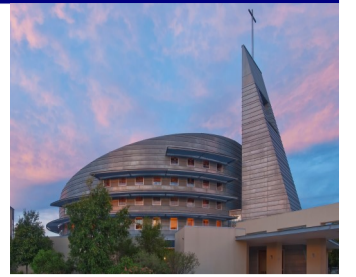




# WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



## 21st May 2023 The Ascension of the Lord

Under the Pastoral Care of  
The Fransalians since 2016

### FEASTS & MEMORIALS

22 May—*St Rita of Cascia*

25 May—*St Mary Magdalene de Pazzi &  
St Bede*

26 May—*St Philip Neri*

27 May—*St Augustine*

### 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

*Marian Bowyer - 0432 882 776*

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The feast of the Ascension of the Lord Year A commemorates the day that Jesus Christ ascended into heaven. He also gave the Great Commission, that all of the world should be saved. In the first reading the ascension of Jesus is recounted and the Apostles are told they will receive the Holy Spirit. In the second reading we hear that Jesus Christ rules heaven and earth. And in the gospel, Jesus tells his disciples to preach the Good News to the whole world.

- **The Ascension:** The first reading for the Ascension of the Lord Year A tells us that Jesus appeared to his disciples over a period of forty days after his resurrection and taught them about the kingdom of God. Before his ascension, Jesus told his disciples to stay in Jerusalem and wait for the promised Holy Spirit to come upon them. The second reading speaks of the ascension as an exaltation of Jesus Christ, who is now seated at the right hand of God in heaven, with power and authority over all things, and is a source of hope and enlightenment for believers.

- **The Great Commission:** This is a command given by Jesus to his disciples to go out to the world and make disciples of all nations. The Great Commission requires the disciples to go out into the world and make disciples of all nations. This emphasises the importance of reaching out beyond one's own community to share the message of Jesus Christ.

- **Evangelism:** This is the act of sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with others. The Great Commission in all three passages emphasises the importance of evangelism as part of making disciples.

- **Getting out of our comfort zones:** Making disciples often requires stepping outside of one's comfort zone and engaging with people who may have different backgrounds, cultures, or beliefs. This is emphasised in the Great Commission as disciples are called to go out to all nations.

- **Holy Spirit:** In the first reading, Jesus tells his disciples that they will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon them. The Holy Spirit is also mentioned in the second reading as the source of wisdom and revelation that helps believers understand the hope to which they have been called. In the gospel, Jesus promises to be with his disciples always, even to the end of the age, indicating that his presence will be with them through the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is thus a vital component of the Great Commission and evangelism.

<https://young-catholics.com/6219/the-ascension-of-the-lord-year-a/>

*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 who will be presented at Mass this weekend.

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

**Confirmation:** Sunday 2nd July

**Reconciliation:** Friday 17th November

**Cleaners for 26<sup>th</sup> May:** Rose Kissing, Jenny Mitchell, Lana Berg, Brian Nairn.

**Readers for 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> May:**

Saturday 5.00pm— Kate Bravo & Maryrose Barlow

Sunday 7.30am— Isaak Giunta & Veronica Jordan

Sunday 9.15am— Colleen McCormack & Michael Dixon

Sunday 5.00pm— Lorena Lalor & Kris Aitken

**Servers for 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> May:**

Saturday 5.00pm— Jeff Freeman & Joel Bajo

Sunday 7.30am— Kevin Glacken & Steve Hopley

Sunday 9.15am— Bob Wilson & Jenny Fitzgerald

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



We warmly welcome **Harlow Braham** who will be Baptised this weekend.



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

**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 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 next weekend.



**Funeral Announcement—Mary Therese Wood.** Mary's life will be celebrated at St John the Baptist Church on Tuesday, 23rd May at 11am. We offer our sincere condolences to Mary's family.



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 on the weekend of 27th and 28th May. Envelopes will be available for donations. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**Central Coast Chorale:** Central Coast Chorale with Chamber Orchestra present Kings and Queens. Music to celebrate the Coronation of Charles III by Mozart, Handel and Purcell. Sunday, 21st May at 2.30pm at St Patrick's Church, East Gosford.

Bookings—www.centralcoastchorale.org.



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 1:1-11**

In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for “the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” When they had gathered together they asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” He answered them, “It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.”

## **Responsorial Psalm: Ps 46:2-3, 6-9**

**R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

## **Reading 2: Eph 1:17-23**

Brothers and sisters: May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of his power for us who believe, in accord with the exercise of his great might, which he worked in Christ, raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens, far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion, and every name that is named not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things beneath his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.

**Alleluia:**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world.

**R. Alleluia.**

## **Gospel: Mt 28:16-20**

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, “All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”



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

**Recently deceased:** Mary Wood, Jude Andrew Herman, Belen Montecillo, Fr Bob Maguire

**Anniversary:** Laurence John Sheil

**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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