



# WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



## 9th January 2022 THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

### FEAST DAYS

9 Jan — The BAPTISM of the LORD

13 Jan — St Hilary

### PARISH CONTACTS

#### **Administrator**

Fr. Timothy Raj M.S.F.S.

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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

### **The Trinity Displayed in the Baptism of the Lord**

The Gospel of Mark describes the event::

*It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." (Mark 1:9-11)*

Christ's baptism remarkably shows all three Persons of the Trinity at the same time: the Son being baptized, the Holy Spirit descending, and the Father speaking from the heavens. In this event, the Father and the Holy Spirit confirm the deity of Christ, and Jesus submits to his Father's will.

#### **Why Is Jesus Baptized?**

When Jesus comes to John, John hesitates to baptize him. John's is a baptism of repentance, and Jesus has nothing for which he needs to repent. Why then does Jesus insist on being baptized? By choosing to be baptized, Jesus fulfills all righteousness – preparing himself to be a perfect sacrifice for us.



The account in Matthew demonstrates this:

*Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" Jesus said to him in reply, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed him. (Matthew 3:13-15)*

#### **What Does Baptism Mean for Us?**

As we reflect on Christ's baptism, we are reminded of our own baptism. Pope Benedict XVI [said on the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord](#):

*[Baptism] is communion with the One who conquered death and holds in his hand the keys of life. Belonging to this circle, to God's family, means being in communion with Christ, who is life and gives eternal love beyond death.*

Thanks be to God, who has redeemed us from our sins and given us eternal life through Jesus Christ.

<https://www.nationalshrine.org/blog/the-significance-of-the-baptism-of-the-lord/>

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### **COVID-19 REGULATIONS:** From Friday 24th December 2021, the following will apply:

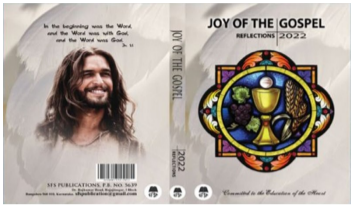


- No density limits will apply in Places of Worship.
- COVID-19 Safe Check-in **REMAINS** mandatory in Places of Worship, funerals, memorials or gatherings afterwards
- Face masks are **mandatory for indoor locations** including Places of Worship, for all people over the age of 12.

*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 Census** Thank you to all who have returned their completed Parish Census forms. We are nearing the end of our collection period. Please collect a blank Parish Census Form from the Church Gathering Area and place your completed forms in the Census Forms box or email to [Woywoyparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:Woywoyparish@bbcatholic.org.au) Please share with others, so we can connect with them and share exciting parish news with them, in a timely manner. **THANK YOU**



**Our copies of "Joy of the Gospel 2022—Reflections" are available at the Piety Stall for \$15**

**Bus drivers needed to bring parishioners to mass for ALL weekend masses.**



**Please contact Vince Wiegold on 0418 485 417**

**Pastoral Discernment Central Coast Project.**

On the 31st of October, Bishop Anthony launched the Central Coast Pastoral Discernment Project. As a member of our Parish Pastoral Council, Fr Tim has invited me to facilitate the St John's the Baptist consultation process. Fr Tim and I invite you to learn about the project through the following opportunities. The first is to watch the project video which can be found via the following link. <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/our-faith/pastoral-discernment-central-coast>. You can also find printed copies of the project's promotional brochure on the welcome desk in the Church foyer, as well as on the project webpage. Our final suggestion is to read Bishop Anthony's Pastoral Letter, see link below. This letter outlines Bishop Anthony's six key pastoral priorities for our Diocese, which the project aligns to. <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/about/bishop/pastoral-letter-jesus-christ-our-beginning-and-end/pastoral-letter-jesus-christ-our-beginning-and-our-end>

We are planning to meet with interested parishioners on the 4<sup>th</sup> February following Mass supper to be provide and on the 5<sup>th</sup> February following Mass lunch to be provide. These are repeated sessions so you are invited to attend only one of these, either on zoom or face to face, depending on restrictions after the Christmas holiday period, where I look forward to facilitating this exciting new initiative in our community.



