



WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



23rd July 2023
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Under the Pastoral Care of
The Fransalians since 2016

FEASTS & MEMORIALS

26 July—*Sts Joachim & Anne*

29 July—*Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus*

31 July—*St Ignatius Loyola*

1 August—*St Alphonsus Liguori*

3 August—*St Dominic*

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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FROM A MUSTARD SEED...



Jesus offers us the parable of the mustard seed. He says the smallest of seeds, when taken and planted in the ground, grows to be the greatest of bushes where "birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches." The parable is familiar to most of us and is part of the Gospel passage for today's

liturgy. When Jesus offers us the parable, he is associating the mustard seed with the kingdom of God. The seed is planted in our hearts and within the communion we share. When it is planted, and nourished it first sprouts then begins to grow. As beings who are alive, we change and develop throughout life, not only our bodies but our minds, personalities and souls. There is a dynamic activity of growth in our lives both as individuals and as a communion of faith.

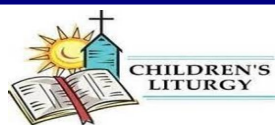
The kingdom of God is planted by God the Father through his Son, Jesus. Jesus sows the seed of the kingdom as he gathers disciples to himself and shows them the way to live. When the seed is planted in the heart, something starts to happen. It grows. As we follow the Lord who is "the way, the truth and the life," the kingdom begins to be manifest in our lives.

Perhaps the two greatest attributes of the kingdom are those of God Himself – love and mercy. As we take the kingdom into our hearts, God provides the nourishment to help us grow, through the presence of the Spirit. Through the Spirit, the kingdom can be manifest in our lives. He helps us to develop into loving and merciful human beings, he helps us to recognise the movement of God in our lives, he helps us to hear his call, to respond in the direction of the good, the true and the beautiful. He helps us to be thankful and to accept words and acts of appreciation. He helps us to pray, even when words escape us. As the Spirit works on us, day to day, something is happening within; we are growing and developing into the person and people whom God calls us to be and the kingdom becomes realised in us.

As human beings, we do not do this perfectly. Hence, we rely on God's mercy when we fail. It is through his mercy that we are healed and strengthened so that growth will continue. As the communion of faith, we have the Spirit of God dwelling among us building his kingdom. Accepting the Word into our hearts, opening our minds to the will of God, and allowing the Spirit to work on us drives the growth of the kingdom. The interactions with each other in care, compassion, kindness, and mercy, in other words, love, lead others to find rest and comfort, support and courage, peace and stability just as the birds of the sky find a dwelling place in the mustard bush.

<https://catholicphilly.com/2020/07/catholic-spirituality/sown-in-the-heart-the-kingdom-of-god-blossoms-in-our-lives/>

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.



Children's liturgy resumes on Sunday, 23rd July.

Cleaners for 28th July: Jenny Mitchell, Andrew Hopkins, Brian Nairn, Lana Berg.

Readers for 29th & 30th July:

Saturday 5.00pm— Jane Rutherford & Leonie King
 Sunday 7.30am— Veronica Jordan & Dorothy Fulton
 Sunday 9.15am— Michael Dixon & Dawn Torrens
 Sunday 5.00pm— Sarah Hagarty & Lorena Lalor

Servers for 29th & 30th July:

Saturday 5.00pm— Paul Cavanagh
 Sunday 7.30am— Kevin Glacken & Joe Torres
 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.



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.

World Youth Day Pilgrimage: On 14 July, at Hornsby Cathedral, the WYD pilgrims and their families gathered for Mass with the Bishop to implore God's blessing and then to pick up their pilgrim packs. Between 170 and 180 pilgrims are going on the Broken Bay pilgrimage. Please pray for these, and all the pilgrims from around the world. The parish notice board has information about how to follow WYD events online.

Central Coast Philharmonia at St John the Baptist Church: The Central Coast Philharmonia presents THE ARMED MAN, A Mass for Peace with Central Coast Youth Orchestra, Central Coast Children's and Youth Choir & Ebb and Flow. St John the Baptist Church, Saturday 29th July at 7.30pm. Tickets www.trybooking.com/CGNSA.

