



# WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



## 10th April 2022 PALM SUNDAY



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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

Please contact the Parish Office , if you require information about any Sacraments



### Reflection for the Holy Week Liturgy

For many of us the Liturgy of Holy Week is part of a theatrical performance, a Comedy of Errors that ends in a tragedy. In fact, as we look forward to the Washing of the Feet and representations of the Passion, it seems, that at least once in a year our lives begin to have a 'religious' flavour. But once the drama and excitement dies down, we go back to our daily routine, heaving a sigh of relief that it's all over.

Who among us who loves the theatre would go to a play and come away so affected, that as a result, we would be prepared to change our lifestyle, even if only a little? This is the danger of turning religion into drama. We come away discussing the merits of the performance, but hardly comment on the contents of the play. We are emotionally shared during the performance. Ironically, most playwrights use the medium of drama to highlight an aspect of reality that is overlooked. But many in the audience have gone to see the play precisely – to escape that very reality. When it comes to Holy Week, we leave off before the end, with the persistent not on that we have witnessed a Tragedy. Far more people commemorate the Lord's death than are present at the Easter Vigil.

An enlightened few might choose to pray for their departed beloved at Easter. For so many of us, these have become events that we call to mind, memories that we refresh, but not the "memorial" they were meant to be. The circumference of a memorial goes far beyond the radius of memory. The events we commemorate basically occur in Spiritual Time, but unfold in Chronological Time. It is in this sense that we can understand that Jesus died at the Last Supper, when he pronounced those sacred words: "This is my body, given up for you." The kenosis, the self-emptying is complete. By contrast, the Resurrection on, though it occurs three days later, has already been experienced as a reality in the heart of Mary. Mary is able to watch her son die on the Cross in a silence that would not be possible unless it was rooted in the Eternal WORD that she treasured in her heart. She knew, though not how, that it was not the end. Free of bitterness, she is now the incarnation on of what it means to leave self behind. Even before He is risen, she is the Mother of the Risen Lord. In her, the death-resurrection on event is already a reality, if only to indicate that what we commemorate are not events, but phenomena that exist beyond  $\Theta$  me. May we learn to journey from history into mystery, as we experience within us the Spirit of the Risen Lord, knowing that it is our lives that form the script as we watch the divine drama unfold.

**Timothy MSFS**

## **Holy Week 2022**

### **Holy Thursday—14th April**

**7:00pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper**

### **Good Friday—15th April**

**9:00am - Way of the Cross - Church**

**10:00am - Way of the Cross at**

**SJB Primary School**

**21a Dulkara Rd South Woy Woy**

**3:00pm - The Lord's Passion**

### **Easter Saturday—16th April**

**8:00am - Devotion to Mother of Sorrows**

**6:00pm - Easter Vigil**

### **Easter Sunday—17th April**

**7:30am, 9:15am (no evening mass)**

### **Easter Monday—18th April**

**9:00am**



*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.*



A Working Bee will be held on Saturday 9th April, following 9.00am Mass. We will be tidying up the grounds in preparation for Easter. Please bring your own gloves and tools. Any time you can spare on the day, would be welcomed immensely. Don't forget your own hat and drink bottle. Hope to see you there.



Please join us for a Lenten Movie night on Tuesday 12th April. Starting at 6pm in the Walter Baker Hall, we will share a meal before watching a family friendly movie. Please bring a plate to share. For further details, please contact Emma Baker 0404 339 668 or Roselle Bravo. We ask that you contact the Parish Office to confirm your attendance.



The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at 7.30pm on **Tuesday, 12 April** at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara. The priests of our Diocese gather for this celebration with Most Rev Bishop Anthony Randazzo to renew their priestly commitment. During Mass, the oils of Catechumens and the Sick are blessed, and the Chrism is consecrated and then taken back to each parish for use in various Sacramental liturgies throughout the year. Parishioners are warmly invited to join together in this celebration. Please contact the parish office before Monday 4 April should you wish to attend.



**Children's Liturgy of the Word will break for the April school holidays and resume on the 8th May 2022**

*Remember – your Easter Offering supports our clergy*



The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, April 15th. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Last year, due to the ongoing global pandemic, it was again a difficult time for the Church and people of the Holy Land with much reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and lower church attendance around the world. In Australia, we were more fortunate and Australian Catholics donated \$1,126,098 (compared to \$406,023 in 2020 and \$1.3million in 2019). This year, the Holy Land will continue facing an income shortfall due to the ongoing effects of the pandemic and so we again ask Catholics around the world to be as generous as possible.

