



WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



18th September 2022 25th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME C

FEASTS & MEMORIALS

19 September —St Januarius

21 September—St Matthew

23 September—St Pius of Pietrelcina

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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YEAR C: HOMILY FOR THE 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - TRUST

BY: Bishop Tom McKenna cross

What does the word "trust" mean? When you look in a good dictionary, you'll find one of the longest definitions cited. All of the meanings listed are based on a person having confidence in someone or something. That relies on the reliability of the truth being told at least as best as the teller can say based on sound evidence uncovered.

We all say we know or have a person we trust. Who is the first among those you trust comes to mind? Has that person ever let you down? Like it or not you probably would answer, "yes" to that question. Then ask yourself, "Has that confidence been renewed?" Maybe it has. Then recall if you have forgiven that individual or others who caused you to have doubts. If you have that does not mean you have forgotten the cause for doubting. What it does mean is that you have tried to keep the teachings of Jesus as a driving power in your spiritual life.

Trust also plays a significant role in how we conduct our daily and long term business. When I was young, my father and mother took me to Sears, Roebuck store to buy most of my clothes and shoes. My Dad also went there to buy work clothes and some tools. When I asked why we went to Sears so often when many other stores were not too far away, he told me using the Sears slogan. "Satisfaction is guaranteed or your money back!" They did keep that promise for many years and for millions of customers. Ask yourself, "Do I go to stores now that make that promise?"

Some of us are old enough to remember other examples when a business lost the trust of their customers. Some automobiles and truck made by General Motors and some other manufacturers were made with some defective parts that they were called "lemons." That term meant they looked pretty but the looks deceived the buyer into not getting the reliability they expected. After long legal battles, most of the companies repented and gave the customers repayments or replacements with good products.



In this time for upcoming elections not only in the United States but in many other countries, who among the candidates can the voters believe and how fully can we trust them.

Trust can be polluted by doubts. What can we do to reduce doubts? Jesus gave us an answer. "Hear what I have said and see what I have done." Thus we have to do our homework. But in so doing can we exclude points of view we do not like? Truth is seldom so crystal clear. So in the gospel reading taken from Luke for this Sunday, we read Jesus telling us, "If you can trust a man in little things, you can also trust him in greater. Anyone unjust in a slight matter is also unjust in greater. If you cannot be trusted with exclusive wealth, who will trust you with lasting? And if you have not been trust worthy with someone else's money. who will give you what is your own? ... You cannot give yourself to God and money."

So Jesus tells us to be vigilant. We must look out for false prophets. We must become well informed and see who is speaking from truths grounded in Jesus's two essential commandments of love for God and neighbor. And last pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit when we want to make a long term commitment. That requires prayer and then the courage to do what we should. Trust requires work.

<https://www.catholicforlife.com/year-c-homily-for-the-25th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-6/>

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.



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



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 19th September.

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

Message of Condolence from Pope Francis

"I willingly join all who mourn her loss in praying for the late Queen's eternal rest, and in paying tribute to her life of unstinting service to the good of the Nation and the Commonwealth, her example of devotion to duty, her steadfast witness of faith in Jesus Christ and her firm hope in his promises." (Official Vatican Website/)

CLEANERS for 23 September 2022:

Reg Harrington Laurie Jarvis
Anna Jarvis Rose Kissing

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

READERS for 24-25 September 2022:

Sat 5pm — Paul Rutherford & MaryRose Barlow
Sun 7.30am — Jose Torres & Phoebe Glacken
Sun 9.15am — Michael Dixon & Emma Baker
Sun 5pm — Peter Smith & Kristina Aitken

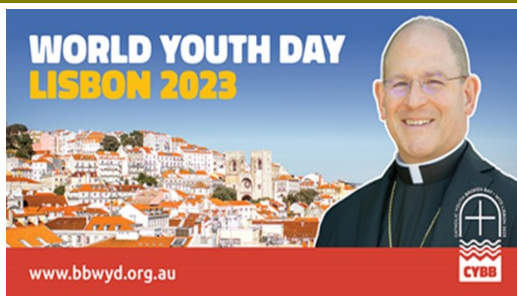
SERVERS for 24-25 September 2022:

Sat 5pm—Jeff Freeman & Joel Bajo
Sun 7.30am—Rae Busby & Steve Hopley
Sun 9.15am—Bob Wilson & 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



World Youth Day 2023 Lisbon is fast approaching!

In just over 44 weeks Bishop Anthony will depart Sydney, along with youth and young adults, to pilgrimage through Italy before heading to Lisbon for WYD 2023. Expressions of interest for a leadership role are now open! Chancery and Parish leaders are welcome to apply for a supervisory role in the WYD23 leadership structure. If you would like to be considered for one of the leadership roles, please complete this [form](#). The expression of interest leadership applications will close on Monday 17th October. Visit <https://bbwyd.org.au/> to read more about the pilgrimage. If you have any questions, please email wyd@bbcatholic.org.au

SAFEGUARDING MONTH

- ✔ Set a positive example by being respectful and kind toward others
- ✔ Give clear and consistent boundaries so your child knows what's expected
- ✔ Learn about child development and what is typical behaviour for your child's age
- ✔ Try and remain calm in front of your kids during challenging situations
- ✔ Use time together to have conversations with your child
- ✔ Strike a balance between work and family to reduce stress
- ✔ Regularly spend time together
- ✔ Seek a healthy outlet for your frustrations and worries
- ✔ Know that as your child gets older they need space to explore and express their independence
- ✔ Praise your child's healthy and appropriate behaviour and give specific feedback about what they did well
- ✔ Look after yourself - it's much harder to support your child when you're tired and run down
- ✔ Find opportunities to involve your child in family life and decision making that is appropriate for their age



'Walking with Wisdom Series' (in person or via Zoom), 4 x Thursdays, 6-27 October 2022, 10am-12.30pm.

