



WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



9th October 2022

28th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME C

FEASTS & MEMORIALS

11 October —St John XXIII

14 October—St Callistus I

15 October—St Teresa of Jesus

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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Vox Episcopi - the Voice of the Bishop

7 October 2022

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

One only need look at the evening news bulletin to realise that there are some very worrying developments in our world: wars and conflicts, the rise of secularism and the decline in religion, the sexual revolution and the lack of morality, increasing violence and crime. We have Global problems of famine and poverty, debt and disease, displaced and homeless people, asylum seekers and political refugees.

A quick glance around can easily lead to a sense of hopelessness and fear. Given our situation, the words of the Archangel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary in Luke's Gospel can seem rather unrealistic: "*Do not be afraid*". Do we not have a reason to be afraid? Where are the signs of God's Kingdom?

This week we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. It is the patronal feast of our Cathedral Church here in Broken Bay. The feast that we celebrate reminds us of our need for faith. Like us, Mary simply had the word, the promise of God to rely on, yet she allowed this promise to mould and direct her life completely, because the word spoken by the Angel was no ordinary word, but rather the living and eternal Word, Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

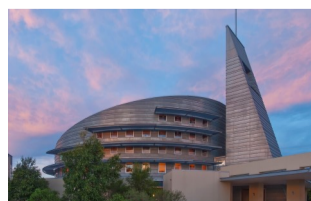
We too are like Mary, setting out on a faith-journey, knowing that only God can answer our deepest needs, yet unsure as to how this will happen. And so, at times we might feel discouraged and begin to doubt. As the first disciple of the Lord, Mary teaches us to be ready for action, alert, always watchful, not to be distracted from the goal to which our faith calls us.

In the Church, the month of October is traditionally dedicated to the Rosary. Today I would like to recommend the Rosary to you as a powerful prayer by which we can mediate upon the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus – through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

If you are already familiar with this marvellous prayer, might you take the time to invite someone to pray it with you during this month. It may be a terrific opportunity to teach someone who is unfamiliar with the Rosary. Do not be afraid. You can always use the Sacred Scriptures as your guide. There you will find the strength and hope that is needed in our world today.

May Our Lady of the Rosary, intercede for us. With and through her, may we gaze on the face of Christ our Lord and Saviour.

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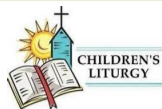


Dedication of our Church - 13th November 2022.

At St John the Baptist Church

Please join us in celebration!!!

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

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.



The Feast of Christ the King—20th November 2022 - 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!!!



We welcome ALL our new parishioners. Please register your details on one of our Census and Information update forms, to stay up to date with parish life and upcoming events!

Cash Housie !!!

Saturday nights 7.30pm
50 games at Peninsula Community Centre
93 McMasters Rd Woy Woy.



Proceeds benefit our parish.

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

Sharing the Faith



Catechists in the Primary State Schools

Catechists participate in the ministry bringing the message of God's kingdom to Catholic students who attend public schools. Catechists (SRE teachers) provide Catholic Special Religious Education – also known as Scripture – to children and young people on a regular basis. Here at St John the Baptist, we provide Special Religious Education to four schools. They are Ettalong P.S., Umina P S, Woy Woy P.S- and Woy Woy South P.S.

School	Classes	Day	Time
Woy Woy South	Kinders, Yrs. 1 & 2	Tuesday	9:00 a.m.
	Yrs. 3, 4,5 and 6	Tuesday	9:30 a.m.
Ettalong	Yrs. 3, 4,5 and 6	Tuesday	10:30 a.m.
	Kinders, Yrs. 1 & 2	Tuesday	11:30 a.m.
Woy Woy	Yrs. 3, 4,5 and 6	Wednesday	9:00 a.m.
	Kinders, Yrs. 1 & 2	Wednesday	9:30 a.m.
Umina	Kinders, Yrs. 1 & 2	Friday	9:20 a.m.
	Yrs. 3, 4,5 and 6	Friday	10:05a.m.

The catechists teach over 300 children in these classes each week. It would be ideal if we could have one teacher for every class in each school.

Watch this video to see why people become catechists.
<https://www.ccross.org.au/>

Come join us.

If you would like to make enquiries about joining this ministry and becoming a catechist, contact Michael Tebbutt 0437 440 169.

