



# WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



## 16th October 2022

## 29th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME C

### FEASTS & MEMORIALS

17 October —St Ignatius of Antioch

18 October—St Luke

19 October—Sts John de Brebeuf, Isaac

Jogues and St Paul of the Cross

22 October—St John Paul II and

Saturday Mass of Virgin Mary

### 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

Marian Bowyer - 0432 882 776

### PARISH CONTACTS

#### **Administrator**

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Our gospel theme today is “Persistency in Prayer”: pray without ceasing, pray without losing heart.

Jesus tells his disciples: pray always without becoming weary. And today he tells us a parable, the parable of the corrupt judge.

*But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”*

This last line brings us up short, as the saying goes. And we, too, must cry out and say:

Yes, God’s love never fails and God will love us to the end, and even more into eternity. Yes, God is faithful, but what of our own faith?

Are we, too, ready to rise up and echo the answer of St Peter to Jesus’ question when everyone was leaving him: “Will you, too, walk away?”

Shall we be ready to answer on that day as Peter: “To whom shall we go, Lord, for you alone have the words of eternal life.”

Persistence in prayer is not to be understood as trying to change God’s mind, as if God was unwilling to help us in the first place.

It’s we who need to change... “Not my will but thy will be done.”

His will is our peace. His Garden is our delight. His death on the cross is his gift of faith and a love that heals and saves us all.

And will he find a like faith and love coming from us in return for the love he poured out for us?

It is not easy to maintain one’s calm in a restless, unhappy world, or to be patient in a world gone mad with constant changes.

How to pray amidst the incessant noise and clamour of modern life?

Yes, you say, prayer is the answer, yet what is prayer that makes it the answer?

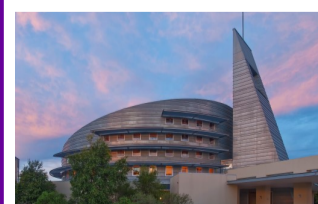
Prayer is simple, it is the gift of a person, the gift of Christ Jesus Himself.

His presence is a melding of hearts, the sharing of life and love, its thoughtfulness and mutual forgiveness.

Sometimes his words are spoken aloud, and sometimes with the silence of tears, but always, always he is present with us.

Our Lord is never far and we are never alone.

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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.*

# COMMUNITY NEWS



Children's Liturgy returns this Sunday, 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!



We warmly welcome those who will be Baptised this weekend: *Elias Lepre, Annabelle Gallimore, Corbin Cassidy, Iris Drewett, and Fred Fleming*

Expressions of interest for parishioner motorcyclists interested in coming together for a group ride. We plan for this to happen in the coming warmer and less wet months ahead.

Please contact Chris on 0434 930 701.

All bikes and friends welcome.



## 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.cress.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 21 October 2022:

Cheryl Sillick

Elena Egan

Mimi Lambert

Maria Owen

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

### READERS for 22-23 October 2022:

Sat 5pm — Jane Somerville & MaryRose Barlow

Sun 7.30am — Isaak Guinter & Phoebe Glacken

Sun 9.15am — Virginia Burton & Christine French

Sun 5pm — Peter Smith & Dorothy Fulton

### SERVERS for 22-23 October 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



### Cash Housie !!!

Saturday nights 7.30pm

50 games at Peninsula

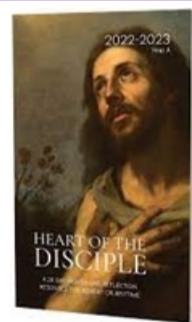
Community Centre

93 McMasters Rd Woy Woy.

### Proceeds benefit our parish.

For more information, please contact

Robert Graham on 0427 990 818



“Heart of the Disciple” is a new 28-day reflection resource that can be used during Advent by individuals and groups, or at any time during the 2022-2023 liturgical year. Its main purpose is to help us to find a few minutes each day to practice what it means to sit with God and to trust God to lead us forward. Each day's reflection is inspired by a short text of scripture and concludes with a thought or two to take away and with a prayer.

Copies are available NOW at the Piety Store for \$5 each.



