



WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



15th May 2022 5th Sunday of EASTER

FEASTS & MEMORIALS

18 May—St John I

20 May – St Bernadine of Siena

21 May - St Christopher of Magallanes

PARISH CONTACTS

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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 Eucharist 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

Monday - Friday 8.30am - 4.30pm

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



YEAR OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

Every year we celebrate for a specific purpose in mind to commemorate the special events in the life of the Congregation. Our Superior General of the Congregation Rev. Fr. Abraham Vettuvellil has declared the year 2022 as the year of St. Francis de Sales beginning from Divine Mercy Sunday on 24th April 2022 till the next

year's Divine Mercy Sunday 16th April 2023.

Our Superior General has outlined some special programs at the Congregational level and they are as follows:

1. Pope Francis has agreed to write a letter on SFS this year to mark the 400th death anniversary (12-28-1622 – 12-28-2022).
2. Wednesdays with St. Francis de Sales: every Wednesday from April 27, nearly 13 congregations and lay associates are participating in giving a 5-minute reflection on the spirituality of St. Francis de sales.
3. Celebrations in Annecy, France (organized by Franco-Swiss Province) inviting confreres from all over Europe.
4. A short documentary on SFS and a special calendar for 2023. 5. Starting the formation program for Fransalian Associates (lay order) in all the provinces in view of their consecration in January 2024. 6. On December 28, 2022 (death date of SFS) we want to do something at the Congregational level to reach out to the people in need of

support.

Many more other programs in the pipe line at the level of provinces, vice province and regions under the guidance of the General administration, provincials and the ad hock committee formed to monitor and implement the decisions taken in view of the special year to pay our loving tribute to our patron. One of St. Francis de Sales principal concern was to touch the hearts of the people and lead them to God. This is what happens to one who reads his life journey and the masterpieces that he has written to guide people to holiness. May all of us be touched by his life, legacy and holiness as we pay loving tribute to this great saint on his 400th death anniversary. Live Jesus!

MISSIONARIES OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES PUNE PROVINCE

Liturgy Reflection

EASTER IS THE TIME when we both remember and celebrate the new life which has come to us through our Risen Lord. What do we mean by this "new life"? Can you say that you have experienced this "new life" this Easter or, for that matter, in any previous Easter? Are you aware of becoming changed in any way – for the better – over the years? Or has the Easter experience simply passed you by?

The word "new" appears several times in today's readings. The passage from Revelation speaks of a "new" heaven, a "new" earth and a "new" Jerusalem. Jesus in the Gospel speaks of a "new" commandment. What's supposed to be "new"?

The "new life" that the Scripture speaks of is also referred to as "conversion", a turning round, or, in Greek *metanoia*. It means a radical change of vision, of our priorities in life. It means new attitudes, new values, new standards of relating with God and with people and indeed with our whole living environment of which we are a synergistic part.

In the Gospel Jesus speaks of the foundation and heart of his teaching and message. These are his parting words to his disciples before he goes to his passion and death. What is this message? Is it to be faithful in keeping the Ten Commandments and leading a moral life? Not exactly. Does he warn us to be sure to be in church every Sunday and to go to confession regularly? Not really. Does he tell us to use all our energies in loving God? Surprisingly, perhaps, no!

What he does tell us is to love other people – and to love them as he has loved us. This, he says, is a "new" commandment. The Hebrew Testament told us to love God with our whole heart and soul and so on; and to love our neighbours as ourselves. Jesus has added a new element in telling us that the true test of discipleship is to love other people in the same way that he has loved us. And we might remember that these words lead the way to the "greatest possible love" that a person can show, that is, by letting go of one's very life for others. This Jesus will very dramatically portray in the terrible suffering and degradation which he will submit to out of love for us, out of love for ME

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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 continue on the weekends of **14 & 15 May, 21 & 22 May and 28 & 29 May.**

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.**



This ring was found in the church on Friday May 13th. Please contact the office on 4341 1073 for further details.

Divine Will Cenacle Meetings continue every Thursday morning in the Leo Mahon Room, following morning Mass and Rosary.




