



WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



10th September 2023
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Under the Pastoral Care of
The Fransalians since 2016

FEASTS & MEMORIALS

14 Sept—The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

15 Sept—Our Lady of Sorrows

16 Sept—St Cornelius & St Cyprian

21 Sept—St Matthew

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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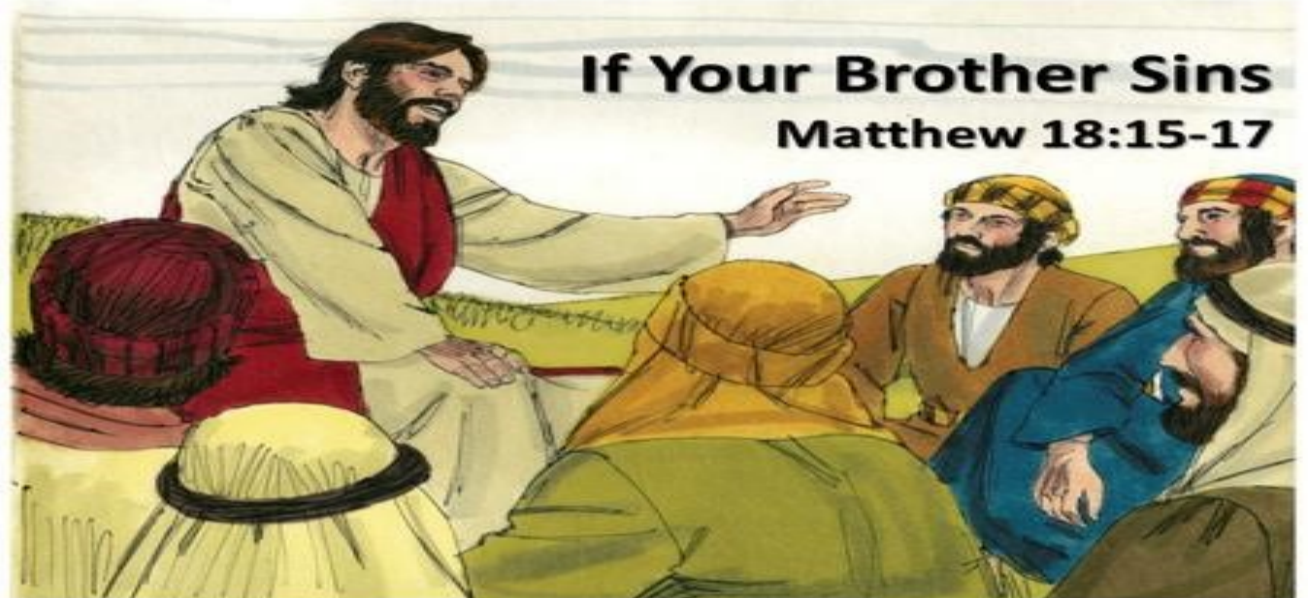
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UNITY THROUGH RECONCILIATION AND PRAYER

One of the most difficult things in life is correcting another person. What the Lord God wants from us is to find ways to draw others to HIM, the Lord God, by the way of correction. That is a divine task. The first reading today is from the Prophet Ezekiel. He was told by the Lord to correct others—and he did not want to do it. God told him bluntly: if you do not tell others their faults, then you are responsible for their deaths. This is really strong language—and yet so needed today. None of us wants to tell others their faults or that what they are doing is against what God asks us to do!

We have challenges in the way we treat immigrants, challenges in the way that businesses make profits, challenges in our desires for money and power, and in so many areas of our lives. We have developed, however, a “live and let live” morality by which we can avoid any conflicts but also avoid talking about what is right and what is wrong.

Our second reading today is from the Letter to the Romans. In this letter today we hear that love is the fulfillment of the law. Love is lived today very much as a “live and let live” kind of way. Hardly anyone of us would think of a Prophet saying difficult things as a loving person. Even modern prophets can say harsh and difficult things, but we rarely think of them as “loving.” Instead, we are careful to think of them as prophet and not as people of love.

So we come to today’s Gospel from Saint Matthew. The passage we have today is all about how to deal with a neighbour who has wronged us. But we can also look at this from the other side where we are the one wronging someone else. It works both ways. The challenge is how to bring about reconciliation with a deep awareness of the truth of the situation. All of us must learn that we offend others at times, that we misjudge others at times, that we take advantage of others at times. If we can come to recognise our own brokenness and lack of love towards others, then we will find it much easier to deal with the brokenness and lack of love in others. So our first challenge today is to accept that we are broken and need correction. Only within that context can we see God’s love. Then in God’s love we might be able to speak the truth to our own culture and to others in our lives.

<https://christdesert.org/2017/09/homily-23rd-sunday-ordinary-time-cycle-2017/>

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.



Welcome to our new Assistant Priest: We welcome Fr Alex Peter who has arrived to assist Fr Timothy. Fr Timothy will be on retreat from 11/09 to 15/09 and Fr Alex will be looking after the Parish in his absence.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Group: The RCIA group is now meeting on Sundays after 5.00pm Mass upstairs in the Parish Office Boardroom.

Cleaners for 15th September: Jo Salter, Cheryl Sillick, Veronica Jordan, Rano Spiteri.

