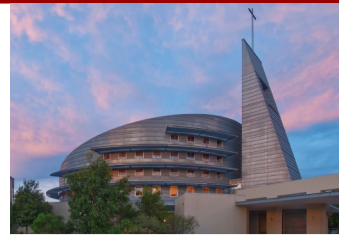




# WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



## 6th November 2022 32nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME C

### FEASTS & MEMORIALS

**9 November — The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**

**10 November—St Leo the Great**

**11 November—St Martin of Tours**

**12 November—St Josaphat**

### 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*

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In today's Gospel, we hear about an encounter between Jesus and some Sadducees. The Sadducees were a party of Judaism active in Jesus' time, descended from the priestly family of Zadok. They were literal interpreters of the written Law of Moses, which means that they were in disagreement with the position of the Pharisees, who offered an oral interpretation of the Law of Moses.

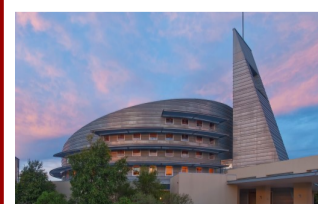


The Sadducees are described in this Gospel as opponents to the belief in resurrection. In the dialogue presented here, we see an example of the means of disputation that was common in first century Judaism. The Sadducees use the example of Levirate marriage, found in the Law of Moses, to disprove belief in the resurrection. According to [Deuteronomy 25:5-10](#), if a man died without producing an heir, the man's brother should marry his wife and the offspring of this union would inherit the property and carry on the name of the man who had died. The Sadducees use this as an example to challenge belief in the resurrection.

Jesus argues from the same written Law of Moses to show that there is resurrection. Using the texts from the Book of Exodus ([Chapter 3](#)) that describe Moses' encounter with God in the burning bush, Jesus shows that God is the God of the living, not the dead. Here Jesus uses the same method and texts of the Sadducees to counter them. As the Gospel text suggests, he beat them at their own game!

More importantly, in this discourse Jesus shows the limits of our imaginations when it comes to eternal life. The Sadducees argued against resurrection because of the limits of earthly existence. They did not imagine another possibility for existence and relationship with God. Jesus proposes that the possibilities of resurrected life are beyond our imaginations. Jesus' conclusion suggests something else as well: To spend time worrying about resurrected life is to miss the point. The point is eternal relationship with God is possible, for God is the God of the living, ". . . for to him all are alive."

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**Dedication of our Church - 13th November 2022.**

**At St John the Baptist Church**

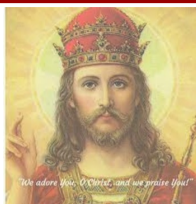
**Please join us in celebration!!!**

*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.*

**The Feast of Christ the King—20th November 2022 - at St John the Baptist School 21a Dulkara Rd Woy Woy.**

Plans are progressing for our celebrations! Mass will be celebrated at St John the Baptist school at 10.00am on the day, followed by a sausage sizzle and other community celebrations. Please bring your own preferred picnic snacks too. We welcome your WHOLE family!!!

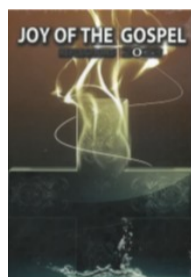
**PLEASE NOTE:** As Fr Timothy would like as many of our community as possible at the celebration—9.15am and 5.00pm mass **WILL NOT** be held on Sunday 20th November 2022. However, mass **WILL** be held at 5.00pm on Saturday 19th and 7.30am on Sunday 20th. **THANK YOU.**



**St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Cards**

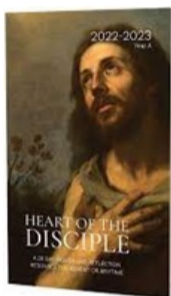


Cards are available at the Piety Stall. They are in packs of 10 cards plus envelopes. Cost is \$2.00 per pack. There are three designs – Traditional, Australiana and this year traditional designs drawn by pupils at a number of NSW Catholic Primary Schools.



"JOY OF THE GOSPEL REFLECTIONS 2023" is NOW on sale at the Piety Store for \$15 each.

**"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.



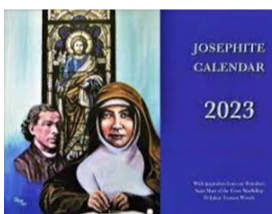
Copies are available **NOW** at the Piety Store for \$5 each.

Who are you gathering with to reflect on Advent?



**Josephite and Columban**

Calendars NOW available for \$10 each at the Piety Store.