A Voice to Parliament: Timeline to the referendum—"This is an important moment in the history of the nation, and it can help us to move towards a deep and just reconciliation" Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Statement, May 2023. Small booklets of information on the timeline leading to the referendum on a Voice to Parliament are available at the back of the Church. Please take one and pass it on.

Home Communion: If you would like to receive Communion at home please contact the Parish Office.

Catechist volunteers: We have been blessed with many gifts and one we treasure dearly is our gift of Faith. A new term has begun in the schools and the small band of catechists are working very hard. There are five catechists and one assistant covering all the classes for Catholic students in the four primary schools. That is a total of 16 classes which means the catechists are teaching multiple classes each time they go into a school.

We are looking for more people who would be prepared to make a gift of their time and their talents to the Catholic children in the public schools and share the Good News of Jesus Christ with them.

We, the catechists pray that you will feel the Holy Spirit whisper in your hearts the call to become a catechist and share the load that few are currently bearing in sharing the Good News of Jesus with the children. As Jesus said, "Many are called but few are chosen." Matt 22:14. Be one of the chosen here at St John the Baptist, Woy Woy. For more information, contact Michael Tebbutt on 0437 440 169.



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 Saturday 5 & Sunday 6 August.

There is no place like home—but for many, having a home is not a reality. The causes may be diverse, but the impact is the same—a loss of dignity and a sense of hopelessness. A donation drive will take place during Homelessness Week on 5th and 6th August.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1: Wis 12:13, 16-19

There is no God besides you who have the care of all, that you need show you have not unjustly condemned. For your might is the source of justice; your mastery over all things makes you lenient to all. For you show your might when the perfection of your power is disbelieved; and in those who know you, you rebuke temerity. But though you are master of might, you judge with clemency, and with much lenience you govern us; for power, whenever you will, attends you. And you taught your people, by these deeds, that those who are just must be kind; and you gave your children good ground for hope that you would permit repentance for their sins.

Responsorial Psalm: 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

You, O LORD, are good and forgiving,
abounding in kindness to all who call upon you.
Hearken, O LORD, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my pleading.

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

All the nations you have made shall come
and worship you, O LORD,
and glorify your name.
For you are great, and you do wondrous deeds;
you alone are God.

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

You, O LORD, are a God merciful and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in kindness and fidelity.
Turn toward me, and have pity on me;
give your strength to your servant.

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.



Reading 2: : Rom 8:26-27

Brothers and sisters: The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings. And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will.

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 13:24-30

Jesus proposed another parable to the crowds, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off. When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well. The slaves of the householder came to him and said, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where have the weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' His slaves said to him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' He replied, 'No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, "First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn."'

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

Recently deceased: Kenneth Joyce, Patsy June Gillies

Anniversary: Phyllis O'Regan, Milagros Farthing, Pasquale Sergi

Remembrance: Bugeja, Catania & Grima Families, Doris Galea

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, Betty McDermott, Jacki Asic



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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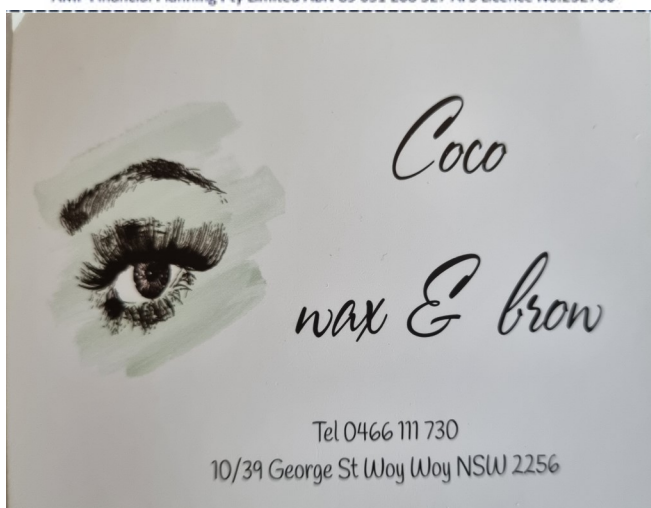
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