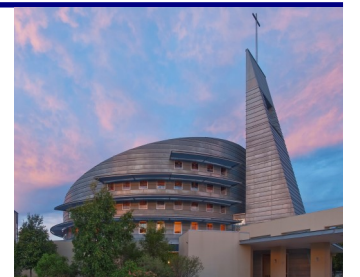




# WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



**2nd July 2023**  
**13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Under the Pastoral Care of**  
**The Fransalians since 2016**

## **FEASTS & MEMORIALS**

**3 July—St Thomas &  
St Elizabeth**

**5 July—St Anthony Zaccaria**

**6 July—St Maria Goretti**

**11 July—St Benedict**

## **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

*Marian Bowyer - 0432 882 776*

## **PARISH CONTACTS**

### **Administrator**

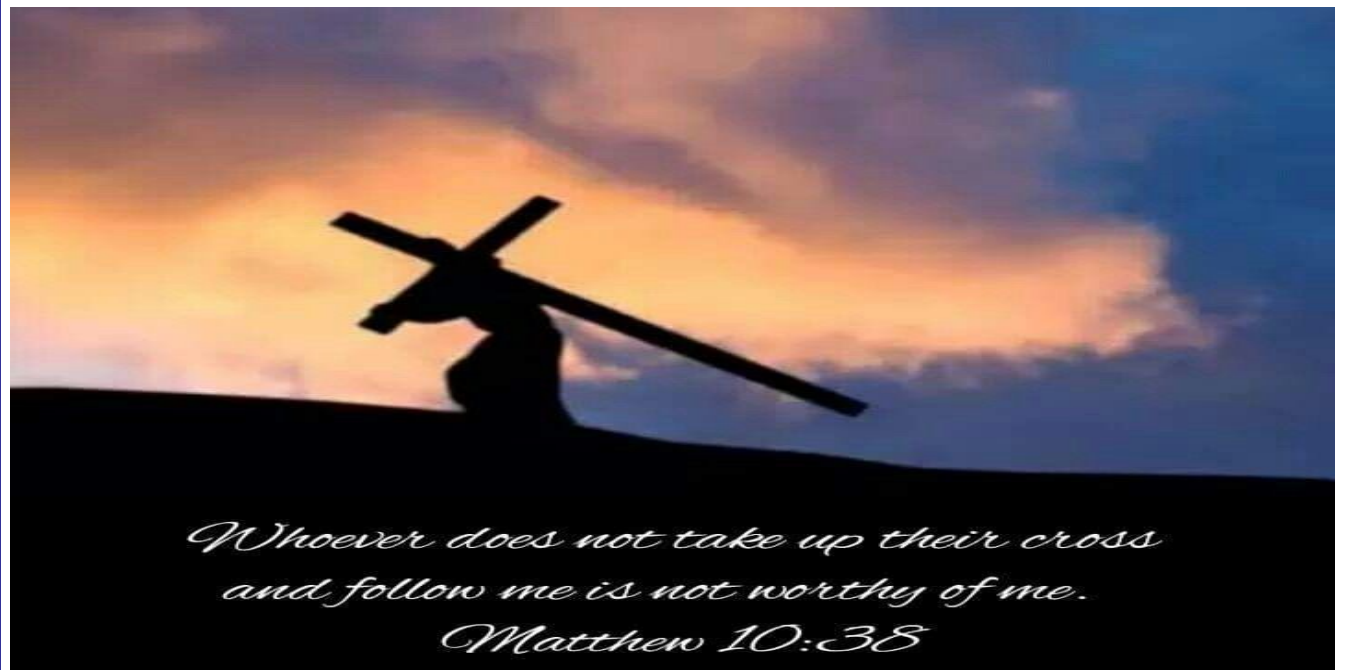
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We monks feel close to today's Gospel Acclamation: Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. We ask for this grace every day, several times a day. Remaining open to Christ is not easy, because we must subdue some of our human instincts to judge or to place our minds on less worthy enterprises. Remaining open is our key to develop into Christ's love, to attain the kingdom of Heaven. We monks have also made sacrifices. We read today's Gospel and wonder at the apparent ruthlessness of Jesus's words. But let us look at Christ's sacrifice. It was by no means half-hearted and he did it for us.

There are many sacrifices we can make each day for the love of God, that we may remain open. Being the receptors of God's love is what we are created for. Picking up his message on the wavelengths of humanity and nature, and making ourselves open to him... This is our life's work.

If we are to find this new way of living according to Christ, some of what we do must fall by the wayside. We must reassess our priorities. When we pray, we may ask ourselves what it is that we can leave behind, what it is that we can redact in order to let Jesus into our hearts. And also, what more we can do, what we can take on. Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows:

'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me.

Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me.

Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

Anyone who welcomes a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

<https://msjroscrea.ie/gospel-reflection-13th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-cycle-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.***

**Sacrament of Confirmation:** We warmly welcome Bishop Anthony, who will be here this Sunday, to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation.



A huge thank you to all those who were involved in making the celebration of the Feast of St John the Baptist so special last weekend.

