



WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



22nd May 2022 6th Sunday of EASTER

FEASTS & MEMORIALS

24 May—Our Lady, Help of Christians

25 May – Sts Bede, Gregory VII &

Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi

21 May - St Augustine of Canterbury

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



A reflection for the sixth Sunday of Easter

Jessie Bazan reflects on the readings for May 22, 2022.

JESSIE BAZAN

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Reflection: Move through the cross

One of my favorite lines from the Rule of Benedict reads: "As we progress in this way of life and in faith, we shall run on the path of God's commandments, our hearts overflowing with the inexpressible delight of love."

God created our hearts to overflow with the inexpressible delight of love. In today's Gospel, Jesus highlights two characteristics of Christian love: generosity and courage.

Jesus calls his followers to love **generously**.

Jesus tells the disciples, "If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father ...". This type of generous, expansive love can be really challenging to practice. Of course, we want our beloved friends to live into the fullness of their callings. We know that their whole purpose in life does not revolve around us. Other people are not ours to possess. Still, the departure of a dear friend can evoke difficult feelings. How will the relationship change when we are not together every day? Will we still be as close? It's easy to imagine the disciples asking difficult relational questions as their dear friend Jesus prepares to be assumed into heaven. Still, a generous spirit and a hurting heart can coincide in one body. Jesus calls the disciples to move through this transition with generosity. Rejoice that I have accomplished my life's work. Rejoice that I am going to the Father. Rejoice that I will take you with me, for where I am you will also be.

Jesus calls his followers to love **courageously**.

Jesus tells the disciples, "Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." Now, I don't think Jesus expects his followers to never feel these profoundly human emotions. The Son of God knows better than anyone that hard things happen. Hearts get hurt. Sin and suffering remain strong forces in our world even with the promises of Easter. Abbot John Klassen, OSB, of Saint John's Abbey

spoke powerfully to this reality on Good Friday when he said:


"We can never really know the resurrection of Christ if we drive around the cross."

To get to resurrection, we must move through the cross. Suffering and death, hope and resurrection, are always part of the same story. Jesus calls us to move through the crosses of our lives with courage.

Courage does not erase suffering. Rather courage recognizes human hardship and says: move forward anyway. Feel troubled and move forward anyway. Feel afraid and move forward anyway. You can do it. You are never alone. My Spirit is with you always.

<https://uscatholic.org/articles/202205/a-reflection-for-the-sixth-sunday-of-easter-2/>

YEAR OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES



PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

"Lord, I am Yours,
and I must belong to no one but You.
My soul is Yours,
and must live only by You.
My will is Yours,
and must love only for You.
I must love You as my first cause,
since I am from You.
I must love You as my end and rest,
since I am for You.
I must love You more than my own being,
since my being subsists by You.
I must love You more than myself,
since I am all Yours and all in You.
Amen."

St. Francis de Sales, Pray for us

YEAR OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES 2022 - 2023

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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 **21 & 22 May** and **28 & 29 May**.

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



JOSEPHITE COMPANIONS MEETINGS RESUME



After our Easter break, we will now meet again once a month with the next meeting to be from 10am to 11:30am on Monday, 30th May, 2022 in the Leo Mahon room at Woy Woy Parish.

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 or (02) 4341 6300.

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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BISHOP ANTHONY RANDAZZO

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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 resumed 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 on Friday 20th May 2022. First Communion will be held Sunday 22nd May 2022. No Baptisms will be scheduled for this weekend.



CLEANERS 27 May 2022:

Rose Kissing

Amanda Gray

Laurie Jarvis

Anna Jarvis

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



Taize Prayer Evening: Our Multicultural Choir will celebrate the Feast of Pentecost with a beautiful Taize prayer evening on Saturday 4th June commencing at 6.15pm in Walter Baker Hall.

What is Taize? Taize prayer is evening prayer for all Christian faiths. It is a simple and meditative form of worship, calling us to dwell deeply on Christ's presence around and within us. Mantra songs (e.g. O Lord Hear My Prayer) prayerful silence and short readings guide the focus of the prayer in a candle-lit environment. Come and join in this celebration of the feast of Pentecost. Enq: Del 0432 477 507.

26 June 2pm - SAVE THE DATE!!!

"After being postponed for a year due to the COVID 19 pandemic, Pope Francis has asked dioceses around the world to celebrate the 10th World Meeting of Families locally, making it possible for every family to participate. While Rome will be the main venue for the event, each diocese will promote local events for its own families and communities based on the theme: "Family love: a vocation and a path to holiness. All families are invited to celebrate Mass with Bishop Anthony Randazzo on Sunday 26 June 2022 at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral Waitara at 2pm. This will be followed by food, formation, and fun games for kids. More details to come!"



