

# WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church



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

# **20th March 2022** 3rd Sunday of Lent-C

### **LENTEN PROGRAMME**

Way of the Cross & Mass:

Wednesdays & Fridays: 6.30pm followed by the Eucharist at 7.00pm

### **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

<u>Sunday:</u> 7:30am, 9:15am & 5pm

First Friday: Confession 3.30pm Healing Mass 4pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Thursdays 7—8pm

Please contact the Parish Office, if you require information about any Sacraments

## Reflections for the 3rd Sunday of Lent

In today's Gospel, current events that included the violent deaths suffered by certain Galileans at the hands of Pilate and victims of the falling of the tower of Siloam were used as a teaching moment for Jesus. His point was that we never know when death may come knocking on our door, so we must be prepared! How do we prepare? Repent! The Bible teaches us that "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23), and "the wages of sin is death" (that is, eternal death in hell) (Romans 6:23). But that

second verse goes on to say, "the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." God offers us forgiveness of our sins through Jesus. But in order to receive that gift, we must repent of our sins before the Lord. And we should not put off repenting because it might be too late. In Jesus' parable of the fig tree, the lesson is about the lack of repentance of the Israelites, who are represented by the fig tree. They had been given time to repent of their sinful ways and bear good fruit through accepting Jesus as the Messiah. But the majority of them (not all) remained in their hard-hearted rebellion against God, rejecting the message of Jesus. Their time was running short, but God was patient and generous by giving more time. Still, the lesson is that we never know when our time is up, so we should repent now and turn to the Lord so we can bear good fruit in our lives. Lent is the perfect time to take the opportunity to turn to God in repentance.

https://stjoesmarion.org/news/readings-reflections-for-the-3rd-sunday-of-lent-1

### Themes for the Mass Readings for the 3rd Sunday of Lent Year C

The readings for the 3rd Sunday of Lent for Year C are a call to repent and return to the Lord. The first reading tells of how Moses encountered God in the burning bush. The psalm sings of God's kindness and mercy. In the second reading Paul tells us to learn from the past.

And in the gospel Jesus warns people to change their ways. He also tells the parable of the fig tree. God gives us many opportunities to grow, but we must not resist his efforts to help us mature in faith.

- What needs to change in our lives
- Why do people suffer?
- Who is God?
- Sacrament of Reconciliation

https://young-catholics.com/3511/3rd-sunday-of-lent-year-c/



We warmly welcome those being Baptised this weekend:

Ace Durrough **Evelyn Durrough** 

Emma Fernandes

Josh Quilkey Tom Quilkey Joseph Quilkey Sage Wakelin

Tristan Hammond



#### **COVID-19 REGULATIONS**



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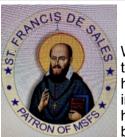


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We The Woy Woy Catholic Parish acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander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



### Congregation of Missionaries of St. Francis De Sales Mission Appeal

We, the Fransalians are working in this diocese for more than 20 years in various parishes. The Province of Pune has undertaken the mission in under developing countries in South America and Africa. The diocese of Broken bay helped the province to support the missions in early days but lately for the last four years we have been told to make the Mission appeal in the parish. We never made any

appeal so far. The Finance Committee has approved the Mission Appeal during this season of Lent and your offering and sacrifices will benefit the mission of our province in Ecuador, Peru and Zambia. The more details will

be made available to you.

#### You can make your contribution:

- Envelops are available this week
- Call the office with your credit card details. Donate by bank Transfer Details are below:
- Congregation of Missionaries of St Francis De Sales BSB 062784 - 100011958
- One Tap and go will be set for few weeks towards the mission appeal.

Mission Appeal Box is near the piety stall.

"Charity and devotion are no more different from one another than flame from fire. Charity is a spiritual fire; when it is embraced it is called 'devotion'." - Saint Francis de Sales.

### **Youth News**

Youth Gathering will start this Sunday Evening 20<sup>th</sup> of March 2022.

Venue: Leo Mahon Room Time: 6.30pm – 8.00pm. Year 5 & 6 group & High School Group will gather for Planning and Programming. We have a project for Easter, awaiting decisions from Fr. Tim . Leaders who wanted to be involved must have Working With Children's Check and completed Safeguarding Training from the Diocese of Broken Bay. Parents are informed to please submit the form required and signed and if you have not got the form, please see the Youth Leaders - Oliver Shepherd 0430302086 or Kiliti 0412731979 or contact them for further information.

Thank you for your support of our youth as we launch for 2022. May the Peace of Christ be in your heart. God bless O K

#### JOSEPHITE COMPANIONS MEETING THIS MONTH

Last year we re-established a group of Companions on the Central Coast (formerly called Associates) and met in the Leo Mahon room here at Woy Woy Parish. We will meet again once a month, from 10am to 11:30am on Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2022. Josephite Companions

are men and women who identify themselves with the charism of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop and Fr Julian Tenison Woods, co-founders of the Sisters of St Joseph. We offer mutual enrichment and support in *friendship*, *prayer* and *service*. If you are interested in knowing more or joining our group, please contact Anne Bailey, annebccoast@gmail.com or (02) 4341 6300



### **Divine Will Cenacle**

Meetings continue every Thursday morning in the Leo Mahon Room, following morning

**Christian Meditation** has returned to Monday evenings at 6pm in Leo Mahon Room. ALL welcome, no experience necessary. Contact Marian on 0432 882 776, for more information.





