



WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



3rd April 2022 5th Sunday of Lent—C

LENTEN PROGRAMME

Way of the Cross & Mass:

**First Friday at 3.30pm, followed
by Anointing Mas at 4.00pm**

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

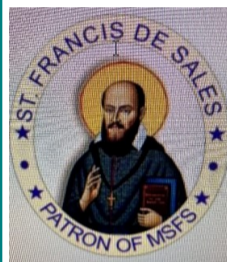
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:15am & 5pm

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:
Congregation of Missionaries of St Francis De Sales
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.

Holy Week 2022

2nd Rite of Reconciliation
7:00pm, Tuesday, 5th April

Palm Sunday
Sunday, 10th April

Holy Thursday
7:00pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday
9:00am - Way of the Cross - Church

10:00am - Way of the Cross at
SJB Primary School
21a Dulkara Rd South Woy Woy

3:00pm - The Lord's Passion

Easter Saturday
8:00am - Devotion to Mother of Sorrows

6:00pm - Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday
7:30am, 9:15am (no evening mass)

Easter Monday
9:00am



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.

Parishioners are invited to join our Way of the Cross pilgrimage to Mt Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre, Mulgoa, on Thursday 7th April 2022. The bus will leave St John the Baptist Church Woy Woy at 7.30am. Please contact the office to reserve your seat.



Please join us for a Lenten Movie night on Tuesday 12th April. Starting at 6pm in the Walter Baker Hall, we will share a meal before watching a family friendly movie. Please bring a plate to share. For further details, please contact Emma Baker 0404 339 668 or Roselle Bravo. We ask that you contact the Parish Office to confirm your attendance.



A Working Bee will be held on Saturday 9th April, following 9.00am Mass. We will be tidying up the grounds in preparation for Easter. Please bring your own gloves and tools. Any time you can spare on the day, would be welcomed immensely. Don't forget your own hat and drink bottle. Hope to see you there.

Fr Timothy will bless Brown Scapulars at 9.15am Mass, Sunday 1st May.



We warmly welcome those being Baptised this weekend: Tully Sparling



The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at 7.30pm on **Tuesday, 12 April** at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara. The priests of our Diocese gather for this celebration with Most Rev Bishop Anthony Randazzo to renew their priestly commitment. During Mass, the oils of Catechumens and the Sick are blessed, and the Chrism is consecrated and then taken back to each parish for use in various Sacramental liturgies throughout the year. Parishioners are warmly invited to join together in this celebration. Please contact the parish office before Monday 4 April should you wish to attend.

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



Our Youth Gathering resume back this Sunday Evening 3rd of April after 5.00pm o'clock Mass. All young people are welcome to attend from Year 5 & Year 6 and also High School Students. Any adults over 18years old, who wanted to be a leader is welcome to see us with the friendly reminder we cannot activate anyone who have not completed WWCC and Safeguarding Training. Volunteers will be familiarised with the knowledge of the Youth Ministry Model Anointed and Sent as well – and the resources are available. If you want to help out with the Youth please let me know. Our Youth will be holding an Easter Raffle for their resources and expenses. Please buy a ticket after all Masses next week or donate only if you can afford to share. Our plan for this year are as follows: Youth Group gathering is on every Second Sunday. Our plan so far:

3rd April – Be Yourself
 10th April – Stations of the Cross Play (Easter Raffle for the Youth)
 Donations of Goods for the Raffle are welcome or bring it with your sons and daughters.
 18th April – Blue Mountain Bus Trip (Parents Approval Required)
 1st May – Mothers as Treasures
 15th May – We are The Gifts God created
 29th May – Dinner with the Families
 As you notice on the 18th of April it is Easter Monday and our sons and daughters would love to have a bus trip to the Blue Mountains. This is a bonding trip for young people as we will continue to build the characters of our sons and daughters. Please let me know if your sons, daughters and yourself will be attending. Any inquiries for further information please contact Oliver 0430302086 or Kiliti 0412731979 God bless

CLEANERS for 8 April 2022:

Mimi Lambert	Christine French
Elena Egan	Maria Owen
*** if unable to work on your appointed day, please swap or arrange a replacement***	

MORNING TEA 3 April 2022:

Our monthly parish community morning teas are finally returning. Next week's morning tea will be hosted by the Filipinas—following 9.15am Mass. All are welcome!!!

SERVERS for 9/10 April 2022: PALM SUNDAY

Sat 5pm—Jeff Freeman & Joel Bajo
 Sun 7.30am—Peter French & Rae Busby
 Sun 9.15am—Steve Hopley & Jenny Fitzgerald
 Sun 5pm –Laurie Jarvis

READERS for 9/10 April 2022: PALM SUNDAY

Sat 5pm — Paul Rutherford & Jane Rutherford
 Sun 7.30am —Veronica Jordan & Isaak Giunter
 Sun 9.15am —Don Matheson & Christine French
 Sun 5pm — Peter Smith & Anna Jarvis

VOLUNTEERS

Eucharist Ministers in the Community
 Phoebe Glacken 4341 6324
 Bus Drivers
 Vince Wiegold 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: Is 43:16-21

Thus says the LORD, who opens a way in the sea and a path in the mighty waters, who leads out chariots and horsemen, a powerful army, till they lie prostrate together, never to rise, snuffed out and quenched like a wick. Remember not the events of the past, the things of long ago consider not; see, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? In the desert I make a way, in the wasteland, rivers. Wild beasts honor me, jackals and ostriches, for I put water in the desert and rivers in the wasteland for my chosen people to drink, the people whom I formed for myself, that they might announce my praise.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 125 (126):1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6.

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Reading II: Phil 3:8-14

Brothers and sisters: I consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having any righteousness of my own based on the law but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God, depending on faith to know him and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by being conformed to his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. It is not that I have already taken hold of it or have already attained perfect maturity, but I continue my pursuit in hope that I may possess it, since I have indeed been taken possession of by Christ Jesus. Brothers and sisters, I for my part do not consider myself to have taken possession. Just one thing: forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus.

Verse before the Gospel: Jl 2:12-13

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart;
for I am gracious and merciful.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!



Gospel: Jn 8:1-11

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. But early in the morning he arrived again in the temple area, and all the people started coming to him, and he sat down and taught them. Then the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle. They said to him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?" They said this to test him, so that they could have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Again he bent down and wrote on the ground. And in response, they went away one by one, beginning with the elders. So he was left alone with the woman before him. Then Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one, sir." Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more."

Cash Housie Returns!!!

Saturday nights 7.30pm
50 games at Peninsula
Community Centre
93 Mc Masters Rd Woy Woy.
Proceeds benefit parish.



For more information, please contact
Robert Graham on 0427990818



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, John and Jean Freeman, Janette McMahon

Anniversary: Bishop Patrick Murphy

Remembrance: Peter Whiteman

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, Cathy Hennessy



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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