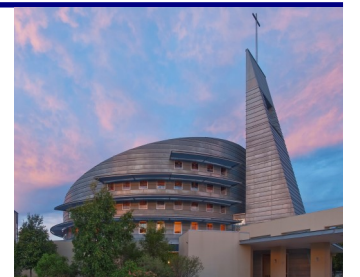




WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



18th June 2023
11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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FEASTS & MEMORIALS

19 June—St Romuald

21 June—St Aloysius Gonzaga

22 June—St John Fisher & St Thomas

More

23 June—St Paulinus

27 June—St Cyril

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

Nursing Home Masses:

Hillview House—3rd Thurs of the month 10am

Peninsula Village—4th Thurs of the month 10am

BlueWave—2nd Fri of the month 9.30am

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 7.00pm - 8.00pm

Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Mon—Fri - 8.30am—3.00pm

Divine Will Cenacle

Thursdays - 9.15am -10.30am

Christian Meditation

Monday evenings - 6.00pm - 7.00pm

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'RE-FOUNDING' THE PEOPLE OF GOD



Central to the Gospel for today, Matt 9:36-10:8, is Jesus' choice of the Twelve. The number immediately suggests that what he is about is nothing less than a renewal or reconstitution of Israel, traditionally understood as made up of twelve tribes deriving from the twelve sons of Jacob. He is, in this sense, "re-

founding" the People of God (though in preaching in this area we have to be careful not to convey the impression of the Christian Church as being simply a "replacement" of Israel in the "supersessionist" sense that prevailed for so long in Christian understanding but was strongly corrected in the Vatican II Declaration *Nostra Aetate*).

Significant is the context in which Jesus takes this action. At the beginning we read: "When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd". This is the way in which humanity appears to Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew: harassed, dejected, burdened. His entire ministry is focused upon addressing and remedying this situation. This is the "harvest" for which "labourers" are required.

What he is doing, according to this Gospel, is preparing a people who will share and carry out in his name the same ministry of healing and service to burdened humanity. The Twelve are not mere symbolic figures in a static kind of way. They are named "apostles" in the sense that they are to be people "sent out" on this healing and liberating mission. Just as Israel was to be a "nation of priests", not in the sense of having this privileged status simply for itself but in the sense of performing a function on behalf of the rest of the world, so the reconstituted People of God is to be a people similarly oriented to the good of others beyond itself. The function now is not so much that of cultic priesthood as of a ministry of service and healing. Something central to the identity of the Christian Church and its ministry is being established here.

DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS

The last few sentences of the passage, where Jesus warns the apostles not to take their mission into Gentile territory, may seem to contradict this. But the injunction has a temporary reference only. In the closing words of the Gospel (28:19-20), the risen Lord sends his Church to "make disciples of all nations".

<https://www.australiancatholics.com.au/homily-notes-11-sunday-ot-year-a>

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.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2023—IMPORTANT DATES:

There will be a practice session for all Confirmation candidates on Friday, 23rd June at 4.00pm in the Church.

Confirmation: Sunday 2nd July at 11.00am

Reconciliation: Friday 17th November

Cleaners for 23rd June: Brian Nairn, Jenny Mitchell, Lana Berg, Rose Kissing.

Readers for 24th & 25th June:

Saturday 5.00pm— Wendy Whiteman & Dawn Torrens

Sunday 7.30am— Phoebe Glacken & Isaak Giunta

Sunday 9.15am— Joesie Cameron & Colleen McCormack

Sunday 5.00pm— Marian Bowyer & Kris Aitken

Servers for 24th & 25th June:

Saturday 5.00pm— Jeff Freeman & Joel Bajo

Sunday 7.30am— Kevin Glacken & Steven Hopley

Sunday 9.15am— Bob Wilson & Hanaa El-Khatib

Sunday 5.00pm— Laurie Jarvis, Pio Savea, Allan Moore

Safeguarding Team: Should a parishioner have any safeguarding concerns please contact our Safeguarding Team Members: Jenny Dempsey 0438 423 293 or Margaret Dixon 0422 277 548.



