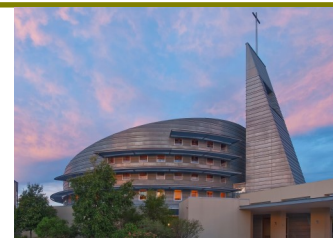




WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



20th November 2022

Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE

FEASTS & MEMORIALS

21 November — Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

22 November—St Cecilia

23 November—Sts Clement & Columban

24 November—St Andrew Dũng-Lac

25—St Catherine of Alexandria

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 Mass 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

Mon, Tues, Thurs—8.30am—3.00pm

Wed and Friday 8.30am - 4.00pm

Divine Will Cenacle

Thursdays 9.15am -10.30am

Christian Meditation

Monday evenings from 6pm - 7pm

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Reflections for the feast of Christ the King

Fr. Antony Kadavil reflects and comments on the readings at Mass for the feast of Christ the King. **(Extract).**

Life Messages from today's liturgy:

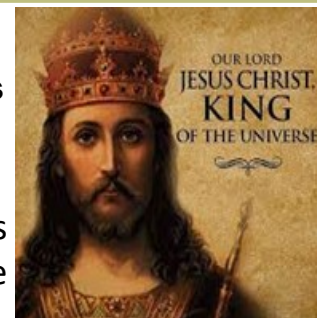
1) We need to assess our commitment to Christ the King today. As we celebrate the Kingship of Christ today, let us remember the truth that He is not our King if we do not listen to him, love him, serve him, and follow him. We belong to his Kingdom only when we try to walk with him, when we try to live our lives fully in the spirit of the Gospel and when that Gospel spirit penetrates every facet of our living. If Christ is really King of my life, he must be King of every part of my life, and I must let him reign in all parts of my life. We become Christ the King's subjects when we sincerely respond to his loving invitation: "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart" (Matthew 11:29). By cultivating in our lives the gentle and humble mind of Christ, we show others that Jesus Christ is in indeed our King and that he is in charge of our lives.

2) We need to give Jesus control over our lives. Today's Feast of Christ the King reminds us of the great truth that Christ must be in charge of our lives, that we must give him sovereign power over our bodies, our thoughts, our heart and our will. In every moral decision we face, there's a choice between Christ the King and Barabbas, and the one who seeks to live in Christ's Kingdom is the one who says, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven." Let us ask ourselves the question, "What does Jesus, my King, want me to do or say in this situation?" Are we praying each day that our King will give us the right words to say to the people we meet that day, words that will make us true ambassadors of Jesus? Does our home life as well as the way we conduct ourselves with our friends come under the Kingship of Jesus? Or do we try to please ourselves rather than him?

3) We need to follow Christ the King's lesson of humble service to the truth. Christ has come to serve and to be of service to others. Hence, we are called to his service - service to the truth. In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus saying that the reason for his coming - the reason that he was born - was to "bear witness" to the truth. The truth to which Jesus bears witness by His Life and which he teaches us is that God, His Father, is also our loving and forgiving Father, so we are all His children, forming one body. Hence, whatever we do for His children, and our sisters and brothers, we do for Him. So we are called to be a people who reach out to embrace the enemy and the stranger, a people who are called to glory in diversity, a people who will endlessly forgive, a people who will reach out in compassion to the poor and to the marginalized sectors of our society, a people who will support one another in prayer, a people who will realize that we are called not to be served, but to serve. In other words, servant-leadership is the model that Christ the King has given us. "For the Christian, 'to reign is to serve Him,' particularly when serving 'the poor and the suffering, in whom the Church recognizes the image of her poor and suffering founder'" (CCC #786).

4) We need to obey the law of love of Christ the King. Citizens of Christ's kingdom are expected to observe only one major law--the law of love. "Love God with your whole heart and love your neighbor as yourself." "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments." Jesus expects a higher degree of love from His followers: "Love one another as I have loved you." On this great Feast of Christ, the King, let us resolve to give him the central place in our lives and promise to obey his commandment of love by sharing what we have with all his needy children. (Fr. Antony Kadavil)

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2018-11/sunday-reflections-25-november-2018.html>



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 Feast of Christ the King—20th November 2022 - at St John the Baptist School 21a Dulkara Rd Woy Woy.



