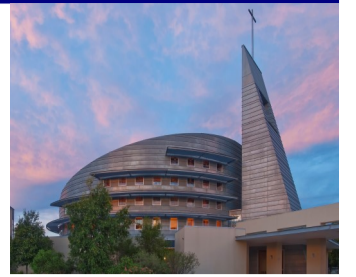




WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



28th May 2023 Pentecost Sunday

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FEASTS & MEMORIALS

27 May—St Augustine

1 June—St Justin

2 June—St Marcellinus

St Peter

5 June—St Boniface

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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Pentecost Sunday recalls the time when the Holy Spirit came down on the Church. It also continues to remind us that, both in our personal lives and society, God does not do everything at once, but works in stages. Pentecost Sunday itself has three layers of stages built into it. In the Scriptures, the day occurs on a Jewish feast day. The

name of that feast includes the Greek word for fifty. The Jewish feast of tabernacles celebrated the end of the harvest. It was time to thank God for plenty. It was fifty days after the celebration of Passover, which marked the beginning of harvesting new crops.

Over these stages of food gathering, the Jewish feast overlaid the story of God freeing the Israelite people from slavery in Egypt and leading them to their promised land. The feast of Passover celebrated the night they prepared to cross the Red Sea into freedom. Fifty days later, they celebrated their time waiting in the desert before entering the promised land. In Jesus' time, Jews from outside Palestine returned to the Temple to celebrate the Passover and Pentecost.

Our Feast of Pentecost overlays yet another layer of God's work for us. At Passover, our Easter, Jesus died and rose from the dead to reconcile us to God. That is the beginning of the new harvest and the new freedom, not simply for Israel, but for the whole world. The feast of Pentecost represents the gathering of the harvest as the Gospel spreads out to the whole world. The whole community of Jesus' followers is gathered in Jerusalem. They receive the baptism with fire and the Holy Spirit, and the Gospel is then preached to people from all over the world and heard in all their various languages. Pentecost completes what Jesus came to do.

These three layers represent successively God's goodness in making and caring for the world of which we are part, God's goodness in freeing the people of Israel, and God's goodness in bringing freedom to the whole world through Jesus. Each of these layers involves stages: a beginning, then waiting and asking, and finally thanking God for a completion.

In Scripture, Pentecost comes after the beginning of our freedom in Jesus' death and rising at Easter. After a period of waiting and praying by the disciples, the Spirit set free the story for the whole world at Pentecost. On the Feast of Pentecost, we remember what happened then, but we too wait and pray for the full salvation promised us when Christ will come again. In the Church calendar, Pentecost is followed by ordinary time – a time of waiting and praying.

<https://catholicoutlook.org/a-reflection-for-pentecost/>

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.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2023—IMPORTANT DATES:

Please pray for the Confirmation candidates as they prepare for Confirmation.

Confirmation: Sunday 2nd July

Reconciliation: Friday 17th November

Cleaners for 2nd June: Pam Hickey, Christine French, Jo Salter, Laila Dawe.

Readers for 3rd & 4th June:

Saturday 5.00pm— Marie Andrews & Leonie King

Sunday 7.30am— Joel Bajo & Veronica Jordan

Sunday 9.15am— Christine French & Olga Mhilli

Sunday 5.00pm— Lorena Lalor & Peter Smith

Servers for 3rd & 4th June:

Saturday 5.00pm— Jeff Freeman & Joel Bajo

Sunday 7.30am— Peter French & Rae Busby

Sunday 9.15am— Hanaa El Khatib & Bernie French

Sunday 5.00pm— Laurie Jarvis, Pio Savea, Allan Moore

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 concludes this weekend.



Cash Housie at Peninsula Community Centre, Saturdays 7.30pm, 93 McMasters Road, Woy Woy. Proceeds benefit the Parish.



We have been blessed with many gifts and one we treasure dearly is our gift of Faith. A new term has begun in the schools and the small band of catechists are

working very hard. There are five catechists and one assistant covering all the classes for Catholic students in the four primary schools. That is a total of 16 classes which means the catechists are teaching multiple classes each time they go into a school.

We are looking for more people who would be prepared to make a gift of their time and their talents to the Catholic children in the public schools and share the Good News of Jesus Christ with them.