God Bless, – Rosie Na'ati 0421780957



**What goes up, MUST come down!**

We need your help again, please. ALL the Christmas decorations and Nativity scenes need to be dismantled and boxed up, ready for Christmas 2022. We are grateful for your assistance after 9.15am Mass, this Sunday 9th January 2022, followed by a cuppa !



**READERS for 15/16 January 2022:**

**Sat 5pm—Lola De Souza & Jane Rutherford**  
**Sun 7.30am—Phoebe Glacken & Veronica Jordan**  
**Sun 9.15am—Christine French & Michael Dixon**  
**Sun 5pm—Kris Atkin & Lorena Lalor**

**\*\*\* Please collect your roster from the Servers' Sacristy \*\*\***

**SERVERS for 15/16 January 2022:**

**Sat 5pm—Paul Cavanagh & Vincent Cavanagh**  
**Sun 7.30am—Kevin Glacken & Paul Nolan**  
**Sun 9.15am—Bernie French & Joesie Cameron**  
**Sun 5pm –Greg Lalor**

**\*\*\* Please collect your roster from the Servers' Sacristy \*\*\***

**CLEANERS for 14 January 2022:**

**Veronica Jordan** **Tom French**  
**Reg Harrington** **Kathleen Cullen**

**\*\*\* If unable to work on your appointed fay, please swap or arrange a replacement \*\*\***

**MISSION and VISION**

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

**VOLUNTEERS**

**Eucharist Ministers in the Community**

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Christine French 4342 4548

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**Music Ministry**

Lyn Dwyer 0417 659 526

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## Reading I: Is 42:1-4, 6-7

Thus says the LORD: Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit; he shall bring forth justice to the nations, not crying out, not shouting, not making his voice heard in the street. A bruised reed he shall not break, and a smoldering wick he shall not quench, until he establishes justice on the earth; the coastlands will wait for his teaching. I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice, I have grasped you by the hand; I formed you, and set you as a covenant of the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness.

## Responsorial Psalm: Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.



## Reading II: Acts 10:34-38

Peter proceeded to speak to those gathered in the house of Cornelius, saying: "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him. You know the word that he sent to the Israelites as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all, what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him."

## Alleluia: Cf. Mk 9:7

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The heavens were opened and the voice of the Father thundered:

This is my beloved Son, listen to him.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.



## Gospel: Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

The people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."



## We Stand United with Lebanon Caritas Australia - Caritas Lebanon Crisis Appeal

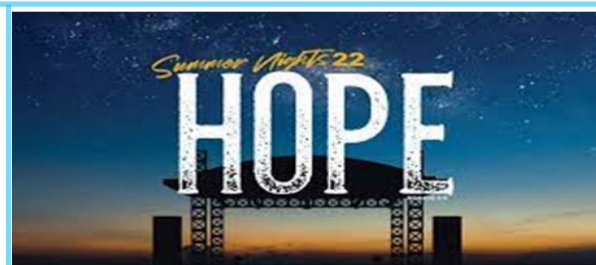
Fuel and food prices in Lebanon have skyrocketed since 2019, leaving the population struggling to pay for basic essentials like groceries, electricity, healthcare and education.

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## Summer Nights, Youth Retreat – 12-15 January 2022

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**Dates:** 12 – 15 January 2022

**Ages:** 16-35

**Further details:** [www.summerschool.org.au/summernights](https://www.summerschool.org.au/summernights)

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

**Recently deceased:**

**Anniversary:** James and Elizabeth Carr

**Remembrance:** Barry David McKeowen , 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, Karen Marie McNamee, Georgie Brigdale, Sue Campbell, Bobby Brame, Maria Arundell, Larry Cresswell, Kerrie Roberts, Lauren Head, Bruce Yip, Ada Primrose Murphy, Cathy Eades, Jim Matthews, Heakule Sione Na'ati

**Divine Will Cenacle**

Please continue your prayers at home. Details regarding return to meetings will be advised, when confirmed.



**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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