



WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



2nd October 2022 27th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME C

FEASTS & MEMORIALS

4 October —St Francis of Assisi

6 October—St Bruno

7 October—Our Lady of the Rosary

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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4 October —St Francis of Assisi

Vox Populi - 28 September 2022

On October 4, the Church will observe the feast day of Saint Francis of Assisi, a saint who remains just as important today in the lives of many faithful as he did close to 800 years ago. His affinity for the Eucharist, care for the poor in society, love for creation, and his deep sense of brotherhood towards all God's children are universal and enduring qualities which all the faithful should seek to embody. He dispensed with an indulgent life and lived a life of poverty in service of others, preaching the Gospel and spreading the Good News. He founded the Franciscan Order which continues his work close to a millennium later.



So important is his legacy, even in the contemporary age, Pope Francis chose to honour the humble Italian saint through his papal name. It was the first time a pope had taken the name and Pope Francis said he had chosen it due to his concern for the well-being of the poor. His second encyclical, *Laudato si'*, was very much inspired by St Francis, who had used the phrase in praise of God for his creation. As part of the Diocese of Broken Bay's World Youth Day pilgrimage next year, the young people of our Diocese will get the opportunity to visit Assisi, birthplace of the St Francis, the Franciscan Order and St Clare of Assisi. Blessed Carlos Acutis, a 21st century teenager well on his way to being declared a saint, requested to be buried at Assisi following his death, citing St Francis as one of the great models of his life. The opportunity to walk in the footsteps of these great saints will no doubt be an incredible experience for many of the young people of our Diocese and provide inspiration to them to live out their faith with passion, sacrifice and love, just as St Francis did. We pray they and all the faithful will be transformed by the example of St Francis and continue his good work, adoring the Eucharist, caring for the poor and loving all creation.

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7 October—Our Lady of the Rosary

Why Should You Pray the Rosary Daily

BY NANCY BANDZUCH

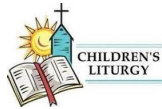
Here are 7 reasons why we really do **NEED** to pray the Rosary daily:

- #1 We **NEED** the Rosary to fight daily temptation.
- #2 We **NEED** the Rosary to slow down and find calm.
- #3 We **NEED** the Rosary to live a life connected to Jesus Christ
- #4 We **NEED** the Rosary to remain connected to the loving care of Our Mother Mary
- #5 We **NEED** the Rosary to pray for others in a strong, dedicated way.
- #6 We **NEED** the Rosary to bring about world peace.
- #7 We **NEED** the Rosary to help us pray when we don't know what to pray for, or how to ask for it.

<https://catholicsprouts.com/why-should-pray-rosary-daily/>

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 will break for the school holidays and resume on the 16th October. For more information contact Christine French on 0431 765 401.



Thank you to all who donated craft material, it is much appreciated.

REMINDER: The dispenser in front of our Baptism font is NOT hand sanitiser. It provides Holy Water, and should be respected accordingly. Thank you.

LOST & FOUND: There are a number of items in our Lost Property basket. Please ensure you check and take ALL you brought when you leave. Many thanks



We warmly welcome those who will be Baptised this weekend:
*Skylee Brooks and
Spencer Fitzgerald-Coombes*

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

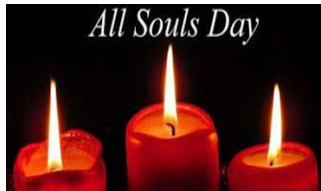


Next meeting of Spirituality in the Pub is 7.30-9.00pm on Tuesday 4th October at the Grange Hotel, Wyoming. Guest speakers are Elizabeth Lee, a former chaplain at Long Bay Gaol and John Lee with a background in education. Hotel bistro opens at 5.30pm.

SIP enquiries: 0415 129 250 or 0439 678 608.

Attention! Attention! Attention!

Daylight Saving starts this weekend!!!



All Souls Day

All Souls Day—2 November.

Masses will be held at 8.30am and at 7pm. Volunteers are needed.

Please consider how you can help. Further details to come.

Dedication of our Church - 13th November.

At St John the Baptist Church

The Feast of Christ the King—20th November - at St John the Baptist School!

Plans are already underway to make this year's celebrations extra special for our parish community. More details and excitement to come!!!

You'll want to bring the WHOLE family!!!

