



WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



20th February 2022 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time—C

FEAST DAYS

21 Feb — St Peter Damian
22 Feb— The Chair of St Peter
23 Feb—St Polycarp

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

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
Greetings and blessings from Rome!

The streets and cafes are a lot quieter from my previous visits here as some health restrictions are still in place.

Although I have studied in Rome and lived and worked in the Vatican for a number of years, there is always something very special about returning here, visiting and praying in the Papal Basilica of St Peter in the Vatican which holds such a unique position in the Christian world.

The number of pilgrims is growing slowly each day that I have been here, and it is hoped that as people gain more confidence and the effects of the pandemic begin to stabilise, the large numbers of pilgrims usually seen at any time during the year either queuing in St Peter's Square or souvenir shopping in the side streets will soon return.

Hopefully many people will start to plan for pilgrimages to our holy places, including Rome, as the Church prepares for World Youth Day in 2023 and the Holy Year in 2025. Might we also begin to consider how as a Diocese we will approach these milestones?

St Peter's is one of four Major Basilicas in Rome, but it is considered one of the holiest Catholic shrines. It is here we find St Peter's burial site.

Although we knew St Peter the Apostle died a martyr in Rome and a church had been built over a small shrine believed to mark his burial place, it was not until 1968 that St Paul VI announced that the relics of St Peter had been "identified in a way which we can hold to be convincing," after the bones were discovered following excavations of the necropolis under St Peter's Basilica, which began in the 1940's near a monument erected in the fourth century to honour the great Apostle.

A visit to St Peter's Basilica provides an opportunity to marvel at the amazing Renaissance engineering feat, the magnificent artworks and sculptures, sit quietly in prayer in one of the many chapels in the massive interior or to join a Vatican Scavi Tour to see the Tomb of St Peter. I always find my visit to be a moving experience.

The Vatican is also the home of Pope Francis, the Apostolic Palace being his official residence. This week, along with many clergy and laity from around the world, I attended the Symposium Priesthood at the Vatican.

Esteemed church leaders and academics gave rich and wide-ranging presentations – including reflections on tradition and new horizons; Trinity, mission and sacramentality; the challenges of formation; the missionary spirit and the culture of Vocation.

Pope Francis gave the opening lecture and spoke to us on *Faith and the Priesthood Today*. The Symposium has provided much to reflect upon, discuss and share with you when I return. I also managed to catch up with the Australian Ambassador to the Holy See, Ms Chiara Porro. The youngest ambassador the Vatican has ever welcomed as part of its diplomatic core, Ambassador Porro was keen to hear "first-hand news from home" and how we have coped during the pandemic and lockdowns. We also discussed the question of Religious Freedom which is another hot topic for us in Australia, and in many parts of the world.

I will be returning to Broken Bay at the end of next week. Please be assured that I remember you at Mass and that I have prayed for you, your families and loved ones before the altar at St Peter's. With my prayers and blessing

+Anthony



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

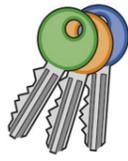


- No density limits will apply in Places of Worship.
- COVID-19 Safe Check-in NO LONGER REQUIRED.

- **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.**

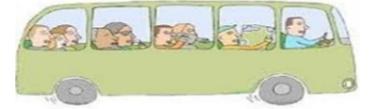
We The Woy Woy Catholic Parish acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the 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/>

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 as you enter the Church, for Collection.



Welcome Roster

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.



World Day of Prayer AUSTRALIA

World Day of Prayer Service will be held at Holy Apostles Anglican Church Woy Woy (previously St Luke's)

Blackwall Rd Woy Woy. Date 4th March 2022 Commencing at 10.30 am. Everyone is Welcome!

Parish Pastoral Council will be held on Tuesday 22nd Feb at 7pm in Leo Mahon Room

Fr Lourdes celebrated his birthday on Monday, with help from Fr Timothy, Fr Philip, Fr Sales and Fr Mani. We hope you enjoyed your special day.



(Photos courtesy of Cavanagh Creative)

Sacramental Programme:

We understand a many families are unable to attend Monday night's meeting, for different reasons. Please contact the office on 4341 1073 to be included for information updates.

