



WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



27th August 2023
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Under the Pastoral Care of
The Fransalians since 2016

FEASTS & MEMORIALS

28 August—St Augustine

8 September—The Nativity of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

9 September—St Peter Claver



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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THE CONFESSION AND FOUNDATION:

The readings for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A remind us that God's wisdom is not the same as our own wisdom. In the first reading we hear that God has the power to remove the mighty from their positions of leadership. In the second reading Paul tells us that we cannot know the mind of God, as his wisdom and knowledge are beyond us. And in the gospel we learn that Jesus is the Christ, and Jesus declares that this is a revelation from the Father.

- **Authority:** In this passage, Jesus engages His disciples in a conversation about His identity. He asks them who people say He is and then asks them directly who they believe Him to be. Through this dialogue, Jesus affirms His authority as the Messiah, the Son of the living God.
- **Faith:** Peter's confession that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, demonstrates a significant act of faith. This confession reveals Peter's recognition of Jesus' divine nature and purpose.
- **Prayer:** Jesus' response to Peter's confession highlights the role of divine revelation in understanding spiritual truths. He acknowledges that Peter's confession was revealed to him by the Father in heaven, emphasizing the importance of prayerful communion with God.
- **Primacy of Peter:** Jesus' declaration that Peter is the "rock" upon which He will build His church and that He will give Peter the keys to the kingdom of heaven signifies the primacy and leadership role assigned to Peter within the community of believers.
- **The Church's Formation:** The passage alludes to the formation of the Church, with Jesus affirming its future establishment based on Peter's confession and leadership. This signifies the beginning of the community of believers that will grow from Christ's teachings.

Binding and Loosing: The authority to "bind and loose" granted to Peter symbolises his role in guiding the Church by making decisions related to doctrine and discipline, highlighting the organisational structure and accountability within the early Church.

<https://young-catholics.com/2888/21st-sunday-in-ordinary-time-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.

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

Cleaners for 1st September: Pam Hickey, Mabel Torres, Maria Wickens, Laila Dawe.

Readers for 2nd & 3rd September:

Saturday 5.00pm— Marie Andrews & Jane Somerville

Sunday 7.30am— Veronica Jordan & Phoebe Glacken

Sunday 9.15am— Joesie Cameron & Dawn Torrens

Sunday 5.00pm— Kris Aitken & Lorena Lalor

Servers for 2nd & 3rd September:

Saturday 5.00pm— Paul Cavanagh & Vincent Cavanagh

Sunday 7.30am— Peter French & Rae Busby

Sunday 9.15am— Hanaa El-Khatib & Bernie French

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.

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.

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.

Assistant Priest: Our new Assistant Priest, Fr Alex Peter will be arriving in the Parish next week. There will be a welcome morning tea after 9.15am Mass next Sunday, 3rd September. Please bring a plate to share. All welcome.

Planned Giving Envelopes: Planned Giving envelopes for the coming year are available to collect from the table in the Gathering Area. If you would like to contribute to the Parish via Planned Giving envelopes, please see the volunteer after Mass or contact the Parish Office.

Ever Wondered Why People Become Catechists? If you have ever wondered why people give up some time each week to prepare lessons and then go to the local government school, either a primary or secondary school, to teach the students there about the Catholic faith? For more information go to: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/evangelisation/ccd> It will take you to the CCD and watch "I Am a Catechist", You will hear some answers.

To find out more about this ministry, contact Michael Tebbutt by phone or email. Mobile: 0437 440 169 or Email: Michael.Tebbutt@bbcatholic.org.au.

Listen, Learn, Love – ACBC Social Justice Statement 2023:

This Sunday, 27 August, is Social Justice Sunday and the Australian Catholic Bishops annual statement this year has its focus on a "new engagement" with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. It comes in an important year for all Australians as we approach this year's referendum to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians through enshrining a Voice to Parliament in the Constitution.

In the statement, the Bishops invite the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) to speak directly about their experiences of injustice and about their hopes for the future. They invite us, as Catholics, to begin a new engagement with the First Peoples to overcome injustice, an engagement grounded in love. This love is at the heart of Jesus' message. Find out more:

<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2023/08/22/social-justice-statement-2023-24/>

"We, Australia's Bishops, invite members of the Church to walk with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in this year of great possibility."

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2023-24

Listen,
Learn, Love

A New Engagement with Aboriginal
and Torres Strait Islander Peoples

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS
CONFERENCE OFFICE FOR
JUSTICE, ECOLOGY
AND PEACE

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1: Is 22:19-23

Thus says the LORD to Shebna, master of the palace: "I will thrust you from your office and pull you down from your station. On that day I will summon my servant Eliakim, son of Hilkiah; I will clothe him with your robe, and gird him with your sash, and give over to him your authority. He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah. I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder; when he opens, no one shall shut, when he shuts, no one shall open. I will fix him like a peg in a sure spot, to be a place of honour for his family."

Responsorial Psalm: 137:1-3, 6, 8

R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart, for you have heard the words of my mouth; in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise; I will worship at your holy temple.

R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

I will give thanks to your name, because of your kindness and your truth: When I called, you answered me; you built up strength within me.

R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

The LORD is exalted, yet the lowly he sees, and the proud he knows from afar. Your kindness, O LORD, endures forever; forsake not the work of your hands.

R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

Reading 2: : Rom 11:33-36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways!

For who has known the mind of the Lord or who has been his counsellor? Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?

For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

Alleluia:

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.

R. Alleluia.

ANIMA CHRISTI **Marco Frisina**

Larghetto
♩ = 62 *mf*

Soprano 
A - ni - ma Chri - sti, san - cti - fi - ca me. Cor - pus Chri - sti, sal - va me.

S. 
San - guis Chri - sti, i - ne - bri - a me. A - qua la - te - ris Chri - sti, la - va me.

Gospel: Mt 16:13-20

Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

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

Recently deceased: Peter E Hall

Anniversary: David Tullipan, Bert Crawley, James Sheil

Remembrance: Larry Sheil, Joseph V K

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, Vicki Pirie

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

You can also donate via Bpoint, which will take you to our Website for secure online payments. <https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/woywoyparish>

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