



WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



23rd October 2022

30th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME C

FEASTS & MEMORIALS

23 October — World Mission Day

24 October — St Anthony Claret

28 October — Sts Simon and Jude

29 October — 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

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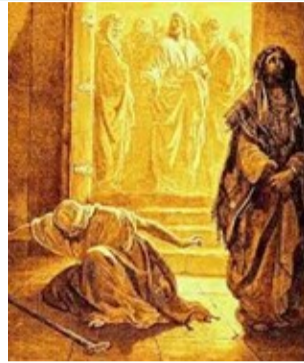
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The Gospel is from St. Luke 18:9-14. During His hidden life in Nazareth, and especially during His public life when He traveled through the towns and villages of Palestine, our Lord met sinners of all kinds. There is not a single record of a harsh word spoken by Him to any of them. In fact, He was accused of mixing too freely with them. His answer was that "it was those who were ill who needed a doctor, not those who were in good health." The sinners He met knew that they were ill. They regretted their sins. He forgave them.

There was one group, however, and only one, against whom He uttered condemnation and for whom He foretold an unhappy ending.

These were the Pharisees. In Mt. 23, the whole chapter is devoted to Christ's condemnation of them. It contains eight "woes" which He utters against them. He calls them by many unflattering names. One was "whited sepulchres, appearing beautiful to men on the outside but full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness within" (23: 27). Such harshness, coming from the gentle Christ, may surprise us, but knowing as He did that pride, the first and basic sin of mankind and the root of all other evil in the world, was so ingrained in their very hearts, that they could never seek forgiveness, He stated nothing but the truth concerning them or to them.

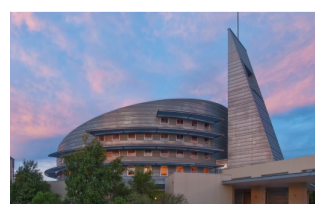
In this parable which He addressed to the Pharisees themselves, He tells them once more where their pride will lead them. They will be excluded from the kingdom of God, because they will not admit or repent of their pride and their lack of charity. Instead of thanking God for the many gifts He had given them, they almost demanded thanks from God for being such pious people. They had virtues. They avoided serious injustices. They did not commit adultery. They fasted often. They paid all their Temple dues, but it was all done, not for the honor and glory of God, but for their own honor and glory. They told the world about it. They demanded the first places in the synagogues, and special marks of reverence on the streets. They had to be called "masters" as they claimed to represent and interpret Moses to the ordinary people.

One thing that we can learn from this sad story of the Pharisees is that, while God approves of no sin, His mercy and His forgiveness is available for all sinners except the proud. It isn't that God cannot or will not forgive the sin of pride but that the proud man will not ask for God's forgiveness.

We must all be on our guard against this insidious and destructive vice. It is insidious because it can grow in us almost without our knowing it, and once it has taken root it is difficult to eradicate. It is destructive because it spoils every other virtue we practice and every good work we do. Charity, or brotherly love, cannot flourish in a proud heart, for a proud heart is so full of self that it has no room for others. No true love of God can exist in a proud heart, for even the very acts of religion which a proud man performs, are done for the motive of self-glory and not for the glory of God. The Pharisee in this parable proves that fact. He boasted of his good works.

A few simple straight questions can tell us whether or not we are proud. Do we like others to see and hear of our good works, or do we prefer to do them in secret? Do we give as generously to charitable causes when no list of benefactors is published? Do we willingly take part among the rank and file in parish activities or do we feel offended if we are not the leaders? Do we criticize offhand those who are not all they should be, or do we thank God that we were saved from similar temptations? Do we always try to find an excuse for the failings of others or have we excuses for our own faults only? God forbid that any one in this congregation should be suffering from this, the worst of all vices. If anyone recognizes that he is, let him pray to God from the bottom of his heart for the opposite virtue, the true Christian virtue of humility, and look for every possible occasion to practice it. Let us all remember the two men praying in the Temple. One was full of himself and boasted to God and to all present, of his many good works. The Other just humbly beat his breast and asked for mercy—he had nothing to boast of. Yet, he left the Temple forgiven, the other returned home a worse sinner than when he had entered the Temple.

—Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings Cycle C*, Fr. Kevin O' Sullivan, O.F.M.



[Dedication of our Church - 13th November 2022.](#)

[At St John the Baptist Church](#)

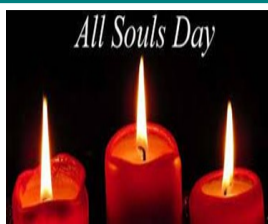
Please join us in celebration!!!

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.

All Souls Day—2 November.

Masses will be held at 8.30am and at 7pm. Volunteers are needed. Please consider how you can help.



Mass intentions will be received for the departed souls during the month of November. Please include your intentions with a November Masses envelope.

Cemetery visits at Point Clare

Wednesday 2 November at 10.15am. Beginning at the green hut to pray for our deceased loved ones. If the weather is wet, please bring an umbrella.

The Feast of Christ the King—20th November 2022 - at St John the Baptist School!

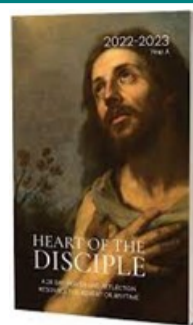


Plans are already underway to make this year's celebrations extra special for our parish community. More details and excitement to come!!!

We will welcome your WHOLE family!!!

