



WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



6th February 2022 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time—C

FEAST DAYS

6 Feb — Word of God Sunday
8Feb— Sts Jerome Emiliani & Josephine Bakhita
10 Feb — St Scholastica
11 Feb—Our Lady of Lourdes & Holy See—World Day of Prayer for the Sick

PARISH CONTACTS

Administrator

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

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Fr. A Lourduswamy M.S.F.S.

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Triona Meagher

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MASS TIMES & OTHER WORSHIP

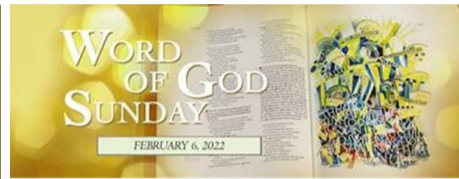
Monday - Friday : Morning prayer at 8.15a.m. followed by the Eucharist at 8:30am.

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



This Sunday marks Sunday of the Word of God, an occasion to celebrate God's word in our Sacred Scriptures. We remember that when we read the Scriptures or hear them proclaimed, we are

entering into a true dialogue with God, both individually and communally. God continues to speak, and we are encouraged to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures so as to enter into this dialogue and grow in our friendship with the risen Lord.

Pope Francis tells us, "A profound bond links sacred Scripture and the faith of believers. Since faith comes from hearing, and what is heard is based on the word of Christ (cf. Rom 10:17), believers are bound to listen attentively to the word of the Lord, both in the celebration of the liturgy and in their personal prayer and reflection." (Aperuit Illis #7)

Consider taking some steps to read or study the Scriptures more this year. Some ideas follow: 1. 'The Bible in A Year' Podcast with Fr Mike Schmitz: Make 2022 the year that you read the whole Bible with this easy-to-use podcast. Includes explanations on the text. 2. 'Pray as You Go' App: Start your day with one of the day's Scripture texts and reflection / music. 3. Join a bible study or reflection group. Take some time to get to know and understand our foundational texts.



Fr. Émile MAYORAZ MSFS (01.03.1928-30.01.2022) Born at Hérémence, Valais, Switzerland in a family of 8 children, of Augustin and Angélique Mayoraz. Minor seminary Villa Bonlieu Fribourg. Novitiate 1946 First profession 10.09.1947 Priest on 06.01.1953, not even 25 years old. Florimont school as warden 1953-54. Studies in Canon Law and pastoral ministry in Rome 1955-1961. Rector of Fribourg scolasticate 1961-66 First Provincial of Franco-Swiss 1966-1977 Elected as the 12th Superior General 1977, 4 terms till 2001. General councillor and Admonitor 2001-2007, in charge of Chile Mission Postulator of the Cause of Fr. Mermier 2002-2008 Retired at Bonlieu 2008, entered old age home Les Bonnesfontaines Fribourg 2018 where he died on 30 January 2022. During his terms as SG growth of MSFS from 450 to 950 members. Big financial and spiritual support to all our Missions through Oeuvre salésienne des Vocations.

COVID-19 REGULATIONS: A REMINDER THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS STILL 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
- **REMINDER: Face masks are MANDATORY for entry into indoor locations including Places of Worship, for all people over the age of 12. FINES of up to \$5,000, may be issued, against the parish and individuals.**

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.

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 possible.



Parish Bus Pick-Ups for Mass

Parishioners who require a Bus Pick Up are asked to contact the Parish Office and give their details. This will allow the Office to advise the Drivers who will contact you direct to provide pick up time.



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 meeting 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



Pray for Tonga

Tonga is reeling after a violent underwater volcano eruption triggered tsunamis, destroyed telecommunications and blanketed the country in ash and rock. Roads, bridges and homes are damaged. Water supplies have been contaminated by volcanic ash and saltwater. Tonga needs your support urgently. Give now to help with emergency response.

Visit www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/pacific or call **1800 024 413 toll free to make your donation.**



The funds raised will be used to provide immediate and longer term assistance through Caritas Tonga.

MISSION and VISION

*Bringing Jesus Christ to ALL through:
Worship and Liturgy; Outreach;
Our Parish School; Hospitality;
Adult and Child Faith Formation*

SERVERS for 12/13 February 2022:

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

READERS for 12/13 February 2022:

Sat 5pm—Jane Rutherford & Lola De Souza
Sun 7.30am—Isaak Giunter & Phoebe Glacken
Sun 9.15am—Kiliti Na'ati & Gemma French
Sun 5pm—Kristina Aitken & Peter Smith

CLEANERS for 11February 2022:

Kathleen Cullen *Veronica Jordan*
Reg Harrison *Pam Hickey*
***** if unable to work on your appointed day, please swap or arrange a replacement*****

VOLUNTEERS

Eucharist Ministers in the Community
Phoebe Glacken 4341 6324
Bus Drivers
Vince Wiegold 4341 1073
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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: Is 6:1-8

In the year King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a high and lofty throne, with the train of his garment filling the temple. Seraphim were stationed above. They cried one to the other, "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts! All the earth is filled with his glory!" At the sound of that cry, the frame of the door shook and the house was filled with smoke. Then I said, "Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips, living among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" Then one of the seraphim flew to me, holding an ember that he had taken with tongs from the altar. He touched my mouth with it, and said, "See, now that this has touched your lips, your wickedness is removed, your sin purged." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" "Here I am," I said; "send me!"

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 138:1-5, 7-8

R. In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

Reading II: 1 Cor 15:1-11

I am reminding you, brothers and sisters, of the gospel I preached to you, which you indeed received and in which you also stand. Through it you are also being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; that he was buried; that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures; that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. After that, Christ appeared to more than five hundred brothers at once, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. After that he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one born abnormally, he appeared to me. For I am the least of the apostles, not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me has not been ineffective. Indeed, I have toiled harder than all of them; not I, however, but the grace of God that is with me. Therefore, whether it be I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Alleluia: Mt 4:19

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Come after me

and I will make you fishers of men.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Lk 5:1-11

While the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God, he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. He saw two boats there alongside the lake; the fishermen had disembarked and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, he asked him to put out a short distance from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that the boats were in danger of sinking. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon. Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.

Pray for the Ukraine . . .

"Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!

We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how many hopes have been buried... But our efforts have been in vain. Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts, and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!"; "With war everything is lost". Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace. Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarrelling into forgiveness. Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division", "hatred" and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be "brother", and our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam!
Amen."



Pope Francis, Invocation for Peace, Vatican Gardens, Sun-

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

Recently deceased: Blanca Acucena Navarro Maren

Anniversary: Blanca Maren Navarro

Remembrance: Peter Whiteman, Rosa La Grazia, Jack Pappallo

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, Georgie Brigdale, Sue Campbell, Bobby Brame, Maria Arundell, Larry Cresswell, Kerrie Roberts, Lauren Alchin, Bruce Yip, Ada Primrose Murphy, Cathy Eades, James Matthews, Clare Gleeson, Margaret Gibson, Dawn Torrens, Jackie Asic, Fay Alchin

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February:

For Religious Sisters and Consecrated Women



We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

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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