



WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



26th November 2023

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Under the Pastoral Care of
The Fransalians since 2016

FEASTS & MEMORIALS

26 Nov—Christ the King

30 Nov—St Andrew

4 Dec—St John Damascene

6 Dec—St Nicholas

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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There is a devotion we Catholics have to the Infant Jesus of Prague. This devotion expresses the belief that Jesus, even as an infant, was King of the universe. The feast of Christ the King is simply reminding us, that the King is served when others are served, especially in the suffering, the poor, the outsider. Our faith in Christ must lead to charity. Christ, our King, is honoured when we put love into action by offering relief to the oppressed, or the marginalised, people who are suffering and deprived of the necessities of life. Our deeds, or lack of them; our thoughts, good or bad, do have a bearing on the life of our soul.

Our actions do have consequences, now and in eternity. "Insofar as you did this to one of the least of these, you did it to Me." Yes, love in action is our challenge. We cannot afford the luxury of living too comfortably knowing that other people are suffering impoverishment. Love and service of our neighbour is love and service to God. "I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; Naked and you clothed me; Sick and you visited me; In prison and you came to see me." When we serve others, we serve Christ our King. In serving Christ in our neighbours, we draw others into God's reign of love.

In the Gospel, Jesus identifies himself with the poor and marginalised. So, the care we give to others is the care we give to him. When we practice the works of mercy, we manifest the kingship of Christ over our lives. For Jesus says to us, "Whatever you do to one of the least of these sisters and brothers of mine, you do unto me." Long story short. We all like to be loved. Let's love others as we love to be loved.

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/articles/feast-of-christ-the-king-two-minute-homily-fr-john-fowles/>
#twominute-homily-transcript

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.

Parish News: We sincerely thank Fr Raphael and Fr Stephen for celebrating Mass while Fr Timothy and Fr Alex were away.

Thanks: Many thanks to all the volunteers who were involved in preparing the children for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation.

Celebration: The celebration of the Dedication of St John the Baptist Church, The Feast of Christ the King, Fr Alex's birthday and the welcome for our Advent placement seminarian Paul Cunningham, will go ahead, regardless of the weather. We will gather in the Gathering Area to partake in a morning tea after the 9.15am Mass this Sunday, 26th November if the inclement weather persists. The Soup night will go ahead in the Leo Mahon Room after the 5.00pm Mass that evening as planned. Many thanks to Bakers Delight Umina for providing the supply of scones, bread and rolls for the celebrations.



Christmas Decoration Working

Bee: There will be a Christmas decoration working bee after 9.15am Mass on Sunday, 3rd December. Please come and lend a hand to prepare the Church for our Christmas celebrations.



Parish Christmas Dinner: There will be a Christmas gathering dinner for Parishioners to be held in the Walter Baker Hall on Friday, 15th December at 6.00pm. Please place your name on the list in the Gathering Area.

Pastoral Works Broken Bay:

Envelopes will be available next weekend for the Pastoral Works Broken Bay collection to be held on the weekend of 9th and 10th December.

Piety Stall: Columban and Josephite Calendars priced at \$10, are now available for sale in the Piety Stall.

Christmas Cards: Vinnies Christmas cards are now available at the Piety Stall. Packs of 10 cards plus envelopes for \$2.00 per pack. Three designs and this year the traditional designs are drawn by pupils from a number of NSW Catholic Primary Schools.



Blessing: Fr Timothy will bless the Jesse Tree after 9.15am Mass on Sunday, 3rd December.

Cleaners for 1st December: Pam Hickey, Veronica Jordan, Rano Spiteri, Jo Salter.

Readers for 2nd & 3rd December:

Saturday 5.00pm—Kate Bravo & Marie Andrews
 Sunday 7.30am—Joel Bajo & Phoebe Glacken
 Sunday 9.15am—Don Matheson & Maryrose Barlow
 Sunday 5.00pm—Peter Smith & Kris Aitken

Servers for 2nd & 3rd December:

Saturday 5.00pm—Paul Cavanagh & Vincent Cavanagh
 Sunday 7.30am—Jose Torres & Paul Nolan
 Sunday 9.15am—Hanaa El-Khatib & Bernie French
 Sunday 5.00pm—Allan Moore

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.

Bakers Delight Umina—Christmas Fundraising

Opportunity: Bakers Delight Umina would like to offer the Parishioners of St John the Baptist Church the opportunity to purchase fruit mince tarts and lemon tarts. For every 6 pack of fruit mince or lemon tarts you order, Bakers Delight Umina will give \$2.00 to St John the Baptist Church. Simply fill in the details on the form located in the Gathering Area and bring it together with full payment to Bakers Delight Umina by Monday, December 11th.

Parish Vocations Mass: Fr Sam French will celebrate 9.15am Mass on Sunday, 10th December.

Parish Vocations Volunteers Wanted!

The Broken Bay Vocations Team is seeking your help to nurture a culture of vocations in our local Church. As a Parish Vocations Volunteer, you could play a vital role in promoting vocations awareness, encouraging prayer, and supporting local events in your parish. If you feel called to this rewarding service, your involvement would be greatly valued. To express your interest, simply scan the QR code provided and follow the prompts. In Christ, Fr Sam.



Know our Patron St. Francis de Sales—continued:

Shortly after becoming a bishop, St. Francis met St. Jane Frances de Chantal, a widow; between these two saints there grew a deep spiritual friendship. St. Francis became the spiritual director of Jane Frances, and with her, he founded in 1610 the religious order of nuns known as the Order of the Visitation, or the Visitandines.

Both saints loved the Heart of Jesus, and conceived this Heart as the particular treasure confided to the nuns of the Visitation. It is most remarkable that 60 years before the great revelations of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to the Visitandine St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (1673-1675), St. Francis de Sales and St. Jane Frances de Chantal had very often spoken to their spiritual daughters of this sacred love.

The annals of the Order show that several Visitandines had experienced spiritual attractions toward, and even mystical favours from, the Heart of Jesus. Then, years later, with His revelations to St. Margaret Mary at the Visitation of Paray-le-Monial, God called this order to share with the entire Church that precious gift which had been its own special portion. (To be continued.)

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1: Ezek 34:1-2, 15-17

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will look after and tend my sheep. As a shepherd tends his flock when he finds himself among his scattered sheep, so will I tend my sheep. I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy and dark. I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest, says the Lord GOD. The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy, shepherding them rightly. As for you, my sheep, says the Lord GOD, I will judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats.

Responsorial Psalm: 22:1-3, 5-6

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul. He guides me in right paths for his name's sake.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Reading 2: 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28

Brothers and sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through man, the resurrection of the dead came also through man. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the firstfruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all.

Alleluia:

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!

R. Alleluia.

Gospel: Mt 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.' Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?' He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.' And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."



Keep us in your Prayers—pray for the souls of:

Recently deceased: Lorraine Mary Keats

Anniversary: Fr James Knight SVD, Fr Barry Nobb, Janice Green, Thomas & Annie Peachey, Fr Kevin Mangan SSC

Remembrance: Mary Wood

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, Lola De Souza, Bev Purser, Joseph King, Christine Semark, Vicki Leach, Willy Woods, John Zdilar, Alison Richmond, Saxon Smith, 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, Alan Ball, Betty McDermott, Marie Sourini, David Pragasam, Vicki Pirie, Beau Burt, Joel Lloyd, Belinda Cochrane, Ken Stewart, Caterina Shinoda, Tom Shepherd, Lorraine Blandford, Michael Searle, Mary Lucas, Maxine Tinkler, Lindsay Clark, Jack Rogan-Clark



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for November

For the Pope

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

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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