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

[JP11.Centre@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:JP11.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: Ex 17:8-13

In those days, Amalek came and waged war against Israel. Moses, therefore, said to Joshua, "Pick out certain men, and tomorrow go out and engage Amalek in battle. I will be standing on top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand." So Joshua did as Moses told him: he engaged Amalek in battle after Moses had climbed to the top of the hill with Aaron and Hur. As long as Moses kept his hands raised up, Israel had the better of the fight, but when he let his hands rest, Amalek had the better of the fight. Moses' hands, however, grew tired; so they put a rock in place for him to sit on. Meanwhile Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side and one on the other, so that his hands remained steady till sunset. And Joshua mowed down Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

## Responsorial Psalm: Ps 120 (121):1-8

R. Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

## Reading 2: 2 Tm 3:14-4:2

Beloved: Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed, because you know from whom you learned it, and that from infancy you have known the sacred Scriptures, which are capable of giving you wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for refutation, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that one who belongs to God may be competent, equipped for every good work. I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingly power: proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient; convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching.

## Alleluia: Heb 4:12

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The word of God is living and effective, discerning reflections and thoughts of the heart.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

## Gospel: Lk 18:1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary. He said, "There was a judge in a certain town who neither feared God nor respected any human being. And a widow in that town used to come to him and say, 'Render a just decision for me against my adversary.' For a long time the judge was unwilling, but eventually he thought, 'While it is true that I neither fear God nor respect any human being, because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me.'" The Lord said, "Pay attention to what the dishonest judge says. Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"



### **Position vacant –Administration Assistant to Director, Evangelisation Broken Bay**

The Diocese of Broken Bay is recruiting for a permanent full-time highly skilled Administration Assistant to provide executive support to a busy Director. While the role is noted as full-time there is flexibility with the working schedule for the right candidate. You'll provide support to a dynamic, faith-driven, purposeful manager, with a wide range of responsibilities from the general administrative to in-person support for team meetings, communications and conferences and events – you'll see it all! If you have experience providing personal assistance to a senior executive coupled with sound administration experience, we would love to hear from you.

### **Position vacant – Clergy Administration Officer**

The Diocese of Broken Bay is recruiting for a permanent full-time Administration Assistant to provide administrative support to the Executive Officer, Clergy Secretariat. You'll need sound administration skills and experience, coupled with the people skills and initiative to succeed in this diverse role. You'll be responsible for maintaining clergy records including personnel files & clergy databases, process visa applications, marriage celebrant registrations, clergy private health insurance membership, coordinate clergy vehicle arrangements, administer arrangements for the arrival of international clergy and those departing the Diocese, clergy retirement and deceased estates.

**Both these roles are based at the Chancery in Pennant Hills.**

For further information on these roles including to obtain a copy of the position description and details on how to apply, please contact

[recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au).

Applications close **Friday 21 October 2022.**



A warm Invitation to everyone to attend our Central Coast Secular Franciscan monthly meeting at 2pm on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October at The Entrance Catholic Church in The Lecture Room. All welcome. Secretary Gerard Price OFS Mobile: 0427 014 151. For additional information about the Franciscan charism, please see website: <https://ofsaustralia.org.au/>

### **World Mission Day – Sunday 23 October**

Catholic Mission, as the Australian agency of the international Pontifical Mission Societies, work on behalf of Pope Francis to support Church run mission



**BRING HOPE TO NEELA AND HER FAMILY**

This week Catholic Mission offers us the opportunity to be part of a life-changing program which aims to help prevent malnutrition, especially in babies and young children, and help disadvantaged families provide food for their loved ones.

The Deberety Goat Rearing Centre is a dream of the local Church and community in Emdibir. When established, the Centre aims to provide nutritious goats milk for families in need, like Neela's, so that babies like Ajani\* can be healthy and strong.

Please give generously today to help kickstart this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope provided, going online at [catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia](http://catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia), or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

\*Name altered to protect identity

  Freecall: 1800 257 296 [catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia](http://catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia)

programs around the world. This year, we are invited to support a range of mission development programs in Ethiopia addressing malnutrition, the lack of access to education for young children, and the vulnerable position of women in society. Please give generously today to help continue these life-giving programs by donating online at [www.catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia](http://www.catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia)

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

**Recently deceased:**

**Anniversary:** Peter Whiteman, Vince Zappavinigna, Noelle Davidovich, Stephanie Ellis Old, Mrs Lee Sung Rya

**Remembrance:** Xavier O'Grady, Reg, Pat and Paul Hogan, Mary Scarf, Adam Meany, Larry Shiel, Charles, Lydia and Alfred Dreis, Agnes Ahn Seung-Ae

**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, Loraine Wanless, Alison Richmond, Saxon Smith, Jack Rogan-Clark, John Farnham



**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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