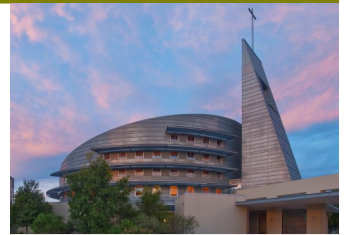




WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



13th November 2022

33rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME C

FEASTS & MEMORIALS

15 November — St Albert the Great

16 November—St Margaret of Scotland
and St Gertrude

17 November—St Elizabeth of Hungary

18 November—Dedication of the
Basilicas of Sts Peter and Paul

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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On 18th November 2022, we celebrate the
15th Anniversary of the Dedication of our Church.

Throughout the Bible we are reminded of the importance of the Lord's wonderful works and how he has worked in our lives. Celebrating the Anniversary gives us an opportunity to look back and reconnect with our Church and the reasons behind its design. When we take the time to understand the significance behind each liturgical symbols, we realise the stories of past and present all being brought together into this sacred space. Every time we walk into a church our faith is strengthened by these visual reminders.



Our church is built around the idea of the Christian as pilgrim. The pebble surface that begins at the pedestrian gate continues under the covered way, through the main doors and the gathering space to the pews, and is also visible around the altar, ambo and chair. As we enter the worship space, we see on the doors the words (in four languages) from the pilgrim psalm 120 (8): 'The Lord will guard your going and coming, both now and forever.'



The gathering spaces doubles as a devotional space—an area where we can engage in our private devotions. There are the Way of the Cross and chapels in honour of the Sacred Heart, the Blessed Virgin, St Joseph and St Anthony.

Inside, the stained glass draws our attention to the Patron, Saint John the Baptist (the upper windows, in the colours of red [martyrdom], blue [his baptism], and desert colours), and to our worship in the community of saints and the angels (especially the faces and the angels' wings).

The altar, ambo, chair and font form a set, made from Persian travertine and highlighted in Roman travertine. They are the focal points of the building, according to what is happening, and they emphasise the unity of sacramental action. It is around these that we gather at various important events on the journey, especially when we assemble on Sunday. The exact centre of the church is just in front of the altar steps, in the centre. In church-building tradition, this is called the *omphalos* or "navel", where really important events take place. The priest stands there to distribute Communion; marriages and ordinations take place there.

The pilgrim route which we mostly follow (in and out the main doors) is not the way in which we finish our journey. We have a special set of funeral doors, like those in mediaeval monasteries, and after the Mass or Service of Christian Burial, the body is taken through these doors to the hearse waiting outside.

(From: St John the Baptist Parish Newsletter, 15th November 2020)

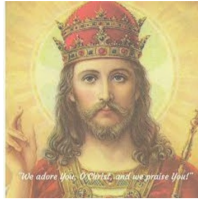
We, The Woy Woy Catholic Parish acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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!!!

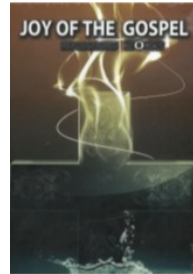
PLEASE NOTE: As Fr Timothy would like as many of our community as possible at the celebration—9.15am and 5.00pm mass WILL NOT be held on Sunday 20th November 2022. However, mass WILL be held at 5.00pm on Saturday 19th and 7.30am on Sunday 20th. THANK YOU.



St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Cards

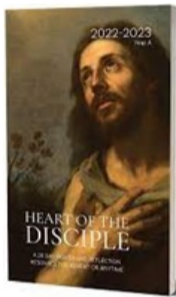


Cards are available at the Piety Stall. They are in packs of 10 cards plus envelopes. Cost is \$2.00 per pack. There are three designs – Traditional, Australian and this year traditional designs drawn by pupils at a number of NSW Catholic Primary Schools.



"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.



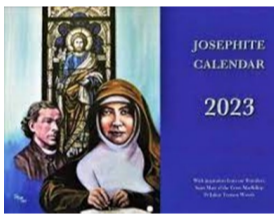
Copies are available **NOW** at the Piety Store for \$5 each.

Who are you gathering with to reflect on Advent?



Josephite and Columban

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



Parish Pastoral Council members are reminded there is a meeting on Tuesday 15th November at 7pm, in the Leo Mahon Room.