CLEANERS for 14 October 2022:

Linda Potestas
Kathleen Cullen

Jo Salter
Christine French

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

READERS for 15-16 October 2022:

Sat 5pm — Jane Somerville & Marie Andrews
Sun 7.30am — Mabel Torres & Isaak Guintier
Sun 9.15am — Gemma French & Don Matheson
Sun 5pm — Kristina Aitken & Lorena Lalor

SERVERS for 15-16 October 2022:

Sat 5pm—Paul Cavanagh & Vincent Cavanagh
Sun 7.30am—Kevin Glacken & Paul Nolan
Sun 9.15am—Bob Wilson & 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



It is necessary to register your attendance at JP11.Centre@bbcatholic.org.au including your full name and the number of people attending with you, or call 0499 386 336.

Thank you for supporting CatholicCare's Homelessness Week Fundraiser

Dear Fr Timothy and the parishioners of Woy Woy Parish,
I would like to express my sincere thanks for supporting CatholicCare's Homelessness Week fundraiser in August.
Your parish raised a total of **\$1913.55**, which will allow us to continue supporting some of the most vulnerable people in our Diocese. We have now processed your donations and have issued receipts where requested.
We provide a women's refuge, transitional accommodation options, young parent's homelessness services and street sleeping outreach supports. We also operate Dom's Place in Hornsby and Mary Mac's in Woy Woy where people who are homeless or transient can connect with others over a meal and access pathways to homelessness support services and health assistance.
We are incredibly thankful for the support of your Parish.

Yours in Christ,
Tim Curran
Executive Director

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading I: 2 Kgs 5:14-17

Naaman went down and plunged into the Jordan seven times at the word of Elisha, the man of God. His flesh became again like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean of his leprosy. Naaman returned with his whole retinue to the man of God. On his arrival he stood before Elisha and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth, except in Israel. Please accept a gift from your servant." Elisha replied, "As the LORD lives whom I serve, I will not take it;" and despite Naaman's urging, he still refused. Naaman said: "If you will not accept, please let me, your servant, have two mule-loads of earth, for I will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any other god except to the LORD."

Responsorial Psalm: Ps (97) 98:1-4

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Reading II: 2 Tm 2:8-13

Beloved: Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David: such is my gospel, for which I am suffering, even to the point of chains, like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore, I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, together with eternal glory. This saying is trustworthy: If we have died with him we shall also live with him; if we persevere we shall also reign with him. But if we deny him he will deny us. If we are unfaithful he remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself.

Alleluia: 1 Thes 5:18

R. Alleluia, alleluia!

For all things give thanks to God,
because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.

R. Alleluia!



Gospel: Lk 17:11-19

As Jesus continued his journey to Jerusalem, he traveled through Samaria and Galilee. As he was entering a village, ten lepers met him. They stood at a distance from him and raised their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!" And when he saw them, he said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." As they were going they were cleansed. And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. He was a Samaritan. Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Then he said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."

CCD Administration Assistant - Central Coast location

This permanent full-time role provides general administrative, clerical, database and parish CCD training support as well as compliance and legislative support. While the role is noted as full-time, there is flexibility with part-time or job share arrangements for the right candidate.

If you have a personal commitment to Catholic teachings, ethos and values, an ability to quickly develop an understanding of Special Religious Education (SRE) ministry in a Catholic context, supported by a comprehensive knowledge of office administration processes and high level skills in contemporary applications including Microsoft Office Suite then we would love to hear from you.

For further information including to obtain a copy of the position description, please contact recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au. If you would like to apply for this role, or know anyone within your network that might be suitable, please apply sending a CV and a brief cover letter addressing the skillset and experience required for this role, via email to recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au.

Applications close **Friday 14 October 2022**.

We are seeking volunteers for our Community Visitors Scheme

JUST ONE HOUR A FORTNIGHT IS REQUIRED

Would you like to volunteer for an organisation with exceptional values? Are you passionate about achieving positive outcomes for seniors?

CatholicCare Diocese of Broken Bay is seeking volunteers for our federally funded Community Visitors Scheme. Our volunteers have flexibility to choose a day and time that suits them, we just ask for a commitment of at least one hour per fortnight. As a volunteer you will support seniors in a local Aged Care facility or in their own home to help improve their quality of life.



Affectionately referred to as CatholicCare's 'friendship program', you will be able to build new connections and positive relationships with someone who will greatly appreciate your company. The time will be spent having a cuppa, going on outings, reading together, listening to music, playing games and other activities. We receive regular requests for volunteers who speak other languages so it's a bonus if you are multilingual! All volunteers are supported with regular check-ins. Can you help? Please call Nicki on 0418 435 304, email nicki.bispham@catholiccaredbb.org.au or visit www.catholiccaredbb.org.au/volunteer

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

Recently deceased: George Gulian

Anniversary: Sharyn Gapps

Remembrance: Bruno de Souza

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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