



WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



9th April 2023 Sunday of the Resurrection

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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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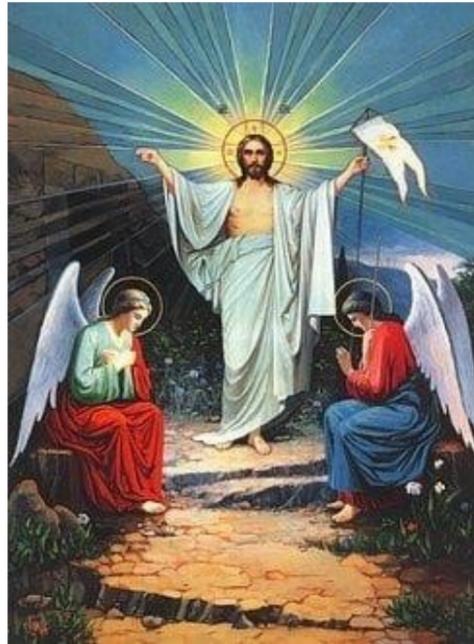
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JESUS IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!



On Easter Sunday, the Church proclaims the resounding message: "Jesus, who was crucified, has risen as he said. Alleluia!" These darkest days of mindless, violence, catastrophic destruction and incredibly savage massacres call us urgently to be echoes of the Easter event. The Easter message does not offer us a fantasy to escape from the difficult human situations that we experience from the moment of birth to death. The Resurrection of Christ reveals the reality of God's New Creation and New life that is indispensable to

transform our broken world. Easter gives us the power of faith to go beyond the humanly possible. During overwhelming loss, it gives courage to struggle against the odds.

How much suffering, how much injustice, how much senseless violence has been inflicted on the innocent. "Jesus who was crucified has risen". The Gospel testifies that this Jesus, crucified under Pontius Pilate for claiming he was the Christ, the Son of God, rose on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, just as he had assured his disciples.

God the Father raised Jesus, his Son, because he fully accomplished his saving will. Jesus bore the wounds of sufferings for the weight of our sins. All those who experience a painful trial in body or spirit can find refuge in these wounds and, through them, receive the grace of a hope that never disappoints.

The risen Christ is hope for everyone, especially the weak and the most vulnerable among us. Today, we too, can open ourselves to resurrection power, and let it flow through us to all creation. In the light, warmth and solace of the Risen Lord, our sufferings are transfigured. Where there was death, now there is life. Where there was mourning, now there is consolation. Where there was darkness, now there is light. In embracing the Cross, Jesus bestowed meaning on our sufferings. We pray that the benefits of that healing will spread throughout the world. A Happy, Holy and serene Easter to each one of you. God bless you!

Fr Timothy MSFS

We welcome all friends, families and visitors to St John the Baptist Catholic Church. We are grateful for your presence here today. God bless you all.

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.



Thank you to all those who have assisted in the Holy Week Liturgy; especially our Liturgical Committee, acolytes, altar servers, choirs, Communion ministers, decorators, flower arrangers, money collectors, readers, welcome Ministers and all volunteers in various departments for their wonderful work in our Parish.

Thanks to the fathers, mothers, sons and daughters of the Parish for conducting the Way of the Cross.

Thanks to St John the Baptist School Principal Nicole Davies and the staff for organising the Way of the Cross at the school.

Thanks to Fr Brian and Fr Bill for their continued assistance with Church services.

We all make one team and I wish everyone God's blessings at this most sacred time of our Liturgical season. Happy Easter!



A very warm welcome into the Catholic Faith:

Tamara Adams, Cooper Battison, Izabella Battison, Elise Battison, Avianah Connor and Charles Crawford-Ferguson.

Congratulations to ***Isabella and Jesse Connor*** who will receive the Sacrament of First Communion this weekend.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2023—IMPORTANT DATES:

Please include the children in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Communion.

First Communion: Sat 29th & Sun 30th of April at 11am

Confirmation: Sunday 2nd July

Reconciliation: Friday 17th November

Cleaners for 14th April: Maria Wickens, Jo Salter, Elena Egan, Maria Owen.

Divine Mercy Sunday: Devotional Prayers 2.30pm-3.30pm Sunday, 16th April at St John the Baptist Church, Woy Woy.

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.

Parish Office: The Parish Office will close at 3.00pm on Holy Thursday and re-open at 8.30am on Tuesday, 11th April.

Safeguarding Team: May all of us work to make our Church and families havens of safety and enable our children to thrive. Should a parishioner have any safeguarding concerns please contact our Safeguarding Team Members: Jenny Dempsey 0438 423 293 and Margaret Dixon 0422 277 548.

Easter Offering envelopes: The Easter offering envelopes are for the welfare of retired priests. This is our way of showing our appreciation and gratitude for their loving Ministry. Envelopes are available in the Church.

Holy Land Collection—Good Friday April 7th

The annual collection for the support of the Church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, April 7th. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to Local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment & housing. It is also used to maintain over 70 Churches and Shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Please be as generous as possible with your financial support as well as spiritual support. Envelopes are available in the Church.

Pilgrimage Meeting: There will be meeting in the Leo Mahon Room on Friday, 14th April at 4.00pm with Fr Timothy and a representative from Magi Pilgrimages.



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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1: Acts 10:34, 37-43

Peter proceeded to speak and said: "You know what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

Responsorial Psalm: 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Reading 2: Col 3:1-4

Brothers and sisters: If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.

Alleluia: 1 Cor 5:7-8

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;

Let us feast with joy in the Lord.

R. Alleluia.

Gospel: Jn 20:1-9

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.



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

Recently deceased: Graham Stevenson, Scott Mangan, Dr Brian Pollard

Anniversary: Raelene Pitt, Kevin Easterbrook, Elizabeth Thomas, Josephine Smith-Cameron, Dora Vera, Bob Scholte

Remembrance: Sergei de Souza

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 Zdilair, Caterina Zdilair, Loraine Wanless, 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



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April

For a culture of peace and non violence
We pray for the spread of peace and non violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

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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