Please remember Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday and please keep them in your prayers. Thank you

## Ukraine Appeal

The people of Ukraine are still desperate for our support. While many remained in the country, millions have fled to shelter and safety in neighbouring countries. They all need food, water, clothing (especially for women and children) and medical supplies. Many aid organisations have responded. If you can contribute, click the below images:



[Ukraine Crisis Appeal](#)



[Caritas Australia](#)



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[Jesuit Mission](#)

Tragically, there are many children and young people in our community who are unable to live with their families through no fault of their own. CatholicCare are looking for foster carers right across the Diocese. We are seeking families to provide essential support, care and stability for children and young people affected by family breakdown, to enable them to recover and thrive. Through our suite of services, and the dedication of our specialist support teams and foster carers, we are transforming the lives of children and young people to create positive futures. Our priority is to ensure these children and young people have a safe, stable home. If you are interested in knowing more about fostering a child or young person, please contact us on [\(02\) 4320 7777](tel:0243207777) or visit [www.catholiccareddb.org.au/can-you-help/](http://www.catholiccareddb.org.au/can-you-help/).



## VOLUNTEERS

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Church Cleaners

Christine French 4342 4548

Readers

Dorothy Fulton 4341 7610

Music Ministry

Lyn Dwyer 0417 659 526

Baptisms

Brenda Sweet 4341 1073

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## **Procession with Palms – Gospel: Lk 19:28-40**

Jesus proceeded on his journey up to Jerusalem. As he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples. He said, “Go into the village opposite you, and as you enter it you will find a colt tethered on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here. And if anyone should ask you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you will answer, ‘The Master has need of it.’” So those who had been sent went off and found everything just as he had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying this colt?” They answered, “The Master has need of it.” So they brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks over the colt, and helped Jesus to mount. As he rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road; and now as he was approaching the slope of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of his disciples began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen. They proclaimed: “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.” Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” He said in reply, “I tell you, if they keep silent, the stones will cry out!”

## **Reading I: Is 50:4-7**

The Lord GOD has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them. Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

## **Responsorial Psalm: Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24.**

R My God, my God, why have you abandoned me

## **Reading II: Phil 2:6-11**

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## **Verse Before the Gospel: Phil 2:8-9**

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## **Gospel: Lk 22:14–23:56 The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ**

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### **Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**

Every year on the Sunday before Easter, the sixth Sunday of Lent, our Church celebrates what many people know as “Palm Sunday”. More accurately the day is “Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion”. The name is appropriate as it celebrates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on a young donkey or colt but also commemorates the beginning of Holy Week, and Jesus' final journey to the cross. Over the decades the last two weeks of Lent have undergone a number of changes in name – as well as the Gospel readings. We have had “Passiontide” and “Passion Sunday” as well as “Palm Sunday”. In 1970 the Church settled on “Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord”. This Sunday is the start of our journey into Holy Week – the most important spiritual journey of the year. The day commemorates two very significant events in the life of Christ. Firstly, the triumphal entry into Jerusalem to shouts of “Hosanna” but then we progress to the stark reading of Jesus' passion, both providing insight and significance to this most important time of year. Although the finer details differ slightly, the gospels point to Zechariah (9:9-10) narrating the story of Jesus entry into Jerusalem as a Messiah-king, the one who will liberate and bring peace to Israel. Palm branches, a symbol of triumph and victory in Jewish tradition, or other leafy branches, were waved by those who accompanied Jesus and entered the Holy City with him (Mt 21:10-11) exclaiming this is the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee. Many also placed garments on the street as they entered the city. During the Mass on Sunday, palm fronds are traditionally distributed to parishioners who carry them in a solemn procession into church where they are blessed. Many people fashion them into small crosses to keep. The second gospel read on Sunday is the Passion. In many ways this captures the speed at which things changed in the few days between Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and His subsequent arrest, passion, and death by crucifixion. It is a brutal story of suffering – made bearable because we know the outcome which brought the gift of our salvation.

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

**Recently deceased:** Edna Mullins,

**Anniversary:** Raelene Pitt, Gertruida Voormeulen, Dora Vera, Pedro and Damiana Bulual, Kevin James Easterbrook

**Remembrance:** Edson Belleso, Sergei de Souza, Francisco Ames

**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, Anne Singleton, 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, Margaret Hope, Doreen Arahill, Theresa Mitchell, Anita Servi, Jean Pierre, Michael Tannous, Charles Lawson, Marsha Burzynski, Emma Mitchell, Vince Weigold, Lola DeSouza, Cathy Hennessy

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April:**

**Health Care Workers**

*We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.*



**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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