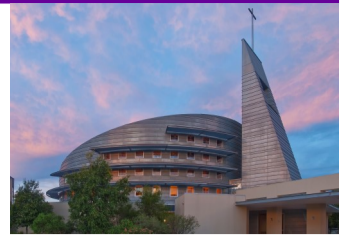




WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



11th December 2022 Third Sunday of Advent—A

FEASTS & MEMORIALS

12 December—Our Lady of Guadalupe

13 December—St Lucy

14 December—St John of the Cross



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

open Mon to Friday from 8.30am to 3.00pm

Divine Will Cenacle

Thursdays 9.15am -10.30am

Christian Meditation

Monday evenings from 6pm - 7pm

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The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called *Gaudete Sunday*. *Gaudete* is the Latin word meaning "rejoice." This Sunday is so named because "Rejoice" is the first word in the entrance antiphon for today's Mass taken from Philippians 4:4,5: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near." Some people mark this Sunday on their Advent wreath with a pink candle instead of a purple candle. This Sunday is a joyful reminder that our salvation is near.

This week's Gospel Reading continues our Advent reflection on the person and message of John the Baptist. Last week we heard John speak about his relationship to the coming Messiah, Jesus. This week, we hear Jesus' message to John the Baptist, now in prison, about the signs of the kingdom found in Jesus' ministry and Jesus' assessment of John's role in the Kingdom of God.

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of John's arrest in chapter 14:3-12. In today's Gospel, John sends word to Jesus from prison, asking if Jesus is the Messiah for whom he has been waiting. Jesus responds by pointing to the miracles that he has worked and invites John and the other hearers to make their own determination. In his next breath, however, Jesus praises John for his role in preparing the way for Jesus. Then Jesus says that all of those who work for the Kingdom of God will be as great as John and even greater.

Jesus' message to John about the signs of the kingdom being performed recalls the salvation described by the prophet Isaiah. This passage is a reminder that the beginning of salvation is already mysteriously present to us, but also yet to be fulfilled. Salvation is already in our midst as manifest in the miraculous deeds of Jesus and in the Church. But salvation is also to be fulfilled in the coming reign of God. Even as we observe our world today, we can find glimpses of God's work among us. Even more, we help to prepare the way for God's kingdom by our words and our deeds. This message is indeed a cause for rejoicing.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/third-sunday-of-advent-cycle-a-sunday-connection/>

Christmas Mass Times 2022 St John the Baptist Parish Woy Woy Peninsula



December 24th: Christmas Eve
5:00 pm - Church

5:30 pm—SJB School Oval
21a Dulkara Rd, Woy Woy

8:00 pm - Church

10:00 pm - Church

December 25th: Christmas Day

7:30 am - Church

9:15 am - Church

December 26th: Boxing Day

9:00 am

December 27th: Public Holiday
9:00 am

December 31st: New Years Eve

9.00 am Mass followed by

Thanksgiving Adoration

5:00 pm Vigil

January 1st: New Years Day

7:30 am, 9:15 am, 5:00 pm

• School Mass can accommodate up to 500 people

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.

Please note The 2nd Rite of Reconciliation is available at three Central Coast Parishes next week:

Holy Cross Kincumber— Tuesday, 13th December at 7.00pm.

St John the Baptist, Woy Woy - Thursday, 15th December at 7.00pm.

St Patrick's, Gosford - Friday 16th, December at 7.00pm.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Dunstan Berenger for his 5 years dedicated service as a Catechist.



Children's Liturgy of the Word continues on Sundays during the 9:15am Mass. For more information contact Christine French on 0431 765 401.

Cash Housie !!!

Saturday nights 7.30pm
50 games at Peninsula Community Centre
93 McMasters Rd Woy Woy.



Important dates:

17th December—
Mini Marathon
24th December—
Closed
31st December—
Closed
7th January—Mini
Marathon

Proceeds benefit our parish.

For more information,
please contact
Robert Graham on 0427 990 818

WELCOME TO THE CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASSES 2022

Simbang Gabi Launch

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHEDRAL
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27 Yardley Ave, Waitara

Hornsby
OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY
15-23 December | 7:00 PM
27 Yardley Ave, Waitara
Cynthia.alipalo@gmail.com
bbfc.hornsby@gmail.com

Dee Why
ST. KEVIN'S CHURCH
15-23 December | 7:30 PM
50 Oaks Ave, Dee Why
c/o Marlon Cabilao
Mobile no. 0430249450

Chatswood
OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CHURCH
16-24 December | 5:30 AM
94 Archer st, Chatswood
fccpadmin@gmail.com

Wyong
ST. CECILIA'S CHURCH
The Tridumm
21, 22, 23 December | 7:00 PM
23 Bryon St, Wyong
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CLEANERS for 16 December 2022:

Reg Harrington
Linda Potestas
son

Tom French
Christina Thorson

*** if unable to work on your appointed day,

READERS for 17-18 December 2022:

Sat 5pm — Marie Andrews & Jane Rutherford
Sun 7.30am — Veronica Jordan & Joel Bajo
Sun 9.15am — Emma Baker & Mary Rose Barlow
Sun 5pm — Kristina Aitken & Lorena Lalor

SERVERS for 17-18 December 2022:

Sat 5pm—Paul Cavanagh & Vincent Cavanagh
Sun 7.30am—Peter French & Paul Nolan
Sun 9.15am — Bernie French & Hanaa El-Khatib
Sun 5pm — Laurie Jarvis or Pia 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.

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- ◆ Flights will be confirmed only at the time of booking with a deposit.
- ◆ Please confirm your interest by leaving your details on the sheet on the table in the Gathering Area.
- ◆ Please contact the Parish Office for further details 4341 1073.

Inspiration draws us to faith. If it does not meet with any opposition from us, it leads us even to repentance and charity. (TLG, Book II, Ch. 21).

St. Francis de Sales

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1: Is 35:1-6, 10

The desert and the parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom. They will bloom with abundant flowers, and rejoice with joyful song. The glory of Lebanon will be given to them, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the LORD, the splendor of our God. Strengthen the hands that are feeble, make firm the knees that are weak, say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing. Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy; they will meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145(146):6-10.

R. Lord, come and save us.

Reading 2: Jas 5:7-10

Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another, that you may not be judged. Behold, the Judge is standing before the gates. Take as an example of hardship and patience, brothers and sisters, the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Alleluia: Is 61:1 (cited in Lk 4:18)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Mt 11:2-11

When John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of the Christ, he sent his disciples to Jesus with this question, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me." As they were going off, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John, "What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind? Then what did you go out to see? Someone dressed in fine clothing? Those who wear fine clothing are in royal palaces. Then why did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written: *Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you.* Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

ADVENT to CHRISTMAS

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Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for December

Volunteer Not-for Profit Organisations

We pray that volunteer non-profit organisations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international co-operation.

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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