



# WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



## 26th June 2022

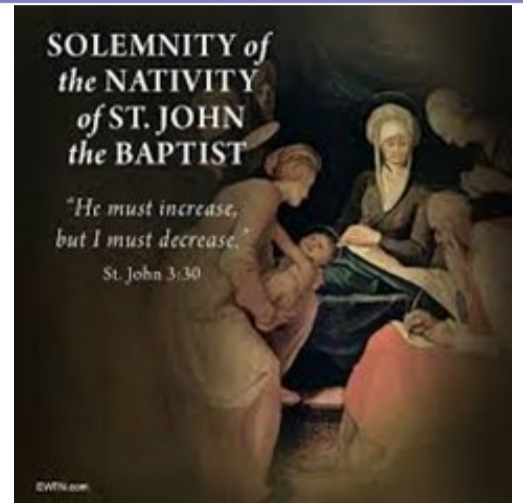
## 13th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME C

### THE NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

*We will be celebrating the Feast of St John the Baptist at 9.15am Mass on Sunday 26th June 2022.*

*Fr Sam French will also join us, as we are finally able to felicitate Fr Sam's ordination and our parish feast day, as one Community gathering.*

*Morning tea will be held following Mass. All are WELCOME!!!*



#### FEAST S & MEMORIALS

27 June— St Cyril of Alexandria

28 June—St Irenaeus

29 June—Sts PETER & PAUL

30 June—First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

#### 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

##### Divine Will Cenacle

Thursdays 9.15am -10.30am

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#### How do leaders handle success?

He who has the bride is the groom. But the groom's friend, who stands by and listens for him, rejoices greatly at the groom's voice. So this joy of mine is complete.

**"He must increase, but I must decrease." John 3:29-30**

What is the first thing you think of when you read "John the Baptist?" Probably camel hair, locusts, and honey right? Most of us think of John as this rather odd guy in the wilderness, and we fail to grasp his importance. The last prophet before John was Malachi—400 years earlier! After 400 years of silence, John was quite a celebrity. Sure he had his quirks, but he was actually quite popular. And then Jesus showed up and that all changed. Jesus immediately drew a following—many people turning from John to follow Him. John's loyal disciples struggled with this. They too were used to the attention and now it was gone. But how did John take it?

**"He must increase, but I must decrease."**

John got it. He understood that God had given him a following for one reason—to point those people to Jesus. John is a great example of humility, especially in times of success. John didn't let his following go to his head, he remained humble and held his following with an open hand. Can we be honest? Sometimes it is hard to stay humble in ministry.

Sometimes we can let it all go to our heads and we can start celebrating ourselves instead of pointing people to Jesus. Sometimes, if we are honest, we live as if *we must increase and He must decrease*. We don't want that, of course. It can just happen that way at times. So what can we do to prevent that? Here are five tips for handling success in ministry.

- **Celebrate wins with your team.** Being humble doesn't mean ignoring wins in your ministry. When God gives your ministry a win, celebrate it with your team! God deserves the credit and your team deserves to celebrate what God did through them.
- **Make your leaders the heroes.** Kids ministry is certainly a team effort! Be sure to always focus on your team when celebrating wins. Make it a habit to always point to your team when someone praises something you did or something that happened in ministry. Keeping the focus on them is good for them and good for your heart.
- **Point people to God's goodness.** While it is important to point people to your team, it is more important to point them to God. Anything good that happens in your ministry is out of God's kindness and goodness. Anything not so good that happens is under God's sovereign control. No matter what happens, take people to God.
- **Don't put a cap on your ministry's potential.** There is always a balance when it comes to looking at wins. A mistake in one direction is to be too critical and not celebrate wins. A mistake in the opposite direction is to think you have arrived. A healthy, humble ministry perspective is in between. Celebrate the wins, but never be content with what God has done or limit what He can do. Evaluate to find out what could have been even better and where your kids ministry goes from here.
- **Keep realistic expectations.** While you always want to be pushing to see God work even more in your ministry, and while God is infinite, we have to be careful not to set unrealistic expectations for ourselves and our teams. Pray for it, plan for it, but set realistic, yet challenging, goals.

