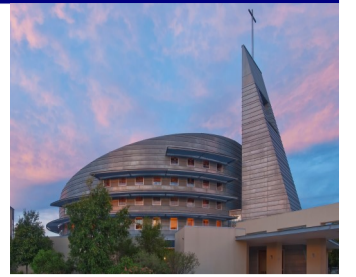




# WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



## 15th January 2023 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Under the Pastoral Care of  
The Fransalians since 2016

### FEASTS & MEMORIALS

*17th January—Saint Anthony, Abbott*

*21st January—Saint Agnes, Virgin & Martyr*

*24th January—St Francis de Sales*

### 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

#### **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 7pm - 8pm

#### **Blessed Sacrament Chapel**

Mon, Tues, Thurs—8.30am—3.00pm

Wed and Friday 8.30am - 4.00pm

#### **Divine Will Cenacle**

Thursdays 9.15am -10.30am

#### **Christian Meditation**

Monday evenings from 6pm - 7pm

*Marian Bowyer - 0432 882 776*

### PARISH CONTACTS

#### **Administrator**

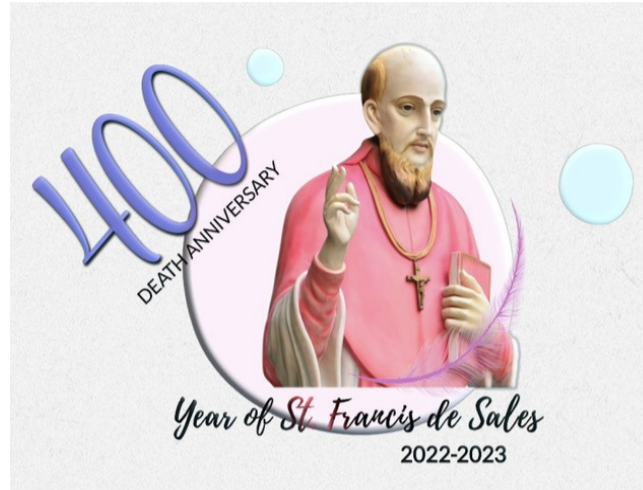
*Fr. Timothy Raj M.S.F.S.*

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What is Salesian Spirituality?

Salesian Spirituality is a vision for living the Gospel as learned, lived and shared by St. Francis de Sales (1567 – 1622) and St. Jane de Chantal (1572- 1641). Its first disciples were the Sisters of the Visitation of Holy Mary, a community of contemplative women established by these two saints in 1610. Their vision continues today, lived by people of all

walks, states and stages of life. One cannot hope to adequately plumb the depths of this spirituality in a brief article. What follows are some of the more salient features of Salesian in Spirituality.

- God is love and all creation is an overflowing of that love.
- All creation has been made for Christ, with Christ and through Christ.
- All creation should be treated with respect and care.
- Jesus is the model for all human living.
- You possess divine dignity and are thus worthy of profound respect.
- God has testified that you are good, worthy of divine love and mercy.
- You are called to be holy, that is, to union with God.
- Pursuing a holy life is called "devotion" that is, doing what is both commanded and counselled by God promptly, actively and diligently.
- The pursuit of holiness must be practical. It must transform your attitudes, attributes and actions.
- Acknowledge your sins and failing, learn from them but do not dwell on them.
- God gives you talents and abilities, gifts that should be discovered, developed and used for the good of others.
- Relationships are essential to living a fully human, that is, a holy life.
- Living each moment to the fullest with an eye to loving God must lead you to show compassion for others.
- God seldom requires you to perform great and extraordinary feats. God always challenges you to perform everyday actions with extraordinary attention and enthusiasm.
- The "little virtues" of patience, humility, gentleness, simplicity, honesty and hospitality are powerful means for growing in holiness.
- The motivation with which you perform some action may be far more powerful than the action itself.
- Freedom is one of the most precious and powerful gifts that God gives you. You are to use that freedom to grow in conformity to God's will.
- Intellectual learning, prayerful reflection, social interaction, work, play and all things creative.
- Let your passion be disciplined. Let your discipline be passionate.
- Keep things in perspective. Develop a sense of humor.

May this spirituality help you to become a happy, healthy and holy human person. May it enable you to "LIVE JESUS" every day.

*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.*



**Bus Trip:** We are running a bus trip to the Christmas Lights display at the Hunter Valley Gardens. The bus will leave the Church at 4pm on Friday, 20th January. There will be a group discount for entry (payable in advance) at a cost of \$25 for adults and \$16 for children aged 4– 15

years. There is a registration sheet on the table in the Gathering Area. Places are limited to 20 people. For further information please contact the Parish Office on 4341 1073.



**Christmas Decoration Working**

**Bee:** There will be a Christmas decoration working bee after 9.15am Mass on Sunday, 16th January. Please come and lend a hand to remove the Christmas

decorations. Morning tea afterwards. Bring a plate.

**Cash Housie !!!**

Saturday nights 7.30pm  
50 games at Peninsula Community Centre  
93 McMasters Rd Woy Woy.



