go means constant care to keep them safe.

The readings of this Sunday are about the attitudes needed in our Church if we are to keep children safe. The First Reading from the Book of Exodus 32:7-14 is part of a story of Israel's lack of seriousness and of God's patience. It stresses the need for constant self-reflection. God had freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and, through Moses, was shaping a community built on worship and awareness. While Moses is with God on the mountain, the people forget God and make a gold idol to worship. Moses then pleads with God not to cancel out the people for their fickleness. On Safeguarding Sunday, the story suggests how great is the sinfulness of a community that allowed the abuse of children to go unaddressed for so long, how seriously we must take the protection of children and how firm God's commitment is to the community despite our sinfulness. The Second Reading is from Paul's First Letter to Timothy 1:12-17. Paul entrusted Timothy with the care of the Christian community in Ephesus. The letter describes how a faithful life should be conducted in the community. In this passage, Paul stresses the seriousness of following Jesus by describing his own life. His calling took him from being a blasphemer driven by rage to the discovery of God's love in Jesus. He emphasises the importance of attending both to our sinfulness and to the even greater love and forgiveness of God. On Safeguarding Sunday, this reading urges us to keep before our eyes the horror and betrayal of sexual abuse and of our failure to notice and respond to it, while recognising that from repentance we will experience more deeply God's love. Paul's way is the opposite to moving on. The Gospel reading from Luke 15:1-32 also looks at the way we see God and at the attitudes that should animate us as Christ's community. These attitudes are set against those of Jesus' critics who complain against his eating with sinners. The complaints indicate that the critics believe that they themselves are not sinners. Jesus tells stories that look at the question from God's point of view. The shepherd who goes into the scrub to search for a single lost sheep doesn't ask how the sheep came to be lost. Nor does the father, who longs for the return of a son who has wasted the hard-built security of his father and brother and now returns to find board and lodging, think about his son's guilt. Both shepherd and father simply rejoice in being reunited with what they had lost. On Safeguarding Sunday, the Gospel reminds us how attentive we should be to people in need, including those who have separated themselves from the community. It indicates, too, the level of care we ought to have for children in the Church and the seriousness with which we should observe the safeguards. The Parable of the Prodigal Son also points to our special responsibility to seek out and welcome people who have been abused as children in the Church. Any financial cost we might bear as a Church in compensating them for the abuse they have suffered in our care is insignificant compared to the gain if they again find a home in Christ's church. The Gospel is about bigheartedness.

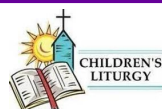
Prepared by Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ

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



We warmly welcome those who were **Baptised last weekend: Lando Mon slave & Eowyn Olivares-Ensignia**

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

Gosford Musical Society Choir and Tempo Terrific Band



will present a Variety Concert at The Everglades Club this Sunday 11th September at 1.00pm. Please join us for a bright and happy afternoon's entertainment for a good cause. The concert will support Flood Relief Sydney, a Rotary sponsored charity to aid NSW Flood Victims. Tickets \$15 at the door. Enq. Del Matheson 4341 4160.

CLEANERS 16 September 2022:

Jo Salter

Cheryl Sillick

Peter Smith

Rano Spiteri

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

READERS for 17-18 September 2022:

Sat 5pm — Marie Andrews & Jane Rutherford

Sun 7.30am — Mabel Torres & Dorothy Fulton

Sun 9.15am — Christine French & Dawn Torrens

Sun 5pm — Lorena Lalor & Kristina Aitken

SERVERS for 17-18 September 2022:

Sat 5pm—Paul Cavanagh & Vincent Cavanagh

Sun 7.30am—Peter French & Paul Nolan

Sun 9.15am—Bernie French & Joesie Cameron

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



Invitation to attend the Central Coast Secular Franciscan Order (OFS) Birthday Mass to be held Thursday 15th September at MIDDAY this coming week at The Entrance Catholic Church, followed by a light lunch in the church hall. There will be two Franciscan Priests to concelebrate the mass. All welcome. More info: Sandra Petith 0499811177

Thinking about coming to World Youth Day? Registrations are **NOW OPEN!** Pilgrims from Broken Bay will be embarking on a 3-week pilgrimage, beginning in Rome and journeying through various Italian cities and towns including Assisi, Siena, Florence, Bologna, Padua, and Venice, before flying over to Lisbon, Portugal for the World Youth Day week with Pope Francis. Following World Youth Day, pilgrims will travel to Fatima for a retreat before returning home. There is a direct option available for those who can only attend for the week of World Youth Day in Lisbon.

