



# WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



## 8th May 2022 4th Sunday of EASTER

### FEASTS & MEMORIALS

**12 May—Sts Nereus, Achilleus and St Pancras**

**13 May – Our Lady of Fatima**

**14 May - St Matthias**

### PARISH CONTACTS

#### **Administrator**

Fr. Timothy Raj M.S.F.S.

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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

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



### Sit & Chat Returns-

**A group of seniors meets every third Monday in the Leo Mahon Room from 12.30pm – 2.00pm.**

**Transport provided if needed.**

**Contact the Parish Office on 4341 1073.**

**Next meeting 16th May.**

### Good Shepherd Sunday—World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life?

Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead.

Keep our parish priests in your prayers throughout the week.

Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.

Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.



### A BRIEF BIOGRAPHY OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES



*Celebrating the Feast Day*

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES  
400th Anniversary of Death  
1622 - 2022

Francis de Sales was born in Thorens, Savoy, France on 21st August 1567. He was a student of law and theology at the University in Padua, Italy. It was here that he obtained his Doctorate in the Civil and Canon law in 1591. He returned to Savoy in February 1592. He was appointed Provost in 1593 and took charge of the diocese

of Geneva, Annecy. He was ordained deacon on 18th September 1593 and was ordained a priest on 18th December 1593. On 14th September 1594 volunteered for the Mission of Chablais, worked for almost six years and conversions of Calvinists took place back to catholic fold. On 8th December 1602 he was consecrated as the Bishop of Geneva. He was a master in spiritual direction and in the course of this spiritual duty met Mme. Jane de Chantal together with whom he founded the order of the 'Visitation of Holy Mary' (Visitation Sisters). Also in order to help people of all walks of life to improve their spiritual life, he wrote the famous masterpiece, 'Introduction to the Devout Life'. He also wrote another great treatise called 'The Treatise on the Love of God'. As the Bishop of Geneva he died in Lyons on 28th December 1622. He was canonized on 19th April 1665 by Pope Alexander VII. He was declared the 'Doctor of the Universal Church' by Pope Pius IX on 16th November 1877. Pius XI also declared him the Patron of catholic writers and journalists. He is also known as the Gentleman saint..

### THE LAST DAYS OF HIS LIFE

Some say when death approaches near, the person concerned usually gets some kind of intuition and he begins to do or say something which we connect after that person's death. The sick Bishop grew progressively weaker. Those around him began to recite the ritual litanies. Just as they were invoking the Holy Innocents, whose feast the Church was celebrating that day, Francis took his last breath on 28th December 1622. He was little over 55 years and had been Bishop and prince of Geneva for 20 years. The body was taken to Annecy and the funeral service was conducted on 24th January morning. In the evening his body was brought to the Visitation convent where Mother de Chantal was waiting. It was here that the body of Francis de Sales was buried.



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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.





The Diocesan Mass Count will take place over four weekends in May. The 2022 Count will take place on the weekends of **7 & 8 May** (beginning with the Vigil Mass on Saturday 7 May), **14 & 15 May, 21 & 22 May** and **28 & 29 May**.

Submissions have now closed! Bishop Anthony invites all members of the community to join him for the Pastoral Discernment – Central Coast Project Conversation Forums on 15 May 2022. All are invited to participate in a face-to-face gathering, hear what the data is saying, and discover the themes that are beginning to emerge. Date: Sunday 15 May 2022 Time: 12 noon for light refreshments, for a 12:30 pm start Venue: OLOR Parish Hall, 239-243 The Entrance Rd, The Entrance. Register: [www.bbcatholic.org.au/pdcc](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/pdcc) Registrations close on 9th May 2022.




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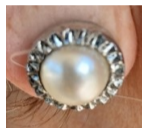
With a great sense of joy, I can see the wonderful impact of the work undertaken and lives changed.

**BISHOP ANTHONY RANDAZZO**

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This Sunday, we celebrate Mother's Day, a day dedicated to honouring not only our own mothers and mother figures alike, but also revering the Blessed Virgin Mary as the Mother of God. While Mother's Day has only been celebrated in Australia for a little over a century, the Church has long-recognised the important role a mother plays in raising a child. For several centuries, the Church has consecrated and devoted the month of May to the Blessed Virgin, giving Mother's Day additional importance and meaning for many Catholics during the month. In 1964, during a speech Pope Paul VI declared Mary the "Most Holy Mother of the Church" and a mother "of all the Christian people". This weekend, we wish all our mothers and mother figures a happy Mother's Day while also revering and looking to the example of Mary, the Most Holy Mother of our Church.



**This earring has been lost within the church. If you find it, please contact the office .**

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 resumes Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022. For more information contact Christine French 0431765401



### Sacramental Programme

Many children in our parish have been preparing for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion.

Please pray for them as they make their final preparations with their instructors.

Reconciliations will be undertaken in two groups on Friday 13th and Friday 20th May 2022

First Communion groups will be Sunday 15th and Sunday 22nd May 2022.

No Baptisms will be scheduled for either weekend.