We warmly welcome **Chance Dawson, Lenny Dawson, Oakley de Beer, Sterling de Beer, Hamilton Guy, Noah MacKinnon & Thomas Murrant** who will be Baptised this weekend.



Cash Housie at Peninsula Community Centre, Saturdays 7.30pm, 93 McMasters Road, Woy Woy. Proceeds benefit the Parish.



Fr Timothy will present Brown Scapulars at 9.15am Mass on Sunday, 16th July. Please contact Emma Baker 0404 339 668 or Christine French 0431 765 401 for more information.

Save the date—St John the Baptist Feast Day:

On Saturday 24th June, after 5.00pm Mass, there will be soup and socialising for all Parishioners.

On Sunday 25th June, after 9.15am Mass, there will be a BBQ and more socialising for all Parishioners.

These activities will allow us to come together after celebrating the Eucharist and enjoy some social time together.



Envelopes for the final Pastoral Works Broken Bay Appeal of the financial year will be available this weekend. Our quota for the year is \$27,053 and we have raised \$13,031 so far. This leaves a shortfall of \$14,022. Thank you for your generosity to date. To donate, either complete the form in the envelope available, go online to bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks or scan the QR code. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.



St John the Baptist School Centenary Anniversary: Next Thursday, 22nd June at 11.15am, the Bishop will be celebrating Mass for St John the Baptist School's Centenary Anniversary. Everyone is invited.

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Closing Date 4 August 2023





LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1: Ex 19:2-6

In those days, the Israelites came to the desert of Sinai and pitched camp. While Israel was encamped here in front of the mountain, Moses went up the mountain to God. Then the LORD called to him and said, “Thus shall you say to the house of Jacob; tell the Israelites: You have seen for yourselves how I treated the Egyptians and how I bore you up on eagle wings and brought you here to myself. Therefore, if you hearken to my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my special possession, dearer to me than all other people, though all the earth is mine. You shall be to me a kingdom of priests, a holy nation.”

Responsorial Psalm: 99:2-3, 5

R. We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

Reading 2: Rom 5:6-11

Brothers and sisters: Christ, while we were still helpless, yet died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. How much more then, since we are now justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath. Indeed, if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, how much more, once reconciled, will we be saved by his life. Not only that, but we also boast of God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Alleluia:

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The kingdom of God is near;

repent and believe the Good News!

R. Alleluia.

Gospel: Mt 9:36 – 10:8

At the sight of the crowds, Jesus’ heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.” Then he summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits to drive them out and to cure every disease and every illness. The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew, Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James, the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddeus; Simon from Cana, and Judas Iscariot who betrayed him. Jesus sent out these twelve after instructing them thus, “Do not go into



Keep Us In Your Prayers— pray for the souls of:

Recently deceased: Kevin Regan, Pam Chivers, Charles Newham, Josephine Knight, Judy Medlicott

Anniversary: Patrick Simmons, Mary Gatt, France Rabaud, Margaret Juratowitch

Remembrance: Charles & John Gatt

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, Therese Horner, Jack Dummett, 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, Marsha Burzynski, Emma Mitchell, Vince Weigold, Lola DeSouza, Bev Purser, Joseph King, Christine Semark, Vicki Leach, Willy Woods, John Zdilar, Alison Richmond, Saxon Smith, Jack Rogan-Clark, John Farnham, Chris Parker, Alana Rose, Joy Burt, Stan Page, Serge Fauvette, Roger Lambert, Ron Manning, Ken Dixon, Maria Lourenco, Doris Coleman, Alice Lynn, Dianne Smyth, Gail Smith, Roy Cutrone, Wendy Cohen, Bill Hunt, Patricia Quinn, Alan Ball



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for June

For the abolition of torture

We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

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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