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If you are wanting more information, check out the live stream recording of WYD Information Nights here: <https://fb.watch/fmpQBmPvRZ/>

To register:

Visit: <https://bbwyd.org.au/>

1. Select the pilgrim description that best suits you:

- Pilgrims under 18 years – CSBB students
 - Pilgrims under 18 years– non-CSBB students
- Pilgrims over 18 years

Follow the instructions for filling out the form



This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm

done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place where people feel safe and supported. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday



LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14

The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once to your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt, for they have become depraved. They have soon turned aside from the way I pointed out to them, making for themselves a molten calf and worshiping it, sacrificing to it and crying out, 'This is your God, O Israel, who brought you out of the land of Egypt!' "I see how stiff-necked this people is," continued the LORD to Moses. Let me alone, then, that my wrath may blaze up against them to consume them. Then I will make of you a great nation." But Moses implored the LORD, his God, saying, "Why, O LORD, should your wrath blaze up against your own people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with such great power and with so strong a hand? Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, and how you swore to them by your own self, saying, 'I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky; and all this land that I promised, I will give your descendants as their perpetual heritage.'" So the LORD relented in the punishment he had threatened to inflict on his people.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 50 (51):3-4, 12-13, 17, 19

R. I will rise and go to my father.

Reading 2: 1 Tm 1:12-17

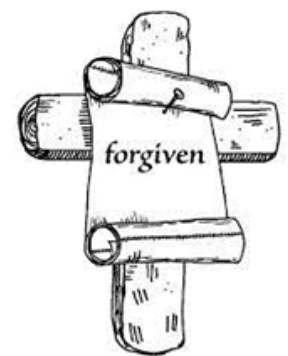
Beloved: I am grateful to him who has strengthened me, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he considered me trustworthy in appointing me to the ministry. I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and arrogant, but I have been mercifully treated because I acted out of ignorance in my unbelief. Indeed, the grace of our Lord has been abundant, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. This saying is trustworthy and deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Of these I am the foremost. But for that reason I was mercifully treated, so that in me, as the foremost, Christ Jesus might display all his patience as an example for those who would come to believe in him for everlasting life. To the king of ages, incorruptible, invisible, the only God, honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Alleluia: 2 Cor 5:19

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

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Gospel: Lk 15:1-32

Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." So to them he addressed this parable. "What man among you having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the lost one until he finds it? And when he does find it, he sets it on his shoulders with great joy and, upon his arrival home, he calls together his friends and neighbors and says to them, 'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.' I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance. "Or what woman having ten coins and losing one would not light a lamp and sweep the house, searching carefully until she finds it? And when she does find it, she calls together her friends and neighbors and says to them, 'Rejoice with me because I have found the coin that I lost.' In just the same way, I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents." Then he said, "A man had two sons, and the younger son said to his father, 'Father give me the share of your estate that should come to me.' So the father divided the property between them. After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation. When he had freely spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he found himself in dire need. So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm to tend the swine. And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any. Coming to his senses he thought, 'How many of my father's hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers.'" So he got up and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.' Then the celebration began. Now the older son had been out in the field and, on his way back, as he neared the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean. The servant said to him, 'Your brother has returned and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' He became angry, and when he refused to enter the house, his father came out and pleaded with him. He said to his father in reply, 'Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends. But when your son returns, who swallowed up your property with prostitutes, for him you slaughter the fattened calf.' He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.'"

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

Recently deceased: Mary Scarf

Anniversary: Bryan Moroney

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, 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

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