



# WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



## 22nd January 2023 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Under the Pastoral Care of  
The Fransalians since 2016

### FEASTS & MEMORIALS

*21st January—St Agnes*

*24th January—St Francis de Sales*

*26th January—Sts Timothy and Titus*

*27th January—St Thomas Aquinas*

### 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

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### PARISH CONTACTS

#### **Administrator**

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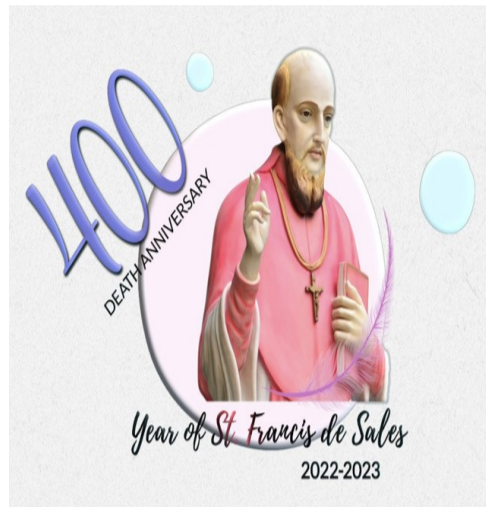
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### CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF ST FRANCIS DE SALES



The founder of the MSFS was Peter Marie Mermier. The French Revolution had its impact in the spiritual realm. Sensing the signs of the time Fr Mermier took upon himself the task of a spiritual renewal in his people by preaching parish missions. This special apostolate in turn gave rise to a community of preachers gathered around Fr Mermier. His firm missionary zeal was amply clear from his slogan "I want missions." The newly formed community of missionaries, consisting of six members, began to live together at La Roche-Sur-Foron, France in 1838.

Monsignor Pierre Joseph Rey, Bishop of Annecy conferred the canonical approval on the young congregation on 24th October, 1838 and entrusted it to the care and patronage of St. Francis de Sales. The mission plan of Fr Mermier included foreign missions too and he expected Rome to entrust his little congregation with a mission in Africa. But contrary to the expectation, the vast mission territory of Visakhapatnam in India was entrusted to the MSFS in 1845. The mission entrusted to the MSFS was a large territory including parts of the present day states of Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Chattisgarh and Maharashtra. The missionaries rendered their services from the four mission centers of Visakhapatnam, Yanam, Kamptee and Aurangabad. Gradually the Congregation began to extend its missionary work to other countries as well. The MSFS mission in England began in 1861.

In 1862, Fr Mermier, the holy founder, left for his eternal reward, leaving all his confreres grief stricken. Many of the missionaries who came to India learned many Indian languages and some of them were so proficient that they wrote many books in many of these languages. The vast territory of Visakhapatnam was divided into two in 1887, forming the new diocese of Nagpur, with Alexis Riccaz MSFS as its first Bishop. The Fransalians too, in turn, grew large and began to spread out to the other parts of India. In 1926 the Mission in Brazil was begun at the invitation of the Archbishop of Sao Paulo. In the course of time it took deep root and grew into a province. The mission in the United States was begun in 1972 and today it has spread to a large number of Dioceses rendering valuable service to the Church there. In 1994 an MSFS mission was opened in Chile. The original desire of the founder, to take up a mission in Africa, was materialised when a team of four Fransalians from Vishakapatanam landed in Tanzania in 1988. The MSFS foundation in Tanzania has grown into a full fledged province and missionaries have extended their work to other countries in the African continent like Kenya, Uganda, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Chad, Cameroon, Zambia and Malawi.

The MSFS missionaries have made their presence felt in many other countries like Germany, Australia, Indonesia, Holland, Italy, Spain, Austria, West Indies, Philippines, Ireland etc. Thus today, the MSFS is a large congregation spread over many countries in the world, rendering valuable services to the humanity by holding on to its charisma of preaching missions, evangelisation and education of the youth. The provinces today include; Brazil, Dibrugarh, East Africa, English, France-Suisse, Guwahati, Nagpur, Pune, South-East-India, South-West-India, Vizag and USA vice province.

*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.*



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# LITURGY OF THE WORD

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## **Reading 1: Is 8:23—9:3**

First the Lord degraded the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali; but in the end he has glorified the seaward road, the land west of the Jordan, the District of the Gentiles. Anguish has taken wing, dispelled is darkness: for there is no gloom where but now there was distress. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone. You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing, as they rejoice before you as at the harvest, as people make merry when dividing spoils. For the yoke that burdened them, the pole on their shoulder, and the rod of their taskmaster you have smashed, as on the day of Midian.

## **Responsorial Psalm: Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14**

**R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

## **Reading 2: 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17**

I urge you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree in what you say, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and in the same purpose. For it has been reported to me about you, my brothers and sisters, by Chloe's people, that there are rivalries among you. I mean that each of you is saying, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with the wisdom of human eloquence, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its meaning.

## **Alleluia:**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

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## **Gospel: Mt 4:12-23**

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what had been said through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled: *Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen.* From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him. He walked along from there and saw two other brothers, James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They were in a boat, with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him. He went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people.

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

**Recently deceased:** Alan Budinsky, Alice Dukes, Cardinal George Pell, David Smith, Joseph Ginty

**Anniversary:** Edward Luxford

**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**

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