This series offers a time to explore the depths of wisdom in our own heart, to recognise wisdom in the encounter with another ... to dwell in the Heart of Contemplation. Led by spiritual directors Carole Carmody rsm and Julie Adam. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope St, Malvern VIC. Cost \$30 per session or \$100 for the series. Book and pay via www.heartoflife.melbourne, email office@heartoflife.melbourne, or tel (03) 9890 1101.

Prayer

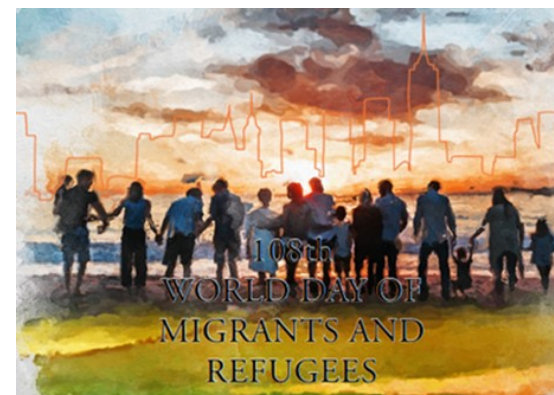
Lord, make us bearers of hope, so that where there is darkness, your light may shine, and where there is discouragement, confidence in the future may be reborn.

Lord, make us instruments of your justice, so that where there is exclusion, fraternity may flourish, and where there is greed, a spirit of sharing may grow.

Lord, make us builders of your Kingdom, together with migrants and refugees and with all who dwell on the peripheries.

Lord, let us learn how beautiful it is to live together as brothers and sisters. Amen.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 9 May 2022
FRANCIS



LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1: Am 8:4-7

Hear this, you who trample upon the needy and destroy the poor of the land! "When will the new moon be over," you ask, "that we may sell our grain, and the sabbath, that we may display the wheat? We will diminish the ephah, add to the shekel, and fix our scales for cheating! We will buy the lowly for silver, and the poor for a pair of sandals; even the refuse of the wheat we will sell!" The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Never will I forget a thing they have done!

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 112 (113):1-2, 4-8

R. Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Reading 2: 1 Tm 2:1-8

Beloved: First of all, I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone, for kings and for all in authority, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity. This is good and pleasing to God our savior, who wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth. For there is one God. There is also one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as ransom for all. This was the testimony at the proper time. For this I was appointed preacher and apostle – I am speaking the truth, I am not lying –, teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. It is my wish, then, that in every place the men should pray, lifting up holy hands, without anger or argument.

Alleluia: Cf. 2 Cor 8:9

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Though our Lord Jesus Christ was rich, he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.



Gospel: Lk 16:1-13

Jesus said to his disciples, "A rich man had a steward who was reported to him for squandering his property. He summoned him and said, 'What is this I hear about you? Prepare a full account of your stewardship, because you can no longer be my steward.' The steward said to himself, 'What shall I do, now that my master is taking the position of steward away from me? I am not strong enough to dig and I am ashamed to beg. I know what I shall do so that, when I am removed from the stewardship, they may welcome me into their homes.' He called in his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, 'How much do you owe my master?' He replied, 'One hundred measures of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Here is your promissory note. Sit down and quickly write one for fifty.' Then to another the steward said, 'And you, how much do you owe?' He replied, 'One hundred kors of wheat.' The steward said to him, 'Here is your promissory note; write one for eighty.' And the master commended that dishonest steward for acting prudently. "For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. I tell you, make friends for yourselves with dishonest wealth, so that when it fails, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones. If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth? If you are not trustworthy with what belongs to another, who will give you what is yours? No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon."

Foster Care Week is this week 11 – 17 September.

It celebrates and acknowledges the work of foster carers and raises awareness of the need to attract more foster carers.

Children enter the care system because the State identifies that they're at risk. That is where CatholicCare steps in. We have been providing care for children and young people who are unable to live with their own family for over 20 years, with the aim of providing stability and healing support. Partnering with our amazing community of dedicated foster carers and our therapeutic support teams, we care for up to 90 children and young people across the Diocese at any given time.

Roz is one of CatholicCare's incredible foster carers. She has been caring for foster children for more than 10 years. Here she tells her story.

CatholicCare Diocese of Broken Bay are looking for everyday families who might consider taking a child or young person into their home – to love and support them whether for one or two nights, a few weeks, months, or long term. Can you help? Please reach out on (02) 4320 7700 or visit www.fostering.org.au.



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

Recently deceased: Queen Elizabeth II

Anniversary: Karen Chorazyczewska, Ken Nomchong, Seilala Na'ati, John Gatt

Remembrance: Peter Grima

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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