We warmly welcome Genesis Doukas who was Baptised on Wednesday 19th October 2022 and Caroline Giannini who is baptised this weekend.

Congratulations to Rose and Diederik Kissing who celebrated their wedding at St John the Baptist church on Wednesday 19th October 2022.



"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.



St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Cards

Cards are available at the Piety Stall. They are in packs of 10 cards plus envelopes. Cost is \$2.00 per pack. There are three designs – Traditional, Australian and this year traditional designs drawn by pupils at a number of NSW Catholic Primary Schools.

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.



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

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

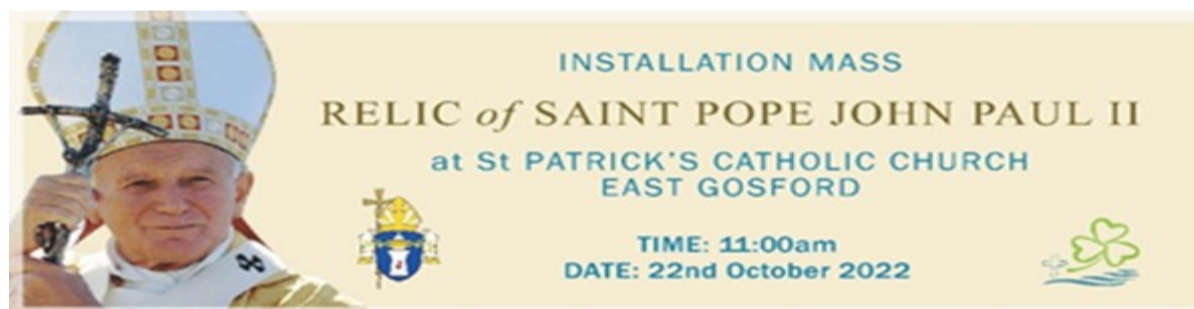
SERVERS for 22-23 October 2022:

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



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.

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 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

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, 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



LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1: Sir 35:12-14, 16-19

The LORD is a God of justice, who knows no favorites. Though not unduly partial toward the weak, yet he hears the cry of the oppressed. The Lord is not deaf to the wail of the orphan, nor to the widow when she pours out her complaint. The one who serves God willingly is heard; his petition reaches the heavens. The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds; it does not rest till it reaches its goal, nor will it withdraw till the Most High responds, judges justly and affirms the right, and the Lord will not delay.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 33 (34):2-3, 17-19, 23

R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

Reading 2: 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18

Beloved: I am already being poured out like a libation, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his appearance. At my first defense no one appeared on my behalf, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the proclamation might be completed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat and will bring me safe to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Alleluia: 2 Cor 5:19

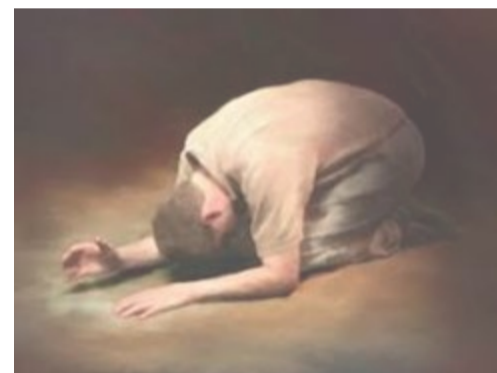
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, and entrusting to us the message of salvation.

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Gospel: Lk 18:9-14

Jesus addressed this parable to those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else. "Two people went up to the temple area to pray; one was a Pharisee and the other was a tax collector. The Pharisee took up his position and spoke this prayer to himself, 'O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity -- greedy, dishonest, adulterous -- or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, and I pay tithes on my whole income.' But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.' I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."



Only 39 weeks to go!

The good news is that there is still time to register your interest in joining the DBB WYD23 pilgrimage to Portugal.

There are two pilgrimage options for young adults (18-35yrs):

1: **Full pilgrimage: Italy and Portugal (22 July – 11 August 2023)**

2: **Direct pilgrimage: Portugal only (29 July – 11 August 2023).**

Watch this video for details and some footage of our Lisbon destinations: [Young adult WYD Lisbon update](#)

Bookings for young adults are filling up fast, so don't wait too long: ask yourself today whether God might be calling you to World Youth Day Lisbon in 2023!

Visit <https://bbwyd.org.au/register-for-wyd/> to register.

If you have any questions, please email wyd@bbcatholic.org.au

CYBB Broken Bay Young Adult Bushwalk 23 October

Spring has sprung and it's a great time to come out, meet some new people and enjoy the glorious sunshine on another CYBB bush walk! This time young adults from all over the diocese are invited to head to Manly to do part of the Manly to Spit Bridge walk. The distance of the walk is achievable for any fitness level and includes some great segments along the ocean. Those who wish to can swim after the bushwalk, so make sure you bring your bathers. Meet at St Mary's (6 Raglan Street, Manly) on Sunday 23 October for 10.30 Mass or in the carpark at 11.30 after Mass. Finish time will be 3.30 pm back at St Mary's Manly. Search Catholic Youth Broken Bay on Facebook for more details.

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

Recently deceased: John Holmes, Margaret Chalmers

Anniversary: Vincenzo Zappavigna

Remembrance: Noelle Davidovich, Mary Scarf, James Casey, Larry Sheil, All the Souls in Purgatory

Sick: Melissa Bezzina, Lisa Ryan, 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 Zdilaj, Lorraine 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

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