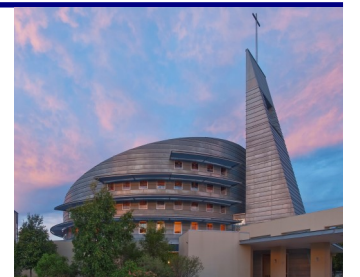




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"He must increase, I must decrease" (Jn 3:30)



9th July 2023
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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FEASTS & MEMORIALS

11 July—St Benedict
13 July—St Henry
14 July—St Camillus de Lellis
15 July—St Bonaventure
20 July—St Apollinaris

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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Today's reading from Matthew's Gospel comes after a discourse in which Jesus reproaches people who have witnessed his mighty deeds yet still lack belief. In this context, today's Gospel explains the reason for this unbelief and reveals what is necessary for faith. Today's Gospel also continues to enhance our understanding of discipleship as last week's Gospel did.

Jesus first prays in thanksgiving to God who has made himself known to Jesus' disciples. He praises God who has made himself known to the "little ones" and not to the wise and learned. As in other recent readings from Matthew's Gospel, a contrast is made here between the unbelieving Pharisees, who are wise and learned, and the faithful disciples, tax collectors, and sinners with whom Jesus keeps company.

The second part of this reading calls to our attention the unity between the Father and the Son. God has made himself known through Jesus, and in knowing Jesus, we come to know the Father. In Jesus' life and in his person, God reveals himself to us.

In the concluding sentences of today's Gospel, Jesus' teaching is again contrasted to the teaching of the Pharisees. This common theme of Matthew's Gospel probably reflects tension that existed between Jesus and the Pharisees and between the Pharisees and the community of Christians for whom Matthew wrote. Pharisaic Judaism became the predominant form of Judaism after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem about 70 A.D. Here that tension is expressed as alternative paths of holiness. The careful observance of the Mosaic law taught by the Pharisees could be experienced by some as difficult and burdensome. In contrast, Jesus' way of holiness is presented as uncomplicated and even restful.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/14th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-a-sunday-connection/>

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.

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



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's liturgy is on a break during the school holidays and will return on Sunday, 23rd July.

Cleaners for 14th July: Laila Dawe, Christine French, Rano Spiteri, Cheryl Sillick.

Readers for 15th & 16th July:

Saturday 5.00pm— Paul Rutherford & Jane Rutherford

Sunday 7.30am— Phoebe Glacken & Dorothy Fulton

Sunday 9.15am— Joesie Cameron & Maryrose Barlow

Sunday 5.00pm— Marian Bowyer & Peter Smith

Servers for 15th & 16th July:

Saturday 5.00pm— Paul Cavanagh & Vincent Cavanagh

Sunday 7.30am— Kevin Glacken & Paul Nolan

Sunday 9.15am— Bob Wilson & Joesie Cameron

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.



Thanks to all the volunteers involved in making the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation so special last weekend.



Thank you for all the prayers and good wishes extended to me while I have been unwell—from Rae Busby.

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 1st August 2023 at 10 am

Where: Gosford Hospital Chapel, Level 4

RSVP: Eleanor Castle 0414 193 979

Peter Wakeley 0418 445 289



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 this 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 this 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.

Pastoral Works Broken Bay Receipts: Pastoral Works Broken Bay receipts for the year 2022/2023 are available on the table in the Gathering Area. If you would like your receipt emailed please contact the Parish Office.



STELLA MARIS

SEA SUNDAY

9 July 2023



"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

- Matthew 11:28 (NRSVCE)

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1: Zech 9:9-10

Thus says the LORD: Rejoice heartily, O daughter Zion, shout for joy, O daughter Jerusalem! See, your king shall come to you; a just saviour is he, meek, and riding on an ass, on a colt, the foal of an ass. He shall banish the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem; the warrior's bow shall be banished, and he shall proclaim peace to the nations. His dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

Responsorial Psalm: 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

I will extol you, O my God and King,
and I will bless your name forever and ever.
Every day will I bless you,
and I will praise your name forever and ever.

Let all your works give you thanks, O LORD,
and let your faithful ones bless you.
Let them discourse of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your might.

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and of great kindness.
The LORD is good to all
and compassionate toward all his works.

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

The LORD is faithful in all his words
and holy in all his works.
The LORD lifts up all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down.

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

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Reading 2: : Rom 8:9, 11-13

Brothers and sisters: You are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit that dwells in you. Consequently, brothers and sisters, we are not debtors to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

Alleluia:

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;

you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

R. Alleluia.

Gospel: Mt 11:25-30

At that time Jesus exclaimed: "I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him."

"Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

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

Recently deceased: Helen Brown, Gérard Lebrasse

Anniversary: Allan Ryan

Remembrance: Eamon Manning

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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