



# WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



**13<sup>th</sup> August 2023**  
**19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

## **FEASTS & MEMORIALS**

**14 August—St Maximilian Kolbe**

**15 August—The Assumption of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary**

**23 August—St Rose of Lima**

**24 August—St Bartholomew**

## **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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## **PARISH CONTACTS**

### **Administrator**

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## **"STEPPING OUT IN FAITH: WALKING ON WATER WITH JESUS"**

Our Lord sent His disciples to row across the lake, knowing that they would meet strong, gale-force head-winds and be in danger. He did this because He wanted to strengthen their faith and trust in Himself. He intended to come to them at the right moment, working two miracles — walking on the water and calming the storm. This He did and the result was as He had intended — their faith in Him was strengthened, they declared He was the Messiah, the Chosen of God. Peter, already the recognised leader, and always the most daring among them, showed himself ready to risk drowning in order to prove his trust and confidence in Christ. While he trusted in Christ, all went well, but when his faith weakened he would have been lost were it not for the outstretched helping hand of his master.

For us, too, there is a necessary lesson in this incident. It is that we must continue to trust in Christ and his loving Father, even when God seems to have deserted us. Christ foresaw the storm and the grave risk His Apostles would run when He sent them off across the lake. But that trial and the grave danger they ran was for their own good, because they learned to realise that He was from God and they could always trust Him. Our trials and our earthly ailments are also foreseen by God and permitted by him so that they will draw us closer to Him and help us on the road to heaven.

This they will do, if we accept them and bear with them until He comes to our aid. Our troubles in life are like the growing pains of our youth — they are necessary if we are to arrive at our full stature as sons of God. They form, mould and shape our religious character and bring us closer to God — if we allow them to do so. For the lukewarm Christian who rebels against God because of his earthly sufferings, they can do the opposite. He cannot see the purpose and value of suffering because he has never seriously pondered or grasped the real meaning of this life and God's loving plans for him.

God may not be in the tornadoes or earthquakes or roaring fires, nor does He cause them perhaps, but He is ever near to His true children when such calamities occur. He has a purpose in every trial or tribulation which crosses the path of our lives, a purpose always to our eternal advantage if only we will see and accept his will in these trials.

<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm>



*'Lord, if it is you, command me to  
come to you on the water.'*

Matthew 14:28

*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.*



**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Group:** The RCIA group is now meeting on Sundays, upstairs in the Parish Office Boardroom, after 9.15am Mass.

**Thank you:** Thank you to Fr Timothy and the many parishioners of St John the Baptist for your support, love and prayers during the recent loss of my father Alan Jones. God bless you all. Christine French.

**Cleaners for 18<sup>th</sup> August:** Rose Kissing, Lana Berg, Maria Owen, Elena Egan.

**Readers for 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> August:**

Saturday 5.00pm— Paul Rutherford & Jane Rutherford

Sunday 7.30am— Dorothy Fulton & Phoebe Glacken

Sunday 9.15am— Christine French & Olga Mhilli

Sunday 5.00pm— Peter Smith & Lorena Lalor

**Servers for 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> August:**

Saturday 5.00pm— Paul Cavanagh & Vincent Cavanagh

Sunday 7.30am— Peter French & Paul Nolan

Sunday 9.15am— Bernie French & 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.



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

**Conversation on A Voice to Parliament** - are you thinking about your vote in the upcoming referendum? Join a conversation on the Voice on Thursday 17th August at 9.30am in the Parish office (upstairs). Parishioner Rebecca Beisler will lead the session with materials from Together, Yes. Morning tea will be provided and has been kindly donated by Bakers Delight Umina. All welcome. RSVP Rebecca 0450790218.

**New Parishioners:** Welcome to all our new Parishioners. If you haven't already done so, we invite you to complete a census form. Make sure you include any Parish community groups you wish to get involved in. Forms are available on the table in the Gathering Area.

**National Vocations Awareness Week:** During National Vocations Awareness Week (August 6-13), let us take time to pray for those struggling to find their vocation. May the Lord provide them with the divine guidance and boldness they need to answer His call. May they have the strength and resilience to pursue God's plan.