**Spirituality in the Pub (SIP) Meeting 7.30-9.00pm Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November at the Grange Hotel, Wyoming.**

SIP is fortunate to have prominent Australian **ROBERT FITZGERALD AM** as its special guest speaker for its final meeting in 2022. **Hotel bistro opens at 5.30pm. SIP enquiries: 0415 129250 or 0439 678608.**

**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 11 November 2022:**

Laila Dawe Jo Salter

Tom French Christine French

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

**READERS for 12-13 November 2022:**

Sat 5pm — Jane Somerville & Jane Rutherford  
Sun 7.30am — Veronica Jordan & Phoebe Glacken  
Sun 9.15am — Don Matheson & Joesie Cameron  
Sun 5pm — Lorena Lalor & Peter Smith

**SERVERS for 12-13 November 2022:**

Sat 5pm—Jeff Freeman & Joel Bajo  
Sun 7.30am—Kevin Glacken & Jose Torres  
Sun 9.15am—Bob Wilson & Hanaa El-Khatib  
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**



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**TOUR CHAPLAIN: FR TIMOTHY RAJ MSFS**

**DEPARTURE: 2nd May 2023**

**ARRIVAL: 18th May 2023**

**INDICATIVE COST**

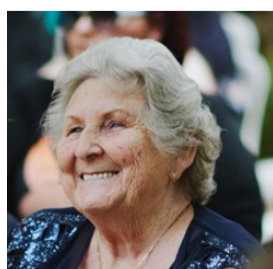
\$8,490 per person / 21- 30 Pilgrims  
\$7,990 per person / 31-40 Pilgrims  
Single supplement \$1,890 per person

- ◆ Flights will be confirmed only at the time of booking with a deposit.
- ◆ **Fr Timothy is hoping to lead a group of AT LEAST 20 pilgrims.**
- ◆ Please confirm your interest by leaving your details on the sheet on the table in the gathering Area.



**FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We offer our sincere condolences to all their families.



Betty Hagarty : Betty's life will be celebrated at St Hillside Chapel, Palmdale on Friday 11th November at 10.30am.

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## Reading 1: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14

It happened that seven brothers with their mother were arrested and tortured with whips and scourges by the king, to force them to eat pork in violation of God's law. One of the brothers, speaking for the others, said: "What do you expect to achieve by questioning us? We are ready to die rather than transgress the laws of our ancestors." At the point of death he said: "You accursed fiend, you are depriving us of this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up to live again forever. It is for his laws that we are dying." After him the third suffered their cruel sport. He put out his tongue at once when told to do so, and bravely held out his hands, as he spoke these noble words: "It was from Heaven that I received these; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again." Even the king and his attendants marveled at the young man's courage, because he regarded his sufferings as nothing. After he had died, they tortured and maltreated the fourth brother in the same way. When he was near death, he said, "It is my choice to die at the hands of men with the hope God gives of being raised up by him; but for you, there will be no resurrection to life."



## Responsorial Psalm: Ps 16 (17):1, 5-6, 8, 15

R. Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

## Reading 2: 2 Thes 2:16-3:5

Brothers and sisters: May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement and good hope through his grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word. Finally, brothers and sisters, pray for us, so that the word of the Lord may speed forward and be glorified, as it did among you, and that we may be delivered from perverse and wicked people, for not all have faith. But the Lord is faithful; he will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one. We are confident of you in the Lord that what we instruct you, you are doing and will continue to do. May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the endurance of Christ.

## Alleluia: Rv 1:5, 6

R. Alleluia, alleluia.


Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;  
glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.

R. Alleluia.



## Gospel: Lk 20:27-38

Some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, came forward and put this question to Jesus, saying, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us, *If someone's brother dies leaving a wife but no child, his brother must take the wife and raise up descendants for his brother.* Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman but died childless. Then the second and the third married her, and likewise all the seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. Now at the resurrection whose wife will that woman be? For all seven had been married to her." Jesus said to them, "The children of this age marry and remarry; but those who are deemed worthy to attain to the coming age and to the resurrection of the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. They can no longer die, for they are like angels; and they are the children of God because they are the ones who will rise. That the dead will rise even Moses made known in the passage about the bush, when he called out 'Lord,' the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob; and he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive."

 **Roll up your sleeves; make a difference overseas. Do you require professional renewal, or are you seeking a retirement challenge?** Communities abroad are asking for qualified and experienced Australians able to mentor their people in education, health, administration, trades, agriculture and more. Imagine yourself re-engaging your vocational passion in Africa, Asia or the Pacific. Since 1961 Palms Australia has been recruiting Australians able to offer mentoring that will allow overseas counterparts opportunities otherwise unattainable. Sharing your skills will strengthen the capacity of workers overseas to serve their communities for generations to come, long after you return home. Communities in American Samoa, Cambodia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste, and Zambia are seeking to fill a variety of roles. Enquire about those roles via [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au) or by calling 02 9560 533 or 0422 472 567.

## **RED WEDNESDAY** STANDUP FOR FAITH & FREEDOM

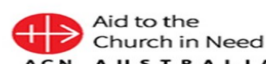
All welcome to Mass with Bishop Anthony Randazzo DD JCL



**Our Lady of Dolours  
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7:30pm, Wednesday  
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## Keep Us In Your Prayers of your charity pray for the souls of:

**Recently deceased:** Corrie Hermans-Aarts, Kate Easton, Yvonne Murdoch, Betty Hagarty

**Anniversary:** Sr Elizabeth Carr SGS, Pat Hennesy

**Remembrance:** Megan Manning, Mary Scarf, Larry Sheil, Rhonda Anderson

**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 Hennesy, Bev Purser, Joseph King, Christine Semark, Vicki Leach, Willy Woods, John Zdilai, Loraine Wanless, Alison Richmond, Saxon Smith, Jack Rogan-Clark, John Farnham, Chris Parker, Alana Rose, Joy Burt

### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for November



#### **Children Who Suffer**

*We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.*

#### 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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