Please be advised anyone who wants to come help with the youth need to comply with all the requirements from the Parish and the Diocese. You can contact Oliver Shepherd 0430 302 086 or Kiliti Naati on 0412731979 for further information. A meeting will be organised next week and the date will be confirmed.



SERVERS for 26/27 February 2022:

- Sat 5pm—Jeff Freeman & Joel Bajo
- Sun 7.30am—Peter French & Kevin Glacken
- Sun 9.15am—Bob Wilson & Hanaa El Khatib
- Sun 5pm —Greg Lalor

PART-TIME positions available:

Call Nelson on 0416 655 994



- ◆ Barman
- ◆ Delivery
- ◆ Restaurant Assistant

READERS for 26/27 February 2022:

- Sat 5pm — Jane Somerville & Olga Mihilli
- Sun 7.30am —Joel Bajo & Phoebe Glacken
- Sun 9.15am —Don Matheson & Christine French
- Sun 5pm — Peter Smith & Anna Jarvis

CLEANERS for 25 February 2022:

- Mabel Torres** **Tom French**
- Anna Jarvis** **Laurie Jarvis**

*** 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
- Catechists
- Michael Tebbut 0437 440 169

- Church Cleaners
- Christine French 4342 4548
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- Dorothy Fulton 4341 7610
- Music Ministry
- Lyn Dwyer 0417 659 526
- Baptisms
- Brenda Sweet 4341 1073

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading I: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

In those days, Saul went down to the desert of Ziph with three thousand picked men of Israel, to search for David in the desert of Ziph. So David and Abishai went among Saul's soldiers by night and found Saul lying asleep within the barricade, with his spear thrust into the ground at his head and Abner and his men sleeping around him. Abishai whispered to David: "God has delivered your enemy into your grasp this day. Let me nail him to the ground with one thrust of the spear; I will not need a second thrust!" But David said to Abishai, "Do not harm him, for who can lay hands on the LORD's anointed and remain unpunished?" So David took the spear and the water jug from their place at Saul's head, and they got away without anyone's seeing or knowing or awakening. All remained asleep, because the LORD had put them into a deep slumber. Going across to an opposite slope, David stood on a remote hilltop at a great distance from Abner, son of Ner, and the troops. He said: "Here is the king's spear. Let an attendant come over to get it. The LORD will reward each man for his justice and faithfulness. Today, though the LORD delivered you into my grasp, I would not harm the LORD's anointed."

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 102 (103):1-4, 8, 10, 12-13

R The Lord is kind and merciful.

Reading II: 1 Cor 15:45-49

Brothers and sisters: It is written, *The first man, Adam, became a living being*, the last Adam a life-giving spirit. But the spiritual was not first; rather the natural and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, earthly; the second man, from heaven. As was the earthly one, so also are the earthly, and as is the heavenly one, so also are the heavenly. Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one.

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: Lk 6:27-38

Jesus said to his disciples: "To you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak, do not withhold even your tunic. Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you. For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do the same. If you lend money to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, and get back the same amount. But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. "Stop judging and you will not be judged."



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, 2022.**

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.



KEEPING SENIORS CONNECTED & ACTIVE

CatholicCare's Memory Innovations Centre

improves quality of life, wellbeing and helps support positive brain health for seniors in our community. Our professionally run programs focus on having fun, connecting with others and stimulating your brain. We are excited to announce the expansion of the Memory Innovations Centre to the Central Coast with our exercise and brain health programs now running in Erina.

Parishioners can join anytime!

For more information visit <https://www.catholiccaredbb.org.au/aged-care/memory-innovations-centre/> or call (02) 9481 2659.



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

Recently deceased: Fay Alchin, Catherine Harding, Christian (John) Rabaud, Aida Camilleri, Julia Neal, Guiseppe Mercuri, Ortenzio Mercuri

Anniversary: Keith and Imelda Blanch, Ken Blanch, Saviour Grima, Mary Catania, Sid Flakelar, Fatima Fawzy, Bill Finlayson, Heather Badgery

Remembrance: Peter Whiteman, Sara Selim

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, Margaret Hope, Doreen Arahill, Theresa Mitchell, Anita Servi, Jean Pierre



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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