



# WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



14th May 2023

Sixth Sunday of Easter & Mother's Day

Under the Pastoral Care of  
The Fransalians since 2016

## FEASTS & MEMORIALS

14th May—Mother's Day

22 May—St Rita of Cascia

25 May—St Mary Magdalene de Pazzi &  
St Bede

26 May—St Philip Neri

## 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: (cancelled until 08/06)

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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In today's selection from Acts, we meet Philip the Evangelist. He was one of the first deacons, but more than that, he was a missionary and the father of four prophet/missionary daughters. Although it might seem that Philip's preaching in Samaria offered little in the realm of "foreign" missions, history suggests that the opposite may be true.

The reason this selection appears in today's Liturgy of the Word is primarily its mention of how the Holy Spirit came upon the people who had begun believing in Jesus. Historically, this reveals something of the development of faith in Christ and the Trinity. In this story, as in Acts 19, we hear of a variety of baptismal practices. There was the baptism of John for metanoia — the new outlook necessary to recognise the reign of God. Philip's baptism, performed in the name of Jesus, ritualised belief in Christ and his resurrection.

Finally, baptism was done in the name of the Trinity (Matthew 28:19-20). Peter and John's completion of baptism in Samaria, calling down the Spirit, symbolised full reconciliation and unity among Jewish and Samaritan Christians.

Today's Gospel selection from Jesus' last discourse follows directly on last week's and deals with the situation disciples would face when the human Jesus was no longer among them. Orienting them about how they were to live, Jesus explained, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." That is no dry injunction to obey; Jesus refers here to the depths of the covenant and his people's daily prayer (Deuteronomy 6:1-9). To *keep* the commandments is, in the words of Jesuit theologian Silvano Fausti, to put into action what flows from "the love of a heart that knows it is loved." In spite of Jesus' love, the disciples knew their own weakness. Jesus recognised their anxiety and promised, "I will not leave you orphans." Helping them face his coming absence, he didn't set up any structure for them, but promised, "I will ask the father ... [for] *another Paraclete* to be with you always."

The word, "another," implies that the coming Spirit would act as he had among them: leading and teaching them. He took that to a new, unfathomable depth by promising, "I live and you will live ... You will realise that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you." This promise, repeated in a variety of ways in this discourse, means that disciples can live like Jesus did. As Jesus speaks of the Father and the Spirit, he is inviting us into the love life of the Trinity, the divine community that created the universe simply to share love with creation.

<https://www.ncronline.org/may-14-2023-sixth-sunday-easter>

*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.*

**BLESSING PRAYER FOR MOTHER'S DAY**

*Loving God, we pray for all mothers whose lives have been enriched with joy by the birth of their children.*

*We pray particularly for:*

*new mothers coming to terms with new responsibility;*

*expectant mothers wondering and waiting;*

*mothers who are tired, stressed or depressed;*

*mothers who struggle to balance the tasks of work and family;*

*mothers anxious because they are unable to feed their children due to poverty;*

*mothers whose children have physical or emotional disabilities;*

*mothers who raise children on their own;*

*mothers who have lost a child;*

*mothers who care for children of others;*

*mother's whose children have left home;*

*and women whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled.*

*Bless all the mothers, that their love may be deep and tender, and that they lead their children to know and do what is good, living not for themselves alone, but for God and for the good of others.*

*Amen.*

**Mother's Day:** We wish all our mothers, grandmothers, great grandmothers and mother figures, a very happy Mother's Day. Be assured of our prayers, as you and your family celebrate the wonderful gift you are to them.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2023—IMPORTANT DATES:**

**Presentation of Confirmation candidates 20th & 21st May**

**Lessons begin the week of 22nd May**

**Confirmation:** Sunday 2nd July

**Reconciliation:** Friday 17th November

**Cleaners for 19<sup>th</sup> May:** Mabel Torres, Elena Egan, Maria Owen, Veronica Jordan.

**Readers for 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> May:**

Saturday 5.00pm— Leonie King & Marie Andrews

Sunday 7.30am— Dorothy Fulton & Phoebe Glacken

Sunday 9.15am— Christine French & Olga Mhilli

Sunday 5.00pm— Lorena Lalor & Marian Bowyer

**St John the Baptist School Centenary Anniversary:** On June 22nd at 11.00am the Bishop will be celebrating Mass at St John the Baptist School. Everyone is invited. As part of the celebrations the school will have a display of memorabilia. If you have any photos or memorabilia that you would like to share can you please contact Jane Rutherford on janerutherford69@gmail.com.

**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.

**Diocesan Count of Mass Attendance:** The 2023 Diocesan count continues this weekend and each weekend in May.



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

**Vacancy—Diocesan Pastoral Discernment Project**

**Facilitator:** The appointment of the Diocesan Discernment Project Facilitator will:


- act as an **Executive Officer** assisting the newly appointed **Pastoral Discernment Central Coast Implementation Task Group** in the formulation and implementation of the recommendations from the Central Coast Discernment Project; and
- coordinate and facilitate strategic planning in preparation for the **Northern Beaches Pastoral Discernment Project**.

This is a full time position for a maximum of two years.

For more information contact:

recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au for an **Information Pack** including details on how to apply.

Applications close **Thursday, 18th May 2023.**



As we continue our  
**Cathedral Precinct Journey**  
please join us as  
we celebrate our Patronal feast


**Mary Star of the Sea**  
Vigil Mass

with **Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD JCL**  
Bishop of Broken Bay

**Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral**  
Waitara  
Tuesday, 30 May 2023 at 5:30pm

to be followed by a light supper at  
The Light of Christ Centre for a Diocesan-wide  
presentation and consultation on the future  
of our Cathedral Precinct

Please RSVP  
events@bbcatholic.org.au by  
Monday 22 May 2023



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# LITURGY OF THE WORD

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## **Reading 1: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17**

Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed the Christ to them. With one accord, the crowds paid attention to what was said by Philip when they heard it and saw the signs he was doing. For unclean spirits, crying out in a loud voice, came out of many possessed people, and many paralysed or crippled people were cured. There was great joy in that city. Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent them Peter and John, who went down and prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for it had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

## **Responsorial Psalm: Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20**

**R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

## **Reading 2: 1 Pet 3:15-18**

Beloved: Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence, keeping your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who defame your good conduct in Christ may themselves be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be the will of God, than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit.

## **Alleluia:**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

**R. Alleluia.**

## **Gospel: Jn 14:15-21**

Jesus said to his disciples: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will realise that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him."



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

**Recently deceased:** Joan Rae, Gary Cocks, Michael Tryon, John B Humphries, Regina Kucia, Mary Wood, Jude Andrew Herman

**Anniversary:** Phyllis O'Regan, Ern Molloy

**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 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, Susie Simmons, Chris Dowling, Doris Coleman, Alice Lynn, Dianne Smyth, Gail Smith, Roy Cutrone, Wendy Cohen, Bill Hunt, Charles Newham, Patricia Quinn, Alan Ball



### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for May

**For Church movements and groups**

**We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelisation each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.**

### 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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