**Proceeds benefit our parish.**

For more information, please contact



His Eminence  
**Cardinal George Pell AC**

*Memorial Mass*

with  
**Very Rev Dr David Ranson**  
Vicar General, Diocese of Broken Bay

Monday 6:00pm, 16 January 2023  
Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara

**CLEANERS for 20 January 2023:**

**Veronica Jordan**

**Reg Harrington**

\*\*\* if unable to work on your appointed day,  
please swap or arrange a replacement\*\*\*

**Tom French**

**Brian Nairn**

**SHRINES OF OUR LADY PILGRIMAGE**

A 16 DAY PILGRIMAGE TO EUROPE  
FRANCE, PORTUGAL & ITALY PARIS, LISIEUX, LOURDES, FATIMA,  
ASSISI, ROME, ROTONDO, VENICE, MILAN

**TOUR CHAPLAIN: FR TIMOTHY RAJ MSFS**

**DEPARTURE: 1st May 2023**

**RETURN: 18th May 2023**

**INDICATIVE COST**

\$8,590 per person/21-30 Pilgrims

\$8,190 per person/31-40 Pilgrims

Single supplement \$1,790 per person



- ◆ **Registration has been extended to 31/01/23.** Registration forms are available for collection on the table in the Gathering Area.
- ◆ For further information please contact Parish Office 4341 1073.
- ◆ Flights will be confirmed only at the time of booking with a deposit.
- ◆ **Fr Timothy is hoping to lead a group of AT LEAST 20 pilgrims.**

**SERVERS for 21-22 January :**

Sat 5pm— Jeff Freeman & Joel Bajo

Sun 7.30am— Peter French & Rae Busby

Sun 9.15am— Bernie French & Jenny Fitzgerald

Sun 5pm— Pio Savea or Allan Moore

**READERS for 21-22 January :**

Sat 5pm— Marie Andrews & Mary Rose Barlow

Sun 7.30am— Ed Hyland and Dorothy Fulton

Sun 9.15am— Colleen McCormack & Christine French

Sun 5pm— Lorena Lalor & Kris Aitken

**FOOTPRINTS OF JESUS**

A PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND—PETRA, BETHLEHEM,  
JERICHO, MASADA, SEA OF GALILEE, JERUSALEM

**TOUR CHAPLAIN: FR SALAS MUTTATHUKATTIL MSFS**

**DEPARTURE: 21st May 2023**

**RETURN: 3rd June 2023**

Enquiries: tel 02 9774 3662/email  
stcpanania@hotmail.com



**VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED**

- ◆ **Welcomers** are sought to greet parishioners and visitors for each weekend Mass.



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# LITURGY OF THE WORD

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## **Reading 1: Is 49:3, 5-6**

The LORD said to me: You are my servant, Israel, through whom I show my glory. Now the LORD has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb, that Jacob may be brought back to him and Israel gathered to him; and I am made glorious in the sight of the LORD, and my God is now my strength! It is too little, the LORD says, for you to be my servant, to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and restore the survivors of Israel; I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

## **Responsorial Psalm: Ps 39:2, 4, 7-10**

**R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.**

I have waited, waited for the LORD,  
and he stooped toward me and heard my cry.  
And he put a new song into my mouth, a hymn to our God.

**R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.**

Sacrifice or offering you wished not,  
but ears open to obedience you gave me.  
Holocausts or sin-offerings you sought not;  
then said I, "Behold I come."

**R. Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.**

"In the written scroll it is prescribed for me,  
to do your will, O my God, is my delight,  
and your law is within my heart!"

**R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.**

I announced your justice in the vast assembly;  
I did not restrain my lips, as you, O LORD, know.

**R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.**



## **Reading 2: 1 Cor 1:1-3**

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother, to the church of God that is in Corinth, to you who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be holy, with all those everywhere who call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Alleluia:**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.  
He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## **Gospel: Jn 1:29-34**

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.' I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptising with water was that he might be made known to Israel." John testified further, saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptise with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptise with the Holy Spirit.' Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."

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**Keep Us In Your Prayers of your charity pray for the souls of:**

**Recently deceased:** Cardinal George Pell, Pope Benedict XVI, Leigh Simon, Alice Dukes, Eddie Grasso

**Anniversary:**

**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, Ken Joyce, Jo Farrelle, Donna Briemer Malin Tugaga, Pamela Power, Rose Aloisio, Tina Cohen, Amanda Sheridan, Audrey Barsenbach, Mary Wood, 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, Charles Lawson, Marsha Burzynski, Emma Mitchell, Vince Weigold, Lola DeSouza, Bev Purser, Joseph King, Christine Semark, Vicki Leach, Willy Woods, John Zdilai, Loraine Wanless, Alison Richmond, Saxon Smith, Jack Rogan-Clark, John Farnham, Chris Parker, Alana Rose, Joy Burt, Ernie Mullins, Stan Page, Alexandra Carrol

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for January**



**We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.**

**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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