10th World Meeting of Families

READERS for 28-29 May 2022:

- Sat 5pm — Paul Rutherford & Jane Rutherford
- Sun 7.30am — Veronica Jordan & Dorothy Fulton
- Sun 9.15am — Michael Dixon & Olga Mhilli
- Sun 5pm — Kristina Aitken & Lorena Lalor

SERVERS for 28-29 May 2022:

- Sat 5pm—Paul Cavanagh & Vincent Cavanagh
- Sun 7.30am—Rae Busby & Steve Hopley
- Sun 9.15am—Bernie French & Jenny Fitzgerald
- Sun 5pm —Laurie Jarvis

VOLUNTEERS

Eucharist Ministers in the Community

- Phoebe Glacken 4341 6324
- Bus Drivers
- Peter Smith 0425 358 376
- Catechists
- Michael Tebbut 0437 440 169

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- 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: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Some who had come down from Judea were instructing the brothers, "Unless you are circumcised according to the Mosaic practice, you cannot be saved." Because there arose no little dissension and debate by Paul and Barnabas with them, it was decided that Paul, Barnabas, and some of the others should go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and elders about this question. The apostles and elders, in agreement with the whole church, decided to choose representatives and to send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. The ones chosen were Judas, who was called Barsabbas, and Silas, leaders among the brothers. This is the letter delivered by them: "The apostles and the elders, your brothers, to the brothers in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia of Gentile origin: greetings. Since we have heard that some of our number who went out without any mandate from us have upset you with their teachings and disturbed your peace of mind, we have with one accord decided to choose representatives and to send them to you along with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. So we are sending Judas and Silas who will also convey this same message by word of mouth: 'It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us not to place on you any burden beyond these necessities, namely, to abstain from meat sacrificed to idols, from blood, from meats of strangled animals, and from unlawful marriage. If you keep free of these, you will be doing what is right. Farewell.'"

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 66 (67):2-3, 5, 6, 8

R: O God, let all the nations praise you!

Reading II: Rev 21:10-14, 22-23

The angel took me in spirit to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. It gleamed with the splendor of God. Its radiance was like that of a precious stone, like jasper, clear as crystal. It had a massive, high wall, with twelve gates where twelve angels were stationed and on which names were inscribed, the names of the twelve tribes of the Israelites. There were three gates facing east, three north, three south, and three west. The wall of the city had twelve courses of stones as its foundation, on which were inscribed the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. I saw no temple in the city for its temple is the Lord God almighty and the Lamb. The city had no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gave it light, and its lamp was the Lamb.

Alleluia: Jn 14:23

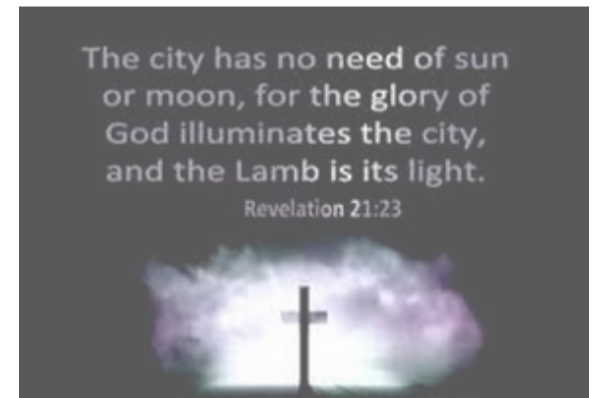
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Jn 14:23-29

Jesus said to his disciples: "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; yet the word you hear is not mine but that of the Father who sent me. "I have told you this while I am with you. The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me tell you, 'I am going away and I will come back to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father; for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it happens, so that when it happens you may



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

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

29th May – Youth Family Dinner

Youth Families, please contact Kiliti about your contribution for our Family dinner. Numbers are needed for catering purposes and venue arrangements. Dinner at 6.30pm at Leo Mahon Room Please continue to pray for our youth that they **Become disciples of Jesus Christ. Guest Speaker for the night are**

Daniel Drury, Oliver Shepherd and Lian Sequeira.

5th June – Youth Mass (Purity of the Human Body before God)

19th June - The Habits of the Heart and Mind

3rd July – Youth Mass (The Joy of the Lord is our strength - Fun Night)

17th July – What can we do to our faith Family?

31st July – Family Talent Nights

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



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

Recently deceased: Robert Dearie, Anne Singleton, Richard Connelly,

Anniversary: Larry Sheil

Remembrance: Josephine Smith-Cameron

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, 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, 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

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

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