Enrolments are now been taken for 2023. Please contact the school on 4341 0884

The term 'Children's Liturgy of the Word' (CLOW) refers to the practice of children leaving the Sunday assembly during the Liturgy of the Word and gathering elsewhere to celebrate a separate Liturgy of the Word that is more appropriate to their level of understanding. In our parish, CLOW occurs during the Sunday 9:15am Mass throughout the school term excluding the 1st Sunday of the month. It is for children between the ages of 4 to 12. Parents/guardians please ensure your children are well and have washed or sanitised their hands prior to attending CLOW. CLOW resumed Sunday 13th March. For more information contact Christine French 0431765401



### **SERVERS for 26/27 March 2022:**

Sat 5pm—Jeff Freeman & Joel Bajo Sun 7.30am—Kevin Glacken & Jose Torres Sun 9.15am—Bob Wilson & Jenny Fitzgerald Sun 5pm –Greg Lalor

Central Coast

Following 9.00am Mass Saturday 19th March (St Joseph's Day), there will silent Adoration and the Rosary. A morning tea Discernment will then be shared in conversation with our final Parish Pastoral Discernment

**CLEANERS for 25 March 2022:** 

**Reg Harrison** Laurie Jarvis Rano Spiteri **Anna Jarvis** \*\*\* if unable to work on your appointed day, please swap Sun 9.15am —Michael Dixon & Gemma French or arrange a replacement \*\*\*

READERS for 26/27 March 2022:

Sat 5pm — Jane Rutherford & Lola DeSouza Sun 7.30am —Phoebe Glacken & Veronica Jordan Sun 5pm — Lorena Lalor & Kristina Aitken

meeting, in Leo Mahon Room. All welcome.

### **VOLUNTEERS**

**Eucharist Ministers in the Community** Phoebe Glacken 4341 6324

**Bus Drivers** 

Vince Wiegold 4341 1073

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Christine French 4342 4548

Readers

Dorothy Fulton 4341 7610

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Lyn Dwyer 0417 659 526

Baptisms

**Brenda Sweet** 4341 1073

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### Reading I: Ex 3:1-8, 13-15

Moses was tending the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian. Leading the flock across the desert, he came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There an angel of the LORD appeared to Moses in fire flaming out of a bush. As he looked on, he was surprised to see that the bush, though on fire, was not consumed. So Moses decided, "I must go over to look at this remarkable sight, and see why the bush is not burned." When the LORD saw him coming over to look at it more closely, God called out to him from the bush, "Moses! Moses!" He answered, "Here I am." God said, "Come no nearer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your fathers, "he continued, "the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob." Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. But the LORD said, "I have witnessed the affliction of my people in Egypt and have heard their cry of complaint against their slave drivers, so I know well what they are suffering. Therefore I have come down to rescue them from the hands of the Egyptians and lead them out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey." Moses said to God, "But when I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' if they ask me, 'What is his name?' what am I to tell them?" God replied, "I am who am." Then he added, "This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you." God spoke further to Moses, "Thus shall you say to the Israelites: The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. "This is my name forever; thus am I to be remembered through all generations."

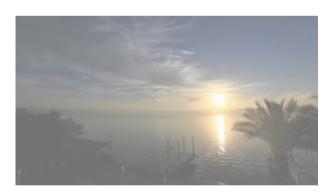
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 103 (104): 1-4, 6-8, 11.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

### Reading II: 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea, and all of them were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. All ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they drank from a spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was the Christ. Yet God was not pleased with most of them, for they were struck down in the desert. These things happened as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil things, as they did. Do not grumble as some of them did, and suffered death by the destroyer. These things happened to them as an example, and they have been written down as a warning to us, upon whom the end of the ages has come. Therefore, whoever thinks he is standing secure should take care not to fall.

**Verse Before the Gospel: Mt 4:17** Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!



### Gospel: Lk 13:1-9

Some people told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with the blood of their sacrifices. Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did! Or those eighteen people who were killed when the tower at Siloam fell on them – do you think they were more guilty than everyone else who lived in Jerusalem? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" And he told them this parable: "There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it but found none, he said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down. Why should it exhaust the soil?' He said to him in reply, 'Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down."



### Vinnies Night patrol Woy Woy needs your help

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### **CASUAL POSITIONS**

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

Recently deceased: Francisco Ames, Larry Cresswell, Margaret Gibson, Edna Mullins

Anniversary: Sebastian Pennisi, John Wahlin, Bishop Patrick Murphy, Daniel Hennessy, Oscar DeSouza, Gwen Worner, Howard Hamilton, Adelaide Hamilton, Tom Beebar, Anna Mee-Rahn Kim, Debbie-Lee Dwyer

**Remembrance:** Peter Whiteman, Bugeja family

Sick: Melissa Bezzina, Lisa Ryan, Hanaa El Khatib, Sheila Houghton, Marie Head, Lisa Yeo, Marta Panczyma, 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, 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, Georgie Brigdale, Sue Campbell, Bobby Brame, Maria Arundell, Kerrie Roberts, Lauren Alchin, Bruce Yip, Ada Primrose Murphy, Cathy Eades, James Matthews, Clare Gleeson, Margaret Gibson, Dawn Torrens, Jackie Asic, Margaret Hope, Doreen Arahill, Theresa Mitchell, Anita Servi, Jean Pierre, Michael Tannous, Charles Lawson, Marsha Burzynski, Emma Mitchell, Vince Weigold, Lola DeSouza



### **Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March:**

### A Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

### **PARISH COLLECTIONS**

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**2nd Collection:** Funds the operational management of the Parish

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