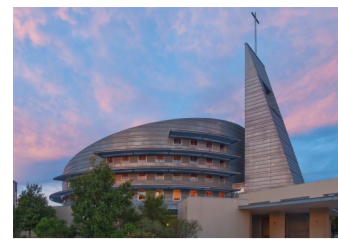




WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



27th March 2022 4th Sunday of Lent—C

LENTEN PROGRAMME

Way of the Cross & Mass:

Wednesdays & Fridays:

**6.30pm followed by
the Eucharist at
7.00pm**



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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

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.

You can make your contribution:



1. Envelops are available this week
2. Call the office with your credit card details.
3. Donate by bank Transfer Details are below:
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BSB 062784 – 100011958
4. One Tap and go will be set for few weeks towards the mission appeal.
5. Mission Appeal Box is near the piety stall.

6. Include your envelope at our THIRD Collection, this weekend, following Communion

"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.

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The war in Ukraine has entered its fourth week and while world-wide condemnation of the Russian attacks grow, so does the death toll. Men, women and children. Hundreds of thousands of people are trapped in besieged cities decimated by missiles, ten million have fled their homes and more than three million have fled to neighbouring countries. This is an humanitarian crisis. What can we do? Many have very generously donated to

various appeals to help relief organisations on the ground in Ukraine with medical and food supplies. We can also pray. I urge the People of God in the Diocese of Broken Bay to join their prayers with Catholics around the world, and with those of **Pope Francis**, when he consecrates **Ukraine and Russia** to the **Immaculate Heart of Mary** this **Friday, 25 March on the solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord.** The act of consecration places the warring countries under the protection of Mary, **the Mother of Christ**, trusting in the power of her intercession. Such an act looks towards **God**, the source of all peace, and seeks **God's** peace through **Mary**. This renewal of the consecration that took place in Fatima more than 100 years ago, will occur on **25 March at 5pm Rome time, Saturday at 3am in Sydney.** However during the day on Friday, I encourage you to devote yourself to prayer – attend Mass, pray with your family or friends.

Take opportunities in silent prayer at a local parish or chapel or in whatever way you can. I also invite my clergy to look for opportunities for people to gather, in person or virtually, so we may be united in prayer at this troubling time. It is my hope that many of our parishes will provide opportunities for people to come together locally in pastorally creative ways to

join in solidarity at this time. It may be that a parish has a special Mass intention for its celebration of the **Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord**, or a special version of the **Stations of the Cross**, or a **Rosary** or recitation of the **Divine Mercy** chaplet either in the parish church or online. We must pray earnestly for a swift end to the crisis in Ukraine. This war has already brought immense suffering for many thousands of people, deaths and homelessness, and will continue to have lasting and devastating effects on the Ukraine economy. Pray for peace and the freedom of people to live in peace. Nothing can be gained by war. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has made available the following prayer for use at this time.

Prayer for Peace and Justice in Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
who change the hardened heart
and break the power of violence,
we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.
Protect them in this time of mortal peril;
let them know not death but life,
not slavery but freedom.
You are Father of all;
we are brothers and sisters.
Give us the strength
to live that truth in love,
choosing peace not war.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

I will also join you in prayer on Friday with a special video message, along with the provision of other resources, on our Diocese of Broken Bay website www.bbcatholic.org.au Please share this with your family and friends.
With my prayers and blessing
+ Anthony



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.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading I: Jos 5:9-12

The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have removed the reproach of Egypt from you." While the Israelites were encamped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, they celebrated the Passover on the evening of the fourteenth of the month. On the day after the Passover, they ate of the produce of the land in the form of unleavened cakes and parched grain. On that same day after the Passover, on which they ate of the produce of the land, the manna ceased. No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan.



Responsorial Psalm: Ps 34 (33):2-7.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Reading II: 2 Cor 5:17-21

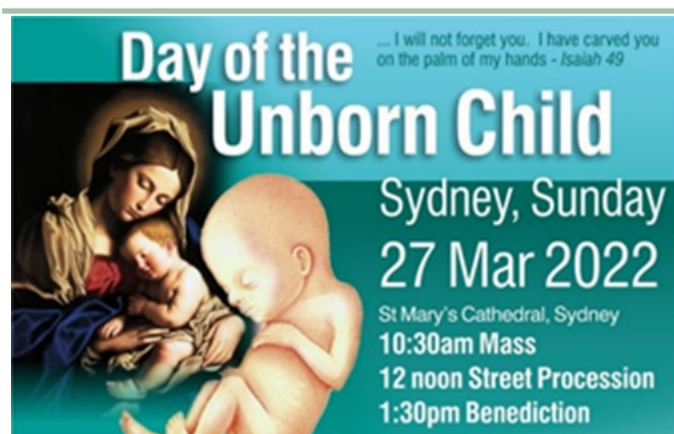
Brothers and sisters: Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come. And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting their trespasses against them and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. So we are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him.

Verse before the Gospel: Lk 15:18

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I will rise and go with my Father and tell him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. **Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Gospel: Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." So to them Jesus addressed this parable: "A man had two sons, and the younger son said to his father, 'Father give me the share of your estate that should come to me.' So the father divided the property between them. After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation. When he had freely spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he found himself in dire need. So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm to tend the swine. And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any. Coming to his senses he thought, 'How many of my father's hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers."' So he got up and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.' Then the celebration began. Now the older son had been out in the field and, on his way back, as he neared the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean. The servant said to him, 'Your brother has returned and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' He became angry, and when he refused to enter the house, his father came out and pleaded with him. He said to his father in reply, 'Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends. But when your son returns who swallowed up your property with prostitutes, for him you slaughter the fattened calf.' He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.'"



Catastrophic floods in particular have impacted Lismore and many towns across north-eastern NSW. To help those affected in the Diocese of Lismore from the unprecedented disaster, Bishop Greg Homeming OCD has launched a fundraising appeal for support. More information and to donate at <https://www.lismorediocese.org/>

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

Recently deceased: Edna Mullins,

Anniversary: William Pio Savea, Bruno DeSouza, Dudley Juratowitch, Catherine Joyce Kennedy

Remembrance: Peter Whiteman, Bianca Tignani, Benjamin Raisbeck

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, 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

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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