Mass will be celebrated at St John the Baptist school at 10.00am this Sunday, followed by a sausage sizzle and other community celebrations. Please bring your own preferred picnic snacks too. We welcome your WHOLE family!!!

PLEASE NOTE: As Fr Timothy would like as many of our community as possible at the celebration—9.15am and 5.00pm mass **WILL NOT** be held on Sunday 20th November 2022. However, mass **WILL** be held at 5.00pm on Saturday 19th and 7.30am on Sunday 20th. **THANK YOU.**



Sit & Chat Returns- A group of seniors meets every third Monday in the Leo Mahon Room from 12.30pm – 2.00pm. Transport provided if needed. Contact the Parish Office on 4341 1073. **Next meeting 21st November.**



Christmas decoration working bee in the Church Sunday 27th November after 9.15am Mass. Please come and lend a hand to ready our church for Christmas celebrations!

Working bee for gardening and external cleaning Saturday 3rd December 9.00am. Please register on sheet in Gathering Area. Remember to bring your gloves, hats and water. Thank you



Candidates from our schools will be receiving the sacrament of reconciliation on Friday 25th November 2022 and Friday 2nd of December 2022. Please keep them in your prayers.

SJB Parish committee and volunteer Christmas dinner — Friday 9th December 2022



Come together to celebrate our year and share gratitude for what we have. If you wish to attend, please add your details to sheet on table in Gathering Area.



Central Coast Philharmonia Choir presents “LUX: The Dawn From On High”

Saturday 26 November 2022 at 7.30pm

**St John the Baptist Catholic Church, Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy
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Saturday nights 7.30pm
50 games at Peninsula Community Centre
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Proceeds benefit our parish.

For more information, please contact Robert Graham on 0427 990 818



Upcoming Dates:

3rd December – Mini Marathon

17th December – Mini Marathon

24th December – Closed

31st December – Closed

7th January – Mini Marathon

All other dates are normal sessions

CLEANERS for 25 November 2022:

Rose Kissing	Reg Harrington
Peter Smith	Mabel Torres

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

READERS for 26-27 November 2022:

Sat 5pm — Marie Andrews & Olga Mhilli
Sun 7.30am — Isaak Guinter & Veronica Jordan
Sun 9.15am — Christine French & Michael Dixon
Sun 5pm — Kristina Aitken & Lorena Lalor

SERVERS for 26-27 November 2022:

Sat 5pm—Jeff Freeman & Joel Bajo
Sun 7.30am—Peter French & Rae Busby
Sun 9.15am — Bob Wilson & Jenny Fitzgerald
Sun 5pm — Laurie Jarvis or Pia Savea

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

- ◆ We appreciate more **Readers**, particularly for 5pm Saturday and Sunday.
- ◆ **Welcomers** are sought to greet parishioners and visitors for each weekend mass.

How can YOU support OUR parish???
Please let us know—4341 1073



SHRINES OF OUR LADY PILGRIMAGE

A 15 DAY PILGRIMAGE TO EUROPE FRANCE, PORTUGAL & ITALY PARIS, LISIEUX, LOURDES, FATIMA, ASSISI, ROME, ROTONDO, VENICE, MILAN

TOUR CHAPLAIN: FR TIMOTHY RAJ MSFS

DEPARTURE: 2nd May 2023
ARRIVAL: 18th May 2023

INDICATIVE COST
\$8,490 per person / 21- 30 Pilgrims
\$7,990 per person / 31-40 Pilgrims
Single supplement \$1,890 per person

- ◆ Flights will be confirmed only at the time of booking with a deposit.
- ◆ **Fr Timothy is hoping to lead a group of AT LEAST 20 pilgrims.**
- ◆ Please confirm your interest by leaving your details on the sheet on the table in the Gathering Area.



