



WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



16th January 2022 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time—C

FEAST DAYS

17 Jan — St Anthony
20 Jan — St Fabian &
St Sebastian
21 Jan — St Agnes
22 Jan — St Vincent

PARISH CONTACTS

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MASS TIMES & OTHER WORSHIP

Monday - Friday : Morning prayer
at 8.15a.m. followed by the
Eucharist at 8:30am.

Saturday: Morning prayer at
8.45a.m. followed by the
Eucharist, adoration and
confession. Evening at 5pm

Sunday 7:30am, 9:15am & 5pm

First Friday: Confession 3.30pm
Healing Mass 4pm

Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament: Thursdays 7—8pm

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the Lord as we commence another year. Many people are hoping for a smooth 2022 compared to 2020 and 2021. With the Christmas Season not far behind us, I have not lost sight of the Star of Hope – the symbol and sign of Emmanuel, God-with-us.

There have been a few disruptions to our ecclesial and social communities already this year. Despite the challenges that continue to emerge during this pandemic, I would like to encourage you to remain strong in your faith and to be vigilant in your love and care for others. We are people of hope, but we are also people of faith and love ([cf 1 Corinthians 13:4-13](#)).

Faith, hope, and love are virtues which prompt us to behave in an honourably good manner. They are often spotted in the smallest acts of tenderness and kindness made towards others; by putting the weak, the sick, or the vulnerable before ourselves. They are also visible when one defends the rights of others, especially when another person may be compromised or injured. For the Christian disciple, faith, hope, and love are also seen when our duties or obligations are met with cheerfulness, honesty, integrity, and compassion.

I am aware that many of our parishes are now dealing with COVID sickness and quarantine, a reality which will remain with us for some time, it would appear. Practically, I encourage you to continue to be in contact with my Vicar General, Fr David Ranson and my Chancellor, Kelly Paget as case alerts are received and as some of our clergy find themselves testing positive. Please join me so that together we might remain steadfast in our pastoral outreach, to sustain our communities of faith, continuing to be Christ-centred people in all that we think, and say, and do.

Let us offer prayers of gratitude for our frontline workers, that our gracious God may uphold them, give them strength, and keep them safe.

I continue to entrust you, your families, and your loved ones to the intercession of Mary, Star of the Sea, asking her to intercede for us all to her son, Jesus Christ Our Lord.

With my prayers and blessing

+Anthony

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COVID-19 REGULATIONS: From Friday 24th December 2021, the following will apply:



- No density limits will apply in Places of Worship.
- COVID-19 Safe Check-in REMAINS mandatory in Places of Worship, funerals, memorials or gatherings afterwards
- Face masks are mandatory for indoor locations including Places of Worship, for all people over the age of 12.

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.



Parish Census Thank you to all who have returned their completed Parish Census forms. We are nearing the end of our collection period. Please collect a blank Parish Census Form from the Church Gathering Area and place your completed forms in the Census Forms box or email to Woywoyparish@bbcatholic.org.au Please share with others, so we can connect with them and share exciting parish news with them, in a timely manner.

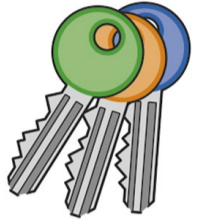
THANK YOU

Parish Key Register

For insurance purposes, the parish keys register is being updated and checked for accuracy.

Any group leaders or other persons who hold keys to any parish buildings or property, kindly contact the parish office by email stating your name, contact details and which keys you have.

Anyone holding keys which are no longer required please return these to the parish office as soon as possible.



Pastoral Discernment Central Coast Project.

On the 31st of October, Bishop Anthony launched the Central Coast Pastoral Discernment Project. As a member of our Parish Pastoral Council, Fr Tim has invited me to facilitate the St John's the Baptist consultation process. Fr Tim and I invite you to learn about the project through the following opportunities. The first is to watch the project video which can be found via the following link. <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/our-faith/pastoral-discernment-central-coast>. You can also find printed copies of the project's promotional brochure on the welcome desk in the Church foyer, as well as on the project webpage. Our final suggestion is to read Bishop Anthony's Pastoral Letter, see link below. This letter outlines Bishop Anthony's six key pastoral priorities for our Diocese, which the project aligns to. <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/about/bishop/pastoral-letter-jesus-christ-our-beginning-and-end/pastoral-letter-jesus-christ-our-beginning-and-our-end>

We are planning to meet with interested parishioners on the 4th February following Mass supper to be provide and on the 5th February following Mass lunch to be provide. These are repeated sessions so you are invited to attend only one of these, either on zoom or face to face, depending on restrictions after the Christmas holiday period, where I look forward to facilitating this exciting new initiative in our community.