CLEANERS for 7 October 2022:

Pam Hickey Tom French
Amanda Gray Laila Dawe

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

READERS for 8-9 October 2022:

Sat 5pm — Paul Rutherford & Jane Rutherford
Sun 7.30am — Phoebe Glacken & Veronica Jordan
Sun 9.15am — Dawn Torrens & Don Matheson
Sun 5pm — Peter Smith & Kristina Aitken

SERVERS for 8-9 2022:

Sat 5pm—Jeff Freeman & Joel Bajo
Sun 7.30am—Peter French & Rae Busby
Sun 9.15am—Bernie French & Jenny Fitzgerald
Sun 5pm – Laurie Jarvis/Pio Savea

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

- ♦ We appreciate 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.



Elizabeth 'Molly' Stephan: Her life was celebrated at St John the Baptist church on Tuesday 27th September.

George Gulian: George's life will be celebrated at St John the Baptist church on Wednesday 5th October.



INSTALLATION MASS
RELIC of SAINT POPE JOHN PAUL II
at St PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
EAST GOSFORD

TIME: 11:00am
DATE: 22nd October 2022

It is necessary to register your attendance at JPPI.Centre@bbcatholic.org.au including your full name and the number of people attending with you, or call 0499 386 336.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1: Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4

How long, O LORD? I cry for help but you do not listen! I cry out to you, "Violence!" but you do not intervene. Why do you let me see ruin; why must I look at misery? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and clamorous discord. Then the LORD answered me and said: Write down the vision clearly upon the tablets, so that one can read it readily. For the vision still has its time, presses on to fulfillment, and will not disappoint; if it delays, wait for it, it will surely come, it will not be late. The rash one has no integrity; but the just one, because of his faith, shall live.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 94(95):1-2, 6-7, 8-9

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Reading 2: 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14

Beloved: I remind you, to stir into flame the gift of God that you have through the imposition of my hands. For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control. So do not be ashamed of your testimony to our Lord, nor of me, a prisoner for his sake; but bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God. Take as your norm the sound words that you heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard this rich trust with the help of the Holy Spirit that dwells within us.

Alleluia: 1 Pt 1:25

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The word of the Lord remains forever.

This is the word that has been proclaimed to you.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Lk 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. "Who among you would say to your servant who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here immediately and take your place at table'? Would he not rather say to him, 'Prepare something for me to eat. Put on your apron and wait on me while I eat and drink. You may eat and drink when I am finished'? Is he grateful to that servant because he did what was commanded? So should it be with you. When you have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'"



Dear Parishioners of St John the Baptist Catholic Parish,

Catechists participate in the ministry bringing the message of God's kingdom to Catholic students who attend public schools. Catechists provide Catholic Special Religious Education, also known as Scripture, to children attending Ettalong P.S., Umina P.S, Woy Woy P.S- and Woy Woy South P.S. in 30-minute weekly lessons.

There are over 300 Catholic children who receive Special Religious Education from the Catechists. At the moment, these children are not always able to receive their religious education due to the low numbers of catechists in the parish. The numbers of volunteers have dropped in the past few years with catechists retiring to care for their spouses, to look after their own health or have moved to another parish.

Unfortunately, we have been unable to attract new catechists due to the restrictions of Covid. Now that many of us are vaccinated, the Special Religious Education (Scripture) classes are returning to normal and once again the catechists are looking for some generous volunteers to swell their ranks once more.

The programme we use, *Walking With Jesus*, has been approved by Bishop Anthony Randazzo. The Teacher's Manuals contain easy to follow lesson plans with specially designed PowerPoints to support each lesson. These PowerPoints contain songs and videos of the Scripture passages plus more, used in the lessons. Each child is provided with a colourful *Walking With Jesus* student workbook.

The necessary training to obtain full authorisation to teach the *Walking With Jesus* programme is provided free of charge. This training is provided via Zoom which means you can complete the training without leaving home.

The Catechists in our Diocese undertake a vital evangelising role, educating children and young people and forming them in the Catholic faith.

If you have ever thought about becoming a catechist, now is a good time to respond and make an enquiry. Contact either

Father Timothy Raj M.S.F.S.4341 1073

Or

Michael Tebbutt CCD Regional Co-ordinator

0437 440 169

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

Recently deceased: Robert Payne, Mrs Thelma Wagner

Anniversary: Pat Fitzgerald, James Casey, Stanley Walsh, Monsignor Vince Marley, Fr Terry O'Brien

Remembrance: Faeala Casey

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, Christine Semark, Vicki Leach, Willy Woods, John Zdilai



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for October

A Church Open To Everyone

We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome always living in an atmosphere of Synodality.

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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