Readers for 16th & 17th September:

Saturday 5.00pm— Leonie King & Marie Andrews
Sunday 7.30am— Joel Bajo & Phoebe Glacken
Sunday 9.15am— Christine French & Olga Mhilli
Sunday 5.00pm— Lorena Lalor & Marian Bowyer

Servers for 16th & 17th September:

Saturday 5.00pm— Paul Cavanagh & Vincent Cavanagh
Sunday 7.30am— Peter French & Paul Nolan
Sunday 9.15am— Bernie French & Jenny Fitzgerald
Sunday 5.00pm— Laurie Jarvis, Pio Savea, Allan Moore

Safeguarding Sunday, 10 September 2023: This weekend the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place that builds and supports safe communities for all people. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at:

www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023

We give sincere thanks to our Safeguarding Team Members; Jenny Dempsey 0438 423 293 and Margaret Dixon 0422 277 548. If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact either Jenny or Margaret.

Public Holiday Morning Tea: There will be a morning tea on Monday, 2nd October after 9.00am Mass in the Leo Mahon Room. If you have been a pilgrim during 2023, please wear your Magi, Harvest or World Youth Day name tag and bring #2 large photos A4 size or similar of places where God particularly touched your heart. The rest of us look forward to hearing your pilgrimage stories and asking you questions. Please note that Daylight Saving will have started the day before.



Cash Housie at Peninsula Community Centre, Saturdays 7.30pm, 93 McMasters Road, Woy

Woy. Proceeds benefit the Parish.

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 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> or contact Michael Tebbutt 0437 440 169 or Michael.Tebbutt@bbcatholic.org.au.



A new document produced by the Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry encourages Catholics to “preach all the Gospel, to all the world, all the time”. The document reflects on the proclamation of the Gospel, drawing on recent Papal teaching and referring to well-known Gospel parables. Copies are available in the Gathering Area.

Taizé Prayer Evening: Holy Spirit Church, Kincumber will host a Taizé Prayer Evening on Saturday, 23rd September at 6.30pm. Taizé prayer is evening prayer and meditation for all Christian faiths. All are welcome. Enquiries Del 0432 477 507.

El Shaddai Prayer Group: The next El Shaddai prayer group meeting will be held between 12pm and 4pm on Saturday, 23rd September in the Walter Baker Hall.

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.

Divine Will Cenacle: The Divine Will Cenacle meets every Thursday morning after the Rosary. All are welcome. Feel free to join in any week.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1: Ez 33:7-9

Thus says the LORD: You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel; when you hear me say anything, you shall warn them for me. If I tell the wicked, "O wicked one, you shall surely die, " and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way, the wicked shall die for his guilt, but I will hold you responsible for his death. But if you warn the wicked, trying to turn him from his way, and he refuses to turn from his way, he shall die for his guilt, but you shall save yourself.

Responsorial Psalm: 94:1-2, 6-9

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD; let us acclaim the rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us. For he is our God, and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.

Reading 2: Rom 13:8-10

Brothers and sisters: Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not covet, " and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." Love does no evil to the neighbour; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law.

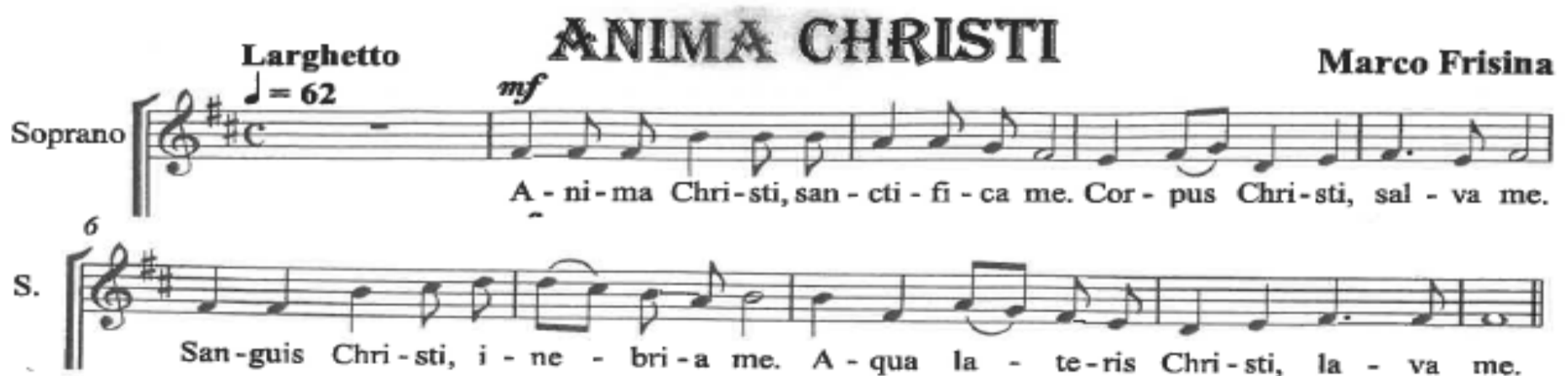
Alleluia:

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

R. Alleluia.

Larghetto **ANIMA CHRISTI** **Marco Frisina**
♩ = 62 *mf*



Soprano

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

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

Gospel: Mt 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church. If he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector. Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

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

Recently deceased:

Anniversary: Ian Jeffery-Hunter, Frank Agresta

Remembrance:

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, Beau Burt

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September



**For people living on the margins
We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.**

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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