<https://kidsministry.lifeway.com/2017/06/19/leadership-lessons-from-the-bible-john-the-baptist/>

**JOSEPHITE COMPANIONS – NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Josephite Companions Central Coast group will be **from 10am to 11:30am on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2022** in the Leo Mahon room at Woy Woy Parish. Come and find out about our connection with St John the Baptist (Feast Day 24<sup>th</sup> June) and the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Josephite Companions 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](mailto:annebccoast@gmail.com) or (02) 4341 6300.



A small, gold hoop earring was lost in the church. If you find it, please contact the parish office. Many thanks



**Youth Leaders Training on hold until further notice.**

“Our Youth Group has gone back to normal every second Sunday of the month as we have families having difficulties with the new dates.

Our program for June – July are as follows. Please pray for our Youth and Leaders.. Our next meeting will be on June 26th.

26th June - The Habits of the Heart and Mind (Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit)

3<sup>rd</sup> July – Youth Mass Only (No Youth Group Activity)

10th July – What can we do to our Faith Family (Church)?

24th July – Family Gifts & Talent Nights (Fun Nights)

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

**26 June 2pm - SAVE THE DATE!!!**

Every three years since 1994, the Church has celebrated the World Meeting of Families in a different city of the world. In 2022 the event will be hosted by the Diocese of Rome with Pope Francis leading special celebrations. However, the Holy Father has also asked that the World Meeting of Families be celebrated concurrently in every diocese of the world in 2022. The idea is for families to gather locally around their bishop to explore and celebrate the theme of “Family love: A vocation and a path to holiness.



All families are invited to celebrate Mass for the 10<sup>th</sup> World Meeting of Families 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 in the Light of Christ Centre. Simon Carrington from Fire Up Ministries will be talking about ‘The Joy of Married Love’ while the kids are entertained outdoors with a Giant Bubble Artist and exciting activities like Tug of War, Parachute Games and Soccer, with slap band prizes for the winners. There’s something for everyone!

Click [here](#) to register.

Please RSVP by Monday 20 June.

Contact [Tomasz.Juszczak@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:Tomasz.Juszczak@bbcatholic.org.au) for more information

*“May we never lose heart because of our limitations, or ever stop seeking that fullness of love and communion which God holds out before us “ (325)*

Amoris Laetitia... ‘The Joy of Love’ Pope Francis

**CLEANERS 1 July 2022:**

**Amanda Gray**

**Jo Salter**

**Linda Potestas**

**Veronica Jordan**

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



**Peter’s Pence Collection – 3 July 2022**

On 3 July 2022, we join with many Parishes across the world in taking up the annual Peter’s Pence Collection. The Peter’s Pence Collection provides for the charitable works and structures of mercy identified by His Holiness,

Pope Francis. Your donations express solidarity with those most in need. With your support, the whole Church can continue – in the words of Pope Francis – “to walk, to search for, visit, meet, listen to, share with and stop at those most in need”. Funds assist projects including emergency help to those in need due to natural disasters, communities impacted by COVID, war, oppression and disease. Our generosity allows the Holy Father to respond to those suffering with love and compassion.

Thank you for your generosity.

Last year, the Peter’s Pence appeal in Australia was largely cancelled due to COVID -19 and your support this year is gratefully received by the Holy See.

Please give generously to the Peter’s Pence collection occurring at Masses on weekend of 3 July 2022. Or jump online to donate at our parish website using the reference “Peter’s Pence”.

**READERS for 2-3 July 2022:**

**Sat 5pm — Paul Rutherford & Jane Rutherford**

**Sun 7.30am — Veronica Jordan & Phoebe Glacken**

**Sun 9.15am — Joesie Cameron & Olga Mhilli**

**Sun 5pm — Youth**

**SERVERS for 2-3 July 2022:**

**Sat 5pm—Paul Cavanagh & Vincent Cavanagh**

**Sun 7.30am—Jose Torres & Paul Nolan**

**Sun 9.15am—Bob Wilson & Bernie French**

**Sun 5pm –Pio Savea**

**VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED**

- ◆ We are looking for volunteers to clean the bus once a month
- ◆ Volunteers to maintain the garden on a regular basis
- ◆ Senior Servers are always needed
- ◆ Welcomers are sought to greet parishioners and visitors for each weekend Mass