**Morning Tea:** There will be a Children's Liturgy morning tea after 9.15am Mass on Sunday, 9th July. All welcome.

**Cleaners for 7<sup>th</sup> July:** Maria Wickens, Jo Salter, Linda Potestas, Veronica Jordan.

**Readers for 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> July:**

Saturday 5.00pm— Leonie King & Dawn Torrens  
Sunday 7.30am— Mabel Torres & Phoebe Glacken  
Sunday 9.15am— Christine French & Michael Dixon  
Sunday 5.00pm— Lorena Lalor & Sarah Hagarty

**Servers for 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> July:**

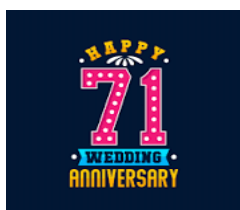
Saturday 5.00pm— Jeff Freeman & Joel Bajo  
Sunday 7.30am— Peter French & Rae Busby  
Sunday 9.15am— Steve Hopley & Jenny Fitzgerald  
Sunday 5.00pm— Laurie Jarvis, Pio Savea, Allan Moore

**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.



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.

**Taizé Prayer Evening:** Holy Spirit Church, Kincumber will host a Taizé Prayer Evening on Saturday, 8th July at 6.30pm. Taizé prayer is evening prayer and meditation for all Christian faiths. All are welcome for an evening of Christian meditation in a candlelit Church. Enquiries to Del 0432 477 507.



Congratulations to Carl and Myree Bliim who will celebrate 71 years of marriage on 4th July.

**Spirituality in the Pub:** (SIP) Meeting 7.30pm-9.00pm, 4th July at the Grange Hotel, Wyoming (cnr. Renwick St & Pacific Hwy). Our guest speaker is Jeni Andrews. Jeni

Andrews is a meditator and practitioner of Buddhist philosophies for the past 40 years. In 2011, Jeni was given the opportunity to help establish and manage Central Coast Meditation Centre. Then in 2018 she had the good fortune to volunteer at a Buddhist centre in Rome, after studying Italian for many years. Tell anyone else who may be interested. Bistro opens at 5.30pm. SIP enquiries: 0415 129 250 or 0439 678 608.

**Central Coast Chaplaincy:** You are invited to an **Information Morning Tea** to explore new volunteering opportunities in Spiritual Care within the Central Coast Local Health District.

**When:** Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023 at 10 am

**Where:** Gosford Hospital Chapel, Level 4

**RSVP:** Eleanor Castle 0414 193 979

Peter Wakeley 0418 445 289

**Invitation to a conversation on a Voice to Parliament:-** In May the Australian Catholic Bishops gave their support to the proposed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament. Are you interested in learning more ahead of the referendum? Join with others in a conversation led by Parishioner Rebecca Beisler. All welcome, bring a friend. The first session will take place on Thursday 6 July at 9.00am in the Parish Office. Note earlier time. Please rsvp if you can make it—Rebecca 0450 790 218.



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

**Divine Will Cenacle:** The Divine Will Cenacle meetings continue each Thursday after morning Mass. All welcome. Feel free to join in any week.

**Peter's Pence Collection next weekend, 9th July:** Parishes around the world will be taking up their **Peter's Pence Collection**, including those in our Diocese. It is always held around the time of the feast day of Saints Peter and Paul, 29 June. Our Parish will hold the collection next weekend, 9th July. The Collection supports the charitable works and structures of mercy identified by the Holy Father, Pope Francis. This includes the most disadvantaged and emergency situations including victims of war, oppression and natural disasters. We know in recent years this Collection has been impacted greatly across the world by the COVID-19 pandemic and your support this year is greatly appreciated. Envelopes will be available in the Church.



**Funeral Announcement—Kenneth Joyce 25.03.26—26.06.23:** Kenneth's life will be celebrated at St John the Baptist Church next Wednesday, 5th July at 11.00am.





# LITURGY OF THE WORD

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## Reading 1: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16

One day Elisha came to Shunem, where there was a woman of influence, who urged him to dine with her. Afterward, whenever he passed by, he used to stop there to dine. So she said to her husband, "I know that Elisha is a holy man of God. Since he visits us often, let us arrange a little room on the roof and furnish it for him with a bed, table, chair, and lamp, so that when he comes to us he can stay there." Sometime later Elisha arrived and stayed in the room overnight. Later Elisha asked, "Can something be done for her?" His servant Gehazi answered, "Yes! She has no son, and her husband is getting on in years." Elisha said, "Call her." When the woman had been called and stood at the door, Elisha promised, "This time next year you will be fondling a baby son."

## Responsorial Psalm: 88:2-3, 16-19

### R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

The promises of the LORD I will sing forever,  
through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness.  
For you have said, "My kindness is established forever;"  
in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.

### R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Blessed the people who know the joyful shout;  
in the light of your countenance, O LORD, they walk.  
At your name they rejoice all the day,  
and through your justice they are exalted.

### R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

You are the splendour of their strength,  
and by your favour our horn is exalted.

## Reading 2: Rom 6:3-4, 8-11

Brothers and sisters: Are you unaware that we who were baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him. As to his death, he died to sin once and for all; as to his life, he lives for God. Consequently, you too must think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus.

## Alleluia:

### R. Alleluia, alleluia.

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

### R. Alleluia.

## Gospel: Mt 10:37-42

Jesus said to his apostles: "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. "Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me. Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward. And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple— amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward."

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

**Recently deceased:** Paul Cotter, Kenneth Joyce, Bernie Bowers, Carmen Camilleri, Rick Redhead

**Anniversary:** Adam Meany, Elizabeth Carr, James Carr, Marcus McNamara, Andrew Lee Seung-Soon, Brian McPhee

**Remembrance:** Feliciano Soler

**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, 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, John McDermott, Betty McDermott



### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for July

#### **For a Eucharistic Life**

**We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.**

### 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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