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 18 November 2022:

Anna Jarvis
Kathleen Cullen
Cheryl Sillick
Laurie Jarvis
*** if unable to work on your appointed day, please swap or arrange a replacement***

READERS for 19-20 November 2022:

Sat 5pm — Jane Rutherford & Paul Rutherford
Sun 7.30am — Joel Bajo & Dorothy Fulton
Sun 10.00am — Parish Celebration at SJB School
Sun 5pm — NO MASS

SERVERS for 19-20 November 2022:

Sat 5pm—Paul Cavanagh & Vincent Cavanagh
Sun 7.30am—Bernie French & Paul Nolan
Sun 10.00am — Parish Celebration at SJB School
Sun 5pm — NO MASS

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



SHRINES OF OUR LADY PILGRIMAGE

A 15 DAY PILGRIMAGE TO EUROPE
FRANCE, PORTUGAL & ITALY PARIS, LISIEUX, LOURDES, FATIMA, ASSISI, ROME, ROTONDO, VENICE, MILAN

TOUR CHAPLAIN: FR TIMOTHY RAJ MSFS

DEPARTURE: 2nd May 2023
ARRIVAL: 18th May 2023

INDICATIVE COST

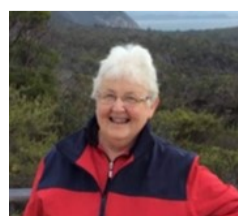
\$8,490 per person / 21- 30 Pilgrims
\$7,990 per person / 31-40 Pilgrims
Single supplement \$1,890 per person

- ◆ 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.



Yvonne Murdoch was a long standing member of St John the Baptist community and volunteer. Her life will be celebrated at St John the Baptist church on Friday 18th November at 11.00am

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1 Ezek 43:1-2.4-7

The angel took me to the gate, the one facing east. I saw the glory of the God of Israel approaching from the east. A sound came with it, like the sound of the ocean, and the earth shone with his glory. The glory of the Lord arrived at the Temple by the east gate. The spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court: I saw the glory of the Lord fill the Temple. And I hear someone speaking to me from this temple while the man stood beside me. The voice said, Son of man, this is the dais of my throne, the step on which I rest my feet. I shall live here among the sons of Israel forever.

Responsorial Psalm

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced when heard them say:

Let us go to God's house.

And our feet are standing

within your gates O Jerusalem.

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Jerusalem is built as a city strongly compact.

It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord.

For Israel's law it is,

There to praise the Lord's name.

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

For love of my brethren and friends

I say; Peace upon you!

For love of the house of the Lord

I will ask for your good.

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.



Reading 2 Eph 2:19-22

You are no longer aliens or foreign visitors: you are citizens like all the saints, and part of God's household. You are part of a building foundations, and Christ Jesus himself for its main cornerstone. As every structure is aligned on him, all grow into one holy temple of the Lord; and you too, in him, are being built into a house where God lives, in the Spirit.

Gospel Acclamation Is 66: 1

Alleluia, alleluia

My dwelling place shall be with them, says the Lord,

And I will be their god and they will be my people.

Alleluia

Gospel Jn 4: 19-24

The Samaritan women said to Jesus, I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship. Jesus said: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come - in fact, it is here already - when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshiper the Father wants. God in spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.'

Over the next few weeks parishes in the Diocese will be holding our Pastoral Works Broken Bay November Appeal. Pastoral Works Broken Bay is the pastoral charity of the Catholic community in Broken Bay. We have two major Pastoral Works appeals each year – November and May. Where does your donation go and who does it help? The key focus for our Pastoral Works appeals will be the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) and Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Practitioners. Whatever your donation it will make a difference to someone in hospital, school, a parish or the wider community. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Donation envelopes will be available in your parish which can be completed and returned to the parish or you can go online by scanning the QR code and visiting bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks



Central Coast Philharmonia Choir presents

“LUX: The Dawn From On High”

Saturday 26 November 2022 at 7.30pm

St John the Baptist

Catholic Church,

Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy

Adult \$33 | Concession \$30 |

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Book your ticket via: www.trybooking.com/CDEXB



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

Recently deceased: Bruce Kerr, Edilburto Bual, Yvonne Murdoch

Anniversary: Joan Bushell, Albert David Snell, Sr Patricia Snell RSJ

Remembrance: Mary Scarf, Larry Sheil,

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 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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