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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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 resumes Sunday 8th 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 20 May 2022:

Mabel Torres

Elena Egan

Maria Owen

Veronica Jordan

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

READERS for 21-22 May 2022:

Sat 5pm — Leonie King & Dawn Torrens

Sun 7.30am — Phoebe Glacken & Mabel Torres

Sun 9.15am — Joesie Cameron & Don Matheson

Sun 5pm — Peter Smith & Kristina Aitken

SERVERS for 21-22 May 2022:

Sat 5pm—Jeff Freeman & Joel Bajo

Sun 7.30am—Peter French & Kevin Glacken

Sun 9.15am—Bob Wilson & Hanaa El-Khatib

Sun 5pm —Laurie Jarvis



Our Youth Gathering is this Sunday the 15th of May 2022 after 5.00pm Mass. Youth Program are as follows:

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

Room. Anybody who is interested in understanding working with young people are most welcome. Next weeks topic 19/05 is on **Jesus as a Leader** and **The Hungers of young people**. Great topics for parents/adults who struggles understanding working with young people.

15th May – We are the Gifts God created

29th May – Youth Family Dinner

Families, please contact Kiliti about your contribution for our Family dinner. If you cannot contribute, you are still most welcome – Jesus fed thousands. If you are interested to help organising this family night, please 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 continue to pray for our youth that they **Become disciples of Jesus Christ**.

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

VOLUNTEERS

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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: Acts 14:21-27

After Paul and Barnabas had proclaimed the good news to that city and made a considerable number of disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch. They strengthened the spirits of the disciples and exhorted them to persevere in the faith, saying, "It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God." They appointed elders for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, commended them to the Lord in whom they had put their faith. Then they traveled through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. After proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia. From there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now accomplished. And when they arrived, they called the church together and reported what God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144 (145):8-13

R I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Reading II: Rev 21:1-5

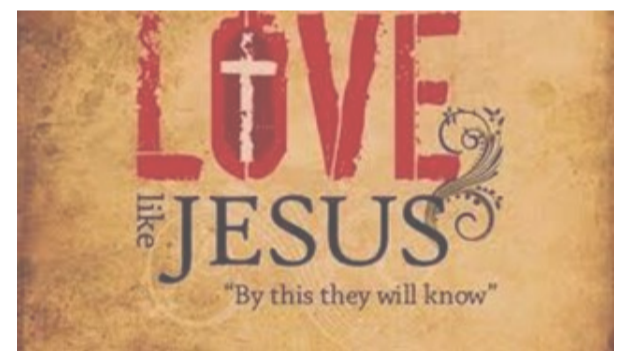
Then I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away." The One who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new."

Alleluia: Jn 13:34

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I give you a new commandment, says the Lord:
love one another as I have loved you.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.



Gospel: Jn 13:31-35

When Judas had left them, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and God will glorify him at once. My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."



At last! A concert by the Central Coast Philharmonia, in the beautiful St John the Baptist church! Saturday 4th June, 7.30pm.

This long-awaited concert combines the new and the old. Hope for the future and consolation in times of trial. Contemporary composer, Elaine Hagenberg, uses texts from hymns and poetry to bring hope and comfort. Daniel Elder explores love, nature, darkness and light. And Faure's Requiem reflects his view that death is 'an aspiration towards happiness above, rather than a painful experience'.

Classic FM.

Tickets: Adult \$30, Concession \$27, Student/Child \$10
—available at the door.

For further details contact Dawn Torrens 0438 094 822 or Lyn Dwyer 0417 659 526

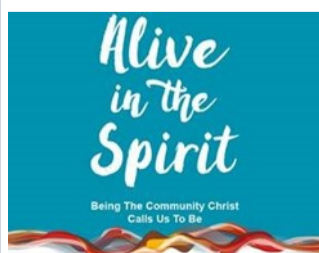


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Recently deceased: Robert Dearie

Anniversary: Bob Scholte, Judy & Luke Goodacre, Oliver Jordan, Leo Bugeja, Bill Grima, Larry Sheil

Remembrance:

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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