Red is the colour of martyrs, and so it is fitting that we remember and pray for persecuted Christians on Red Wednesday, a worldwide initiative by Aid to the Church in Need that will this year be held on **Wednesday 23 November.**

The Diocese of Broken Bay will participate on Wednesday 23 November with a Mass at Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood, at 7.30pm celebrated by Bishop Anthony Randazzo DD JCL. We will also pray particularly for the people of Ukraine, during this difficult time of conflict.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1: 2 Sm 5:1-3

In those days, all the tribes of Israel came to David in Hebron and said: "Here we are, your bone and your flesh. In days past, when Saul was our king, it was you who led the Israelites out and brought them back. And the LORD said to you, 'You shall shepherd my people Israel and shall be commander of Israel.'" When all the elders of Israel came to David in Hebron, King David made an agreement with them there before the LORD, and they anointed him king of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 121 (122):1-5

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Reading 2: Col 1:12-20

Brothers and sisters: Let us give thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light. He delivered us from the power of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things he himself might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile all things for him, making peace by the blood of his cross through him, whether those on earth or those in heaven.

Alleluia: Mk 11:9, 10

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

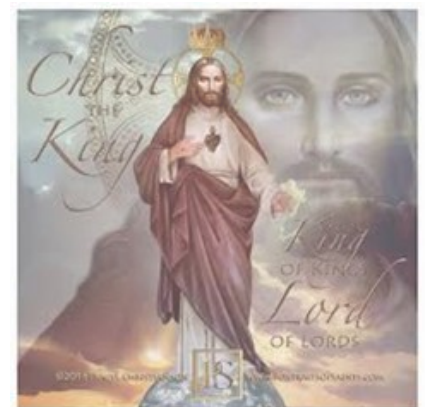
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!


Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Lk 23:35-43

The rulers sneered at Jesus and said, "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God." Even the soldiers jeered at him. As they approached to offer him wine they called out, "If you are King of the Jews, save yourself." Above him there was an inscription that read, "This is the King of the Jews." Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us." The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply, "Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."



 Over the next few weeks parishes in the Diocese will be holding our Pastoral Works Broken Bay November Appeal. Pastoral Works Broken Bay is the pastoral charity of the Catholic community in Broken Bay. We have two major Pastoral Works appeals each year – November and May. Where does your donation go and who does it help? The key focus for our Pastoral Works appeals will be the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) and Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Practitioners. Whatever your donation it will make a difference to someone in hospital, school, a parish or the wider community. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Donation envelopes will be available in your parish which can be completed and returned to the parish or you can go online by scanning the QR code and visiting

bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks



The Diocese of Broken Bay will offer an Advent Resource this year titled 'The Gifts of Christmas', written by Fr David Ranson VG. The resource focuses on the gifts of Hope, Faith, Joy, and Peace, representing the four Advent candles that are lit during the season.

The booklet will be made available online in PDF format at www.bbcatholic.org.au in the leadup to Advent, which commences Sunday, 27 November. The program includes scripture, prayers, and guided reflective questions, and is able to be used individually or as part of a small group.

For further information, please contact Pina Bernard pina.bernard@bbcatholic.org.au or 0432 682 239.



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

Recently deceased: Nathalie Wallis

Anniversary: Zenon Berlinski, Julian Panczyna

Remembrance: Larry Sheil, Mary Scarf

Sick: Melissa Bezzina, Lisa Ryan, Marie Head, Lisa Yeo, Marta Panczyna, Oscar James Moretti, Linda Italiano, Eneio Wolfgram, Emma Matthews, Eileen Jones, Kathleen Bezzina, Moya Jones, 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, 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, Kerrie Roberts, Lauren Alchin, Bruce Yip, Ada Primrose Murphy, Cathy Eades, James Matthews, Doreen Arahill, Theresa Mitchell, Anita Servi, Jean Pierre, Michael Tannous, Charles Lawson, Marsha Burzynski, Emma Mitchell, Vince Weigold, Lola DeSouza, Cathy Hennessy, Bev Purser, Joseph King, Christine Semark, Vicki Leach, Willy Woods, John Zdilai, Loraine Wanless, Alison Richmond, Saxon Smith, Jack Rogan-Clark, John Farnham, Chris Parker, Alana Rose, Joy Burt Ernie Mullins



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for November

Children Who Suffer

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

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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