### CLEANERS 13 May 2022:

**Mimi Lambert**

**Cheryl Sillick**

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

**Kathleen Cullen**

**Laila Dawe**

### READERS for 14-15 May 2022:

**Sat 5pm — Marie Andrews & Jane Somerville**

**Sun 7.30am — Mabel Torres & Isaak Giunter**

**Sun 9.15am — Michael Dixon & Olga Mhilli**

**Sun 5pm — Peter Smith & Lorena Lalor**

### SERVERS for 14-15 May 2022:

**Sat 5pm—Paul Cavanagh & Vincent Cavanagh**

**Sun 7.30am—Bernie French & Paul Nolan**

**Sun 9.15am—Steve Hopley & Joesie Cameron**

**Sun 5pm —Laurie Jarvis**



Our next Youth Gathering is Sunday the 15th of May 2022. Youth Program are as follows

- Leadership Training Program for Youth Leaders every Thursday evening from 6.00—8.00pm at Leo Mahon Room

15<sup>th</sup> May – We are the Gifts God created

29<sup>th</sup> May – Youth Family Dinner

Families, please contact Kiliti on what you can contribute for our Family dinner. Anyone who is interested in organising this family night is welcome to contact us. If anyone is interested in donating a dish of cooked meal that night, please do so. All people who volunteered with the Stations of the Cross are invited to join us.

Please let me know on 0412 731 979 or Oliver on 0430 302 086 if you need further information. God bless.



**Divine Will Cenacle** Meetings continue every

Thursday morning in the Leo Mahon Room, following morning Mass and Rosary.

The Josephite Companions group were not able to meet in April due to the Monday public holidays. Save Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> May, 10:00-11:30am as the date of our next meeting



### VOLUNTEERS

#### Eucharist Ministers in the Community

**Phoebe Glacken 4341 6324**

#### Bus Drivers

**Contact Office 4341 1073**

#### Catechists

**Michael Tebbut 0437 440 169**

#### Church Cleaners

**Christine French 4342 4548**

#### Readers

**Dorothy Fulton 4341 7610**

#### Music Ministry

**Lyn Dwyer 0417 659 526**

#### Baptisms

**Brenda Sweet 4341 1073**



# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## Reading I: Acts 13:14, 43-52

Paul and Barnabas continued on from Perga and reached Antioch in Pisidia. On the sabbath they entered the synagogue and took their seats. Many Jews and worshipers who were converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who spoke to them and urged them to remain faithful to the grace of God. On the following sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. When the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and with violent abuse contradicted what Paul said. Both Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly and said, "It was necessary that the word of God be spoken to you first, but since you reject it and condemn yourselves as unworthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles. For so the Lord has commanded us, *I have made you a light to the Gentiles, that you may be an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth.*" The Gentiles were delighted when they heard this and glorified the word of the Lord. All who were destined for eternal life came to believe, and the word of the Lord continued to spread through the whole region. The Jews, however, incited the women of prominence who were worshipers and the leading men of the city, stirred up a persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in protest against them, and went to Iconium. The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

## Responsorial Psalm: Ps 99 (100):1-3, 5

R We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

## Reading II: Rev 7:9, 14-17

I, John, had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue. They stood before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands. Then one of the elders said to me, "These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. "For this reason they stand before God's throne and worship him day and night in his temple. The one who sits on the throne will shelter them. They will not hunger or thirst anymore, nor will the sun or any heat strike them. For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

## Alleluia: Jn 10:14

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

## Gospel: Jn 10:27-30

Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."



## Mothers are Treasures –thoughts from a Youth Group member

From my bedroom window, I have a clear view of the lane next to our house.

This lane is full of life and growth, plants that my mum have nurtured for years and years. My mum loves her garden. It's one of the reasons we moved to our house - so that she could be surrounded by things that made her happy. In the 8 years that we've been here, I've seen that garden transform from something tiny, to something truly amazing. And all that my mum did was put some time, effort, love and care into her plants. Something that she did every day, built up over the years. And now she's rewarded with some of the most beautiful things life has to offer. Similarly, my mum did the same with me. She put so much time, effort, love and care into me and into my life to help me grow and become as beautiful as her plants. She's helped me every day for the past 15 years of my life to guide me to become better than the person I was yesterday. She's given me so much of her time and attention so that I could learn and make the most of each and every opportunity that came my way. And for that, I'm truly grateful. I've realised that no matter what happens in my life, I can always count on my mum to be there for me, to help me, guide me, and give me advice. No matter how many times my

leaves droop, she'll water them and revive them again and again. She puts me in different pots and situations and helps to adjust and grow to them. She's the light in my world when there seems to be none. And most importantly of all, my mum continues to spend her time helping me grow, and I know no matter how big I get, she'll continue to help me live my life to my fullest potential.




PROCESSION FOR THE FEAST OF  
**MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS**  
PATRONESS OF AUSTRALIA  
*Praying for Peace in the World*


**SATURDAY 21 MAY 2022**

10:30AM | ST PETER'S SURRY HILLS  
*Pilgrims Blessing and start of procession.*

12PM | ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL  
*Mass in Honour of Mary Help of Christians*

*- Praying for World Peace with Bishop Daniel Meagher*



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

**Recently deceased:** Gerard Marcella, Jill Eileen McKeowen

**Anniversary:** Bob Scholte, Marie Catherine Moore, Gregory William Glanz,

**Remembrance:** Robert Dearie

**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, 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 Hope, Doreen Arahill, Theresa Mitchell, Anita Servi, Jean Pierre, Michael Tannous, Charles Lawson, Marsha Burzynski, Emma Mitchell, Vince Weigold, Lola DeSouza, Cathy Hennessy, Bev Purser



### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for May:

#### **Faith Filled Young People**

*We pray for all young people called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service*

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