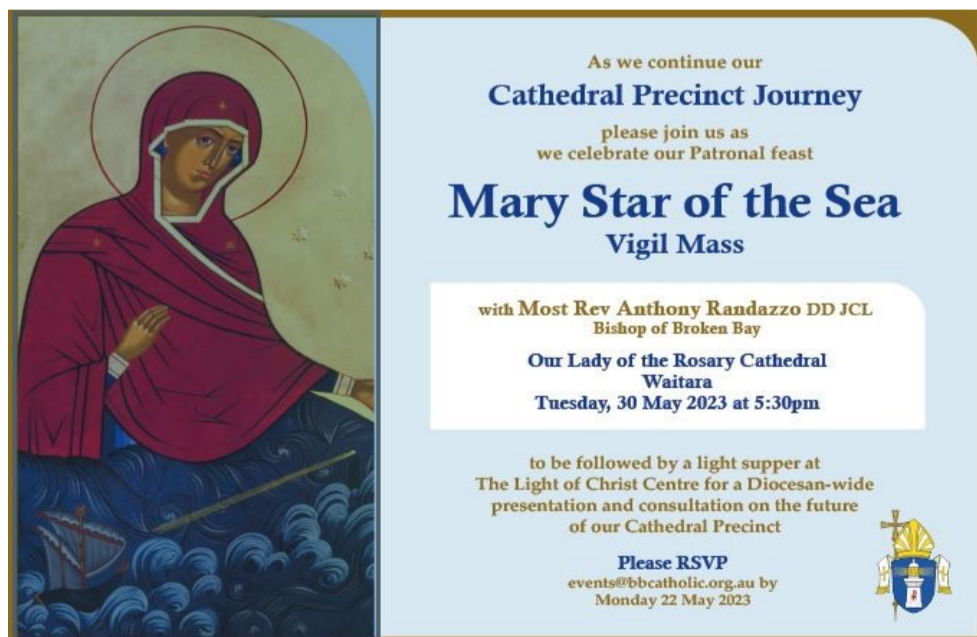
We, the catechists pray, that you will feel the Holy Spirit whisper in your hearts the call to become a catechist and share the load that few are currently bearing in sharing the Good News of Jesus with the children.

For more information, contact Michael Tebbutt on 0437440169.



Vinnies winter appeal: There will be a Vinnies Winter Appeal this weekend. Envelopes will be available for donations. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Reconciliation Week 27 May—3 June: Reconciliation Week follows National Sorry Day. Reconciliation Week celebrates the rich history and culture of the First Australians. Through truth-telling events, local communities work together to mark previously untold and unrecognised parts of their local histories. Further information: <https://nrw.reconciliation.org.au/>



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



BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT
EPHESIANS 5:18

PENTECOST SUNDAY

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1: Acts 2:1-11

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were astounded, and in amazement they asked, "Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his native language? We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travellers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God."

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31

R. Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Reading 2: 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

Brothers and sisters: No one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptised into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

Alleluia:

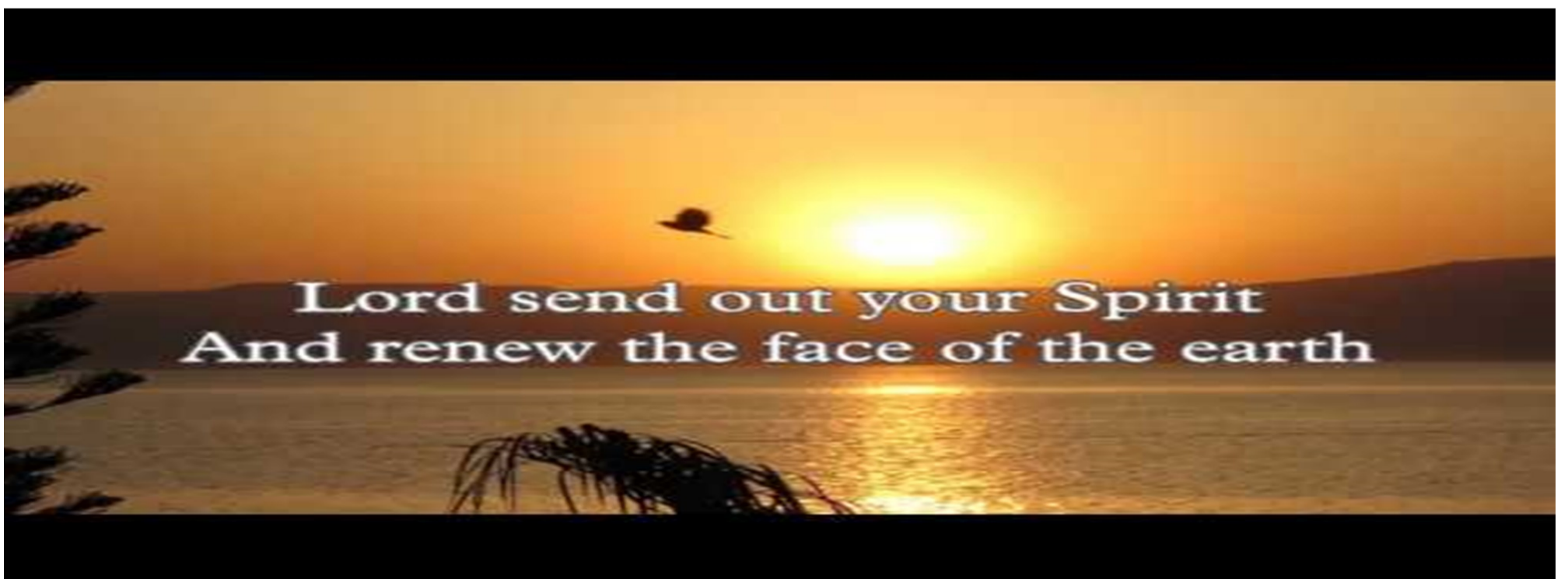
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

R. Alleluia.

Gospel: Jn 20:19-23

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."



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

Recently deceased: Gerard O’Flaherty

Anniversary: Rebecca Gauci, Natalia Soler, Allan Roferos

Remembrance: Fr Alex Degent Hart, May Bourke

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, 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, 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

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