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

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## Reading I: Is 49:1-6

Hear me, O coastlands, listen, O distant peoples. The LORD called me from birth, from my mother's womb he gave me my name. He made of me a sharp-edged sword and concealed me in the shadow of his arm. He made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me. You are my servant, he said to me, Israel, through whom I show my glory. Though I thought I had toiled in vain, and for nothing, uselessly, spent my strength, yet my reward is with the LORD, my recompense is with my God. For now the LORD has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb, that Jacob may be brought back to him and Israel gathered to him; and I am made glorious in the sight of the LORD, and my God is now my strength! It is too little, he says, for you to be my servant, to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and restore the survivors of Israel; I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

## Responsorial Psalm: 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15

R. I praise you for I am wonderfully made.

## Reading II: Acts 13:22-26

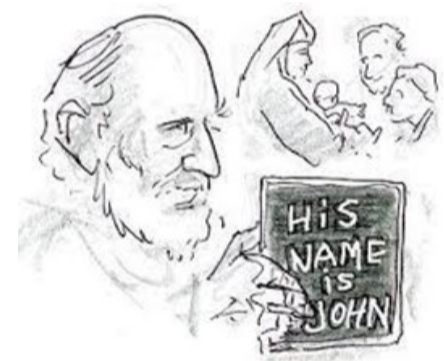
In those days, Paul said: "God raised up David as king; of him God testified, *I have found David, son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will carry out my every wish.* From this man's descendants God, according to his promise, has brought to Israel a savior, Jesus. John heralded his coming by proclaiming a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel; and as John was completing his course, he would say, 'What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. Behold, one is coming after me; I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals of his feet.' "My brothers, sons of the family of Abraham, and those others among you who are God-fearing, to us this word of salvation has been sent."

## Alleluia: See Lk 1:76

### R. Alleluia, alleluia.

You, child, will be called prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way.

### R. Alleluia, alleluia.



## Gospel: Lk 1:57-66, 80

When the time arrived for Elizabeth to have her child she gave birth to a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy toward her, and they rejoiced with her. When they came on the eighth day to circumcise the child, they were going to call him Zechariah after his father, but his mother said in reply, "No. He will be called John." But they answered her, "There is no one among your relatives who has this name." So they made signs, asking his father what he wished him to be called. He asked for a tablet and wrote, "John is his name," and all were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened, his tongue freed, and he spoke blessing God. Then fear came upon all their neighbors, and all these matters were discussed throughout the hill country of Judea. All who heard these things took them to heart, saying, "What, then, will this child be?" For surely the hand of the Lord was with him. The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the desert until the day of his manifestation to Israel.



**Men's Health Week** is here, and this year's theme is building healthy environments for men and boys. Many Australian males do not access professional support when they need it. A recent [study](#) showed that only a quarter of men would be likely to seek help from a mental health professional if they experienced an emotional or personal problem. CatholicCare provides some transformative programs for men, and in this [article](#) we hear from Peter Lear who works in our Men's Behaviour Change Program. For more information, call us today on 1800 324 924 or visit [www.catholiccaredbb.org.au](http://www.catholiccaredbb.org.au)

**PASTORAL WORKS** Broken Bay  
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Thank you for your generous support of the May Appeal 2022.

With a great sense of joy, I can see the wonderful impact of the work undertaken and lives changed.

BISHOP ANTHONY RANDAZZO

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## End of Financial Year Giving

A BIG thank you for your generosity and support towards Pastoral Works appeals throughout the year! Please give by **30 JUNE**, so you can claim your tax-deductions (all donations over \$2 are tax-deductible) and help achieve our Parish quota.

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

**Recently deceased:** Annette Gonano, Carol Schoemaker

**Anniversary:** Ralph Weate, Joan Fitzgerald, Kath Leonard

**Remembrance:**

**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, 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, Joseph King, Maureen Fotheringham



### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for June:

#### **Families**

*We pray for the Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives*

### 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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