**Volunteers Needed:** We are looking for volunteers for some of our Ministries. Please contact the Parish Office on 4341 1073 if you can spare some time.

**Thank you:** CatholicCare would like to thank all our parishioners for helping fundraise for our Diocesan homelessness services over the last week. Please return your envelopes this weekend to the parish. Your kind donations will allow us to continue supporting some of the most vulnerable people in our Diocese. We provide a women's refuge, transitional accommodation options, young parent's homelessness services and street sleeping outreach supports. We also operate Dom's Place in Hornsby and Mary Mac's in Woy Woy where people who are homeless or transient can connect with others over a meal, have a shower, wash their clothes, and access pathways to homelessness support services and health assistance. We are incredibly thankful for your support.

**Volunteers needed at Mary Mac's Place:** Please contact Sally Baker—tel 1300 324 924/0428 122 136 or email [sally.baker@catholiccarebb.org.au](mailto:sally.baker@catholiccarebb.org.au) for further details.



Thanks to Joe & Rose Mondal at Bakers Delight Umina, for donating all the bread for the BBQ.



# LITURGY OF THE WORD

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## Reading 1: 1 Kgs 19:9, 11-13

At the mountain of God, Horeb, Elijah came to a cave where he took shelter. Then the LORD said to him, "Go outside and stand on the mountain before the LORD; the LORD will be passing by." A strong and heavy wind was rending the mountains and crushing rocks before the LORD— but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake— but the LORD was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake there was fire— but the LORD was not in the fire. After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound. When he heard this, Elijah hid his face in his cloak and went and stood at the entrance of the cave.

## Responsorial Psalm: 84:9-14

**R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

I will hear what God proclaims;  
the LORD — for he proclaims peace.  
Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him,  
glory dwelling in our land.

**R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

Kindness and truth shall meet;  
justice and peace shall kiss.  
Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall  
look down from heaven.

**R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation**

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## Reading 2: : Rom 9:1-5

Brothers and sisters: I speak the truth in Christ, I do not lie; my conscience joins with the Holy Spirit in bearing me witness that I have great sorrow and constant anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites; theirs the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; theirs the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

## Alleluia:

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

I wait for the Lord;  
my soul waits for his word.

**R. Alleluia.**

## Gospel: Mt 14:22-33

After he had fed the people, Jesus made the disciples get into a boat and precede him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. After doing so, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When it was evening, he was there alone. Meanwhile the boat, already a few miles offshore, was being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was against it. During the fourth watch of the night, he came toward them walking on the sea. When the disciples saw him walking on the sea they were terrified. "It is a ghost," they said, and they cried out in fear. At once Jesus spoke to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" After they got into the boat, the wind died down. Those who were in the boat did him homage, saying, "Truly, you are the Son of God."





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

**Recently deceased:** Peter Hall

**Anniversary:** Sally King, Molly Dunne, Amy & Veronica Moloney, Kevin Nankivell

**Remembrance:** Edgemore family

**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, Lucrecia Nunes-Rebelo, Marie Sourini, David Pragasam



### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for August

#### **For World Youth Day**

**We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own 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

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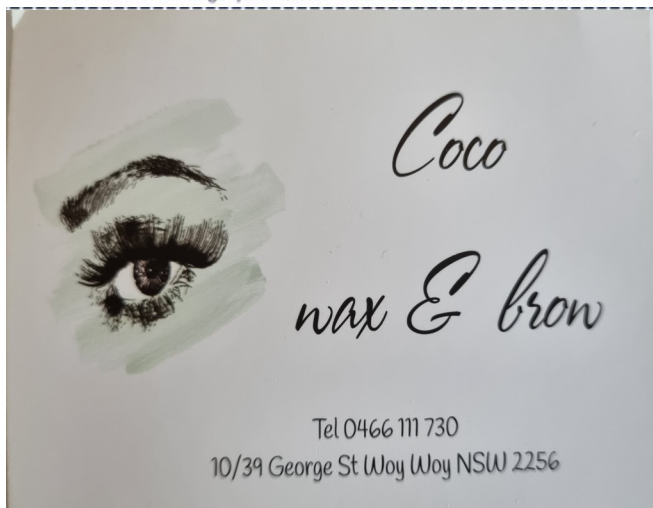
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