



WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



13th February 2022 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time—C

FEAST DAYS

14 Feb — Sts Cyril & Methodius
17 Feb— The Seven Holy Founders
of the Servite Order

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

What are the Beatitudes?

The Ten Commandments came through the ancient Israelites and the cardinal virtues were first written down by the ancient Greeks. The emphasis on virtue throughout the centuries and throughout the world shows that a desire for it is part of what makes us human. These bedrock ideals of virtue were expanded in an entirely new light in the Beatitudes as articulated by Jesus Christ in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:1-12). In the Beatitudes, Jesus presents us with a way of being rather than the "do and don't" rules of the Commandments. They go further than the Greek ideal of being a strong person to being like God himself.



The Beatitudes reflect the progress that humanity had made in understanding the "heart" of God. They are more difficult to follow than rules because they require primarily a conversion of heart to love what God loves. They assume and promote an intimate relationship with God who, moment by moment, infuses individuals with the grace to share in His life.

The Beatitudes

1. *Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

Being a know-it-all is the opposite of being poor in spirit. If we leave room for God to speak to us (even when He's saying things we'd rather not hear), we're open to spiritual growth.

2. *Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.*

Our own imperfections and those of others can make us sad and angry. If we ask God to help us with bad habits, he'll show us the way. The comfort and peace he gives is much deeper and more permanent than the sadness and frustration that come and go.

3. *Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.*

A meek person is not a grabby person. This beatitude reminds us that dependence on God can unite us closely with Him even in this world. If we "wait on the Lord," rather than using people for our selfish desires, we will end up with something better than what we thought we wanted.

4. *Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.* Jesus was definite when He said "will" – because He himself provides it if we ask Him.

5. *Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.*

God's greatest attribute is mercy. If we want to be like Him, we will be willing to respect the dignity of those who have offended us. Accepting God's forgiveness for our having hurt others helps us develop a deeper understanding of mercy.

6. *Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.*

Seeing things and people as God sees them, that is, unselfishly, requires practice, but the payoff is truth – the ability to see things as they are and not be thrown off balance when good or bad things happen. Purity also enables us to see the value of things and people without a selfish desire to control or possess them. This frees us to "possess" God alone. In possessing Him, we have everything else, too.

7. *Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons and daughters of God.*

Being a peacemaker means that I will not impose my will where it would unjustly cause discord. I will still work for what is right, but with love.

8. *Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

This reminds us that no matter what we suffer for the truth, Christ suffered it first and is with us as a "wounded healer" to guide and strengthen us – to actually live in us.

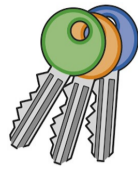
COVID-19 REGULATIONS: A REMINDER THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS STILL APPLY:



- 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 on 4341 1073, and give their details. This will allow the Office to advise the Drivers who will contact you direct to provide pick up time.



Welcome to our new Parishioners!!!

Please contact our parish office on 4341 1076, if you require assistance or any further information.

If you haven't already done so, we invite you to complete a census form, making sure you include any parish community groups you wish get involved with.

Due to the ongoing Covid situation, Children's Liturgy of the Word has been postponed.

Attention all kids!

To access free online Children's Liturgy of the Word videos search [Heidi Witte YouTube](#) To access bulletins for children search <https://thekidsbulletin.com/>

Speaking of Welcoming

We ask any parishioners who would like to join our Welcomers Roster to please contact the parish office and let us know which Mass you prefer to attend.



Happy birthday to Fr Lourdes on Monday 14th February !!!



If anyone is holding on to their palms from 2021 Palm Sunday, we ask if you please return to the church for use this year.

A basket is located in the Gathering Space for Collection



Pastoral Discernment
Central Coast

Thank you to all who came to the Pastoral Discernment Project meetings. They were a great success and thank you all for your input. The third and final session will be on Saturday, 19th March at 10.30 am.

God Bless, – Rosie Na'ati 0421780957

SJB is offering the large plasma ex Church tv to anyone who wants it for FREE! You can collect from the church.



*You can plan your funeral liturgy ahead of time. You can collect forms from the office to help you select your favourite readings and hymns. All information remains **confidential***

MISSION and VISION

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

SERVERS for 19/20 February 2022:

Sat 5pm—Paul Cavanagh & Vincent Cavanagh
Sun 7.30am—Rae Busby & Paul Nolan
Sun 9.15am—Steve Hopley & Joesie Cameron
Sun 5pm –Laurie Jarvis

READERS for 19/20 February 2022:

Sat 5pm—Marie Andrews & Paul Rutherford
Sun 7.30am—Jose Torres & Dorothy Fulton
Sun 9.15am—Emma Baker & Michael Dixon
Sun 5pm—Lorena Lalor & Anna Jarvis

CLEANERS for 18 February 2022:

Jo Salter Mimi Lambert
Laila Dawe Christine French

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

VOLUNTEERS

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading I: Jer 17:5-8

Thus says the LORD: Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings, who seeks his strength in flesh, whose heart turns away from the LORD. He is like a barren bush in the desert that enjoys no change of season, but stands in a lava waste, a salt and empty earth. Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose hope is the LORD. He is like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream: it fears not the heat when it comes; its leaves stay green; in the year of drought it shows no distress, but still bears fruit.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 1:1-4

Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Reading II: 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20

Brothers and sisters: If Christ is preached as raised from the dead, how can some among you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If the dead are not raised, neither has Christ been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain; you are still in your sins. Then those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are the most pitiable people of all. But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Alleluia: Lk 6:23

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Rejoice and be glad;
your reward will be great in heaven.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.



Gospel: Lk 6:17, 20-26

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stood on a stretch of level ground with a great crowd of his disciples and a large number of the people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon. And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours.

Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh.

Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man.

Rejoice and leap for joy on that day! Behold, your reward will be great in heaven. For their ancestors treated the prophets in the same way. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

Woe to you who are filled now, for you will be hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now, for you will grieve and weep.

Woe to you when all speak well of you, for their ancestors treated the false prophets in this way.”



JOSEPHITE COMPANIONS MEETINGS RESTART THIS MONTH

Last year in the Year of St Joseph we re-established a group of Companions on the Central Coast (formerly called Associates) and met in the Leo Mahon room here at Woy Woy Parish. We will meet again once a month, **from 10am to 11:30am beginning Monday, 28th February, 2020.**

Josephite Companions are men and women who identify themselves with the charism of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop and Fr Julian Tenison Woods, co-founders of the Sisters of St Joseph. We offer mutual enrichment and support in **friendship, prayer and service.** [If you are interested in knowing more or joining our group, please contact Anne Bailey, \[annebccoast@gmail.com\]\(mailto:annebccoast@gmail.com\) or \(02\) 4341 6300.](#)

COMMUNITY SEMINAR

The seminar is for those who need to prepare or update their Will, and to encourage supporting the future of our Catholic faith through a charitable gift in Will.

Cecilia Castle, a regular speaker and writer on legal topics, will present and answer questions from her legal expertise of over 30 years. All welcome across the Diocese.

For registrations go to www.bbcatholic.org.au/willsday or contact David Armstrong at david.armstrong@bbcatholic.org.au for more information.



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

Recently deceased: Elizabeth (Betty) Fraser, Arthur White

Anniversary:

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, 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, Margaret Hope, Doreen Arahill, Theresa Mitchell



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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