God Bless, – Rosie Na'ati 0421780957



We are so excited to let you know we have some 75th Anniversary commemorative coffee mugs available to purchase for \$5 from the Piety Store or contact the Parish Office. Who still needs one, or four ???

READERS for 22/23 January 2022:

- Sat 5pm—Marie Andrews & Olga Mihilli**
- Sun 7.30am—Mabel Torres & Isaak Giunter**
- Sun 9.15am—Joesie Cameron & Olga Mihilli**
- Sun 5pm—Anna Jarvis & Lorena Lalor**

***** Please collect your roster from the Servers' Sacristy *****

MISSION and VISION

*Bringing Jesus Christ to ALL through:
Worship and Liturgy; Outreach;
Our Parish School; Hospitality;
Adult and Child Faith Formation*

CLEANERS for 21 January 2022:

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| Mabel Torres | Laurie Jarvis |
| Anna Jarvis | Mimi Lambert |
- *** If unable to work on your appointed fay, please swap or arrange a replacement *****

SERVERS for 22/23 January 2022:

- Sat 5pm—Jeff Freeman & Joel Bajo**
 - Sun 7.30am—Jose Torres & Peter French**
 - Sun 9.15am—Steve Hopley & Hanaa El-Khatib**
 - Sun 5pm –Laurie Jarvis**
- *** Please collect your roster from the Servers' Sacristy *****

VOLUNTEERS

Eucharist Ministers in the Community

Phoebe Glacken 4341 6324

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Dorothy Fulton 4341 7610

Music Ministry

Lyn Dwyer 0417 659 526

Baptisms

Brenda Sweet 4341 1073

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading I: Is 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not be silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her vindication shines forth like the dawn and her victory like a burning torch. Nations shall behold your vindication, and all the kings your glory; you shall be called by a new name pronounced by the mouth of the LORD. You shall be a glorious crown in the hand of the LORD, a royal diadem held by your God. No more shall people call you "Forsaken," or your land "Desolate," but you shall be called "My Delight," and your land "Espoused." For the LORD delights in you and makes your land his spouse. As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you; and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10

R. Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Reading II: 1 Cor 12:4-11

Brothers and sisters: There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. To one is given through the Spirit the expression of wisdom; to another, the expression of knowledge according to the same Spirit; to another, faith by the same Spirit; to another, gifts of healing by the one Spirit; to another, mighty deeds; to another, prophecy; to another, discernment of spirits; to another, varieties of tongues; to another, interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them individually to each person as he wishes.

Alleluia: Cf. 2 Thes 2:14

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

God has called us through the Gospel
to possess the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Jn 2:1-11

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it. And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from — although the servers who had drawn the water knew —, the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.



Gift of the Holy Spirit connects people to Christ, Pope Francis says at audience

BY CAROL GLATZ, CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE (EXTRACT) March 17, 2021

VATICAN CITY -- Every Christian is unique because the Holy Spirit inspires something new and original in each person, creating "an endless field of holiness," Pope Francis said.

"This is the moment to say to the Spirit, 'Come. Come, Holy Spirit and warm my heart. Come, teach me to pray, teach me to look to the Father, the son, teach me the way the path of faith goes, teach me to love, and above all, teach me to have an attitude of hope.'"

"If Christ were only far away in time, we would be alone and lost in the world," Pope Francis said, but with the Spirit, "the possibility of encountering Christ is open to Christians of every time and place."

Christians must "keep alive this flame" of the Holy Spirit, of God's love, in their heart, the pope said, the same way the lamp next to the tabernacle stays lit "even when the church empties and darkness falls, even when the church is closed." "No one sees it, yet it burns before the Lord," he said. "That's how the Spirit is in our heart, always present like that lamp."

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

Recently deceased: Bill Muscat

Anniversary: Mary Press

Remembrance: Peter Whiteman, Larry Shiel

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, Kiliti Na'ati, Chris Mitchell, Trish Stuart, Colleen Garland, Robert Baker, Josephine Weate, Ed Hyland, Sheila Rogan, Pat Savage, Ernie Mullins, John Mitchell, Donna Vella, Ken Joyce, Jo Farrelle, Donna Briemer Malin Tugaga, Pamela Power, Mary Scarf, Rose Aloisio, Tina Cohen, Amanda Sheridan, Audrey Barsenbach, Mary Wood, Therese Horner, Jack Dummett, Anne Singleton, Janice Green, Robert Parker, Maureen Wardrop, Ros Harbig, Karen Marie McNamee, Georgie Brigdale, Sue Campbell, Bobby Brame, Maria Arundell, Larry Cresswell, Kerrie Roberts, Lauren Head, Bruce Yip, Ada Primrose Murphy, Cathy Eades, James Matthews, Heakule Sione Na'ati, Clare Gleeson, Margaret Gibson, Dawn Torrens, Jackie Asic

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for January:

True Human Fraternity



We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

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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