



WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



23rd January 2022 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time—C

FEAST DAYS

24 Jan — St Francis de Sales
25 Jan – Conversion of St Paul
27 Jan — Sts Timothy & Titus
28 Jan—St Thomas Aquinas

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



St. Francis de Sales was born on August 21, 1567 at Thonon, near Annecy in France. He graduated from the University of Padua with Doctorate in both civil law and ecclesiastical law. He was ordained a priest on December 18, 1593. He worked among the Calvinists, faced much opposition, including attempt on his life and converted the whole district of Chablais to the Catholic faith.

He was ordained a bishop on December 8, 1602. He was a good shepherd, caring for all with a special love

for the poor. He founded a contemplative religious order, "The Sisters of the Visitation" on June 6, 1610. This order was to accept as members the poor, the weak in health, the handicapped and the widows whom normally religious orders did not admit.

He wrote two books. Spiritual Classics: "The Introduction to Devout Life" and "A Treatise on The Love Of God". He died at the age of 55 on December 28, 1622. He was canonized a saint by Pope Alexander VII on April 19, 1665 and declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius IX on November 16, 1877.

St. Francis de Sales is foremost among those who were consistently and visibly human in his relationship to God and people. His spirituality was so human that those without theological insights could understand and follow his spirituality. He radiated divine light through humanness like his master Jesus. He was very human and gentle, optimistic and positive about life and the world, strong in character and compassionate in ministry and most of all he had a harmonious and peaceful spirit.

"Go courageously to do whatever you are called to do." This reflects the attitude with which St. Francis de Sales lived and guided his life. He encouraged people to find holiness in every day matters, emphasizing the freedom each one has to choose to be good and to do good, to live noble and virtuous lives and reject what is bad and harmful. In whatever state of life men and women find themselves, they can discover the way to God, joyfully and without fear. God can be found anywhere, everywhere and by everyone. The hours we spend in our daily chores need not be spiritually empty or useless. It is in the daily chores that we live out our life of faith.

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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.

IN MEMORIAM — please pray for the souls of:

- Fr Manoj Manuel who passed away on 17 January 2022 in Aizawl, Mizoram, India. Fr Manoj, born on 3 July 1976 and ordained for the Diocese of Kohima Nagaland on 5 January 2005, had been working in Australia for the past three years. Fr Manoj joined the Broken Bay Diocese in January 2021 and had served at the Cathedral Parish of Hornsby until his new appointment to the Parish of Wahroonga in December 2021. Bishop Anthony will celebrate a Memorial Mass for the late Fr Manoj at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara at 11 am on Friday, 28th January.
- Fr Sushant Mantri MSFS who passed away on 16 January 2022. Fr Sushant made his perpetual profession on 7 January 2001 and was ordained a Deacon on 7 January 2001 at the Fransalian Seminary, Pune. Fr Sushant was ordained a priest on 1 December 2001 at Shaanwadi, Pune.

Please keep in your prayers all those who have been affected by the volcanic eruption in Tonga.

Parish Key & Swipe Register

For insurance purposes, the parish keys & swipe register is being updated. Any persons who hold keys or a swipe to any parish buildings or property, kindly contact the parish office by email stating your name, contact details and which keys/swipes you have. Anyone holding keys/swipes which are no longer required please return to the parish office as soon as



News update - Pope Francis has announced the next Apostolic Nuncio to Australia. Archbishop Charles Balvo has served in the Holy See's diplomatic service for more than 30 years, including as Apostolic Nuncio to New Zealand and the Pacific Island nations for eight years. Born and ordained in New York, he has been in the Czech Republic since 2018. Bishop Randazzo looks forward to welcoming

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 Friday the 4th of February following 4.00 pm Mass. Supper will be provided afterwards. We will also meet on Saturday the 5th of February after morning mass and adoration. Lunch will be provided afterwards. These are repeated sessions so you are invited to attend only one of these. I look forward to facilitating this exciting new initiative in our community. God Bless, – Rosie Na'ati 0421780957



MISSION and VISION

Bringing Jesus Christ to ALL through:

Worship and Liturgy; Outreach;

Our Parish School; Hospitality;

Adult and Child Faith Formation

Happy Birthday

A very Happy Birthday to Fr Timothy this Monday 24th January. Wishing him all the blessings on his special day.



READERS for 29/30 January 2022:

Sat 5pm—Jane Somerville & Paul Rutherford

Sun 7.30am—Dorothy Fulton & Joel Bajo

Sun 9.15am—Don Matheson & Olga Mhilli

SERVERS for 29/30 January 2022:

Sat 5pm—Paul & Vincent Cavanagh

Sun 7.30am—Joe Torres & Peter French

Sun 9.15am—Steve Hopley & Hanaa El-Khatib

VOLUNTEERS

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading I: Neh 8:2-6, 8-10

Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly, which consisted of men, women, and those children old enough to understand. Standing at one end of the open place that was before the Water Gate, he read out of the book from daybreak till midday, in the presence of the men, the women, and those children old enough to understand; and all the people listened attentively to the book of the law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the occasion. He opened the scroll so that all the people might see it — for he was standing higher up than any of the people —; and, as he opened it, all the people rose. Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people, their hands raised high, answered, “Amen, amen!” Then they bowed down and prostrated themselves before the LORD, their faces to the ground. Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read. Then Nehemiah, that is, His Excellency, and Ezra the priest-scribe and the Levites who were instructing the people said to all the people: “Today is holy to the LORD your God. Do not be sad, and do not weep” — for all the people were weeping as they heard the words of the law. He said further: “Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared; for today is holy to our LORD. Do not be saddened this day, for rejoicing in the LORD must be your strength!”

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 18:8-10, 15

R. Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

Reading II: 1 Cor 12:12-30

Brothers and sisters: As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. Now the body is not a single part, but many. If a foot should say, “Because I am not a hand I do not belong to the body,” it does not for this reason belong any less to the body. Or if an ear should say, “Because I am not an eye I do not belong to the body,” it does not for this reason belong any less to the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God placed the parts, each one of them, in the body as he intended. If they were all one part, where would the body be? But as it is, there are many parts, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I do not need you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I do not need you.” Indeed, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are all the more necessary, and those parts of the body that we consider less honorable we surround with greater honor, and our less presentable parts are treated with greater propriety, whereas our more presentable parts do not need this. But God has so constructed the body as to give greater honor to a part that is without it, so that there may be no division in the body, but that the parts may have the same concern for one another. If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy. Now you are Christ’s body, and individually parts of it. Some people God has designated in the church to be, first, apostles; second, prophets; third, teachers; then, mighty deeds; then gifts of healing, assistance, administration, and varieties of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work mighty deeds? Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?

Alleluia: Cf. Lk 4:18

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor,
and to proclaim liberty to captives.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us, I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received. Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all. He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written:

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.*

Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, “Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.”

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

Recently deceased: Heakule Sione Na'ati, Day Davis, Joseph Bukovac

Anniversary:

Remembrance: Peter Whiteman, Judy & Luke Goodacre

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, 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

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