



# WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



11th June 2023

## The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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### FEASTS & MEMORIALS

13 June—St Anthony of Padua

19 June—St Romuald

21 June—St Aloysius Gonzaga

22 June—St John Fisher & St Thomas  
More

### 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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### PARISH CONTACTS

#### Administrator

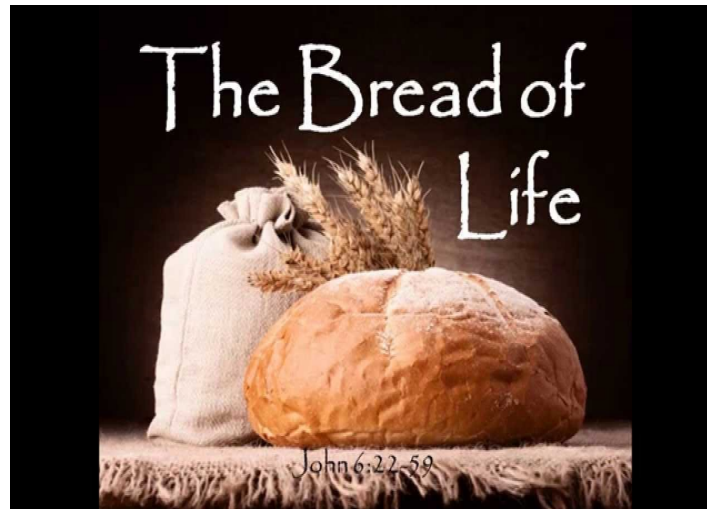
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The readings for Corpus Christi Year A focus on the Eucharist. We are reminded that God cared for the Israelites by providing manna. By receiving Holy Communion, we are spiritually fed and united in each other. And in the Gospel of John, Jesus makes it clear that the Eucharist is truly His body and blood and gives us life.

- **Remembering God's blessings:** In the first reading for Corpus Christi Year A, the Israelites are reminded to remember how God led them through the wilderness and provided for them. This is a warning against forgetting God's goodness and becoming prideful in our own abilities and possessions. We are called to recognise that all that we have comes from God, and we must be grateful for His provision.
- **Trusting in God's word:** The passage from Deuteronomy also emphasises the importance of trusting in God's word rather than material things. This is a call to focus on the spiritual rather than the material, recognising that our true sustenance comes from God's word. We must rely on God and His promises, rather than placing our trust in material things that will ultimately fade away.
- **The Eucharist as a sacrament of unity:** The second reading for Corpus Christi Year A describes the Eucharist as a sacrament that creates a spiritual unity among believers. Through partaking in the bread and wine that represent the body and blood of Christ, we become united as one body of Christ. This is a reminder of the importance of community and the role that the Eucharist plays in creating a sense of belonging among believers.
- **The true presence of Christ in the Eucharist:** The belief in the true presence of Christ in the bread and wine of the Eucharist is a central teaching of the Catholic Church. The second reading emphasises that the bread and wine are not merely symbols but are the body and blood of Christ. This belief is foundational to the Catholic faith and is a reminder of the depth of Christ's sacrifice for us.

**The necessity of the Eucharist for eternal life:** The Gospel reading from John emphasises the necessity of consuming the body and blood of Christ for eternal life. Jesus teaches that His flesh and blood are true food and true drink, and those who eat and drink them will abide in Him and have eternal life. This is a reminder of the centrality of the Eucharist to the Catholic faith, and the importance of receiving the sacrament for our spiritual nourishment and growth.

<https://young-catholics.com/706/corpus-christi-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.*

**Thanks:** We welcome back Fr Timothy from his European travels and thank Fr Bill, Fr Bogdan, Fr Brian, Fr Geoff, Fr Stephen and Fr Vince for their kind assistance while Fr Timothy was away.

**Parish Office:** The Parish Office will be closed on Monday 12th June for the Public Holiday. Mass will be at 9.00am.

**Sacramental Programme 2023—Important Dates:**

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

**Confirmation:** Sunday 2nd July

**Reconciliation:** Friday 17th November

**Cleaners for 16<sup>th</sup> June:** Maria Wickens, Andrew Hopkins, Reg Harrington, Linda Potestas.

**Readers for 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> June:**

Saturday 5.00pm— Jane Rutherford & Jane Somerville

Sunday 7.30am— Joel Bajo & Dorothy Fulton

Sunday 9.15am— Michael Dixon & Maryrose Barlow

Sunday 5.00pm— Peter Smith & Lorena Lalor

**Servers for 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> June:**

Saturday 5.00pm— Paul Cavanagh & Vincent Cavanagh

Sunday 7.30am— Peter French & Paul Nolan

Sunday 9.15am— Bernie French & Joesie Cameron

Sunday 5.00pm— Laurie Jarvis, Pio Savea, 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.

**Save the date—St John the Baptist Feast Day:**

On Saturday 24th June, after 5.00pm Mass, there will be soup and socialising for all Parishioners.

On Sunday 25th June, after 9.15am Mass, there will be a BBQ and more socialising for all Parishioners.

These activities will allow us to come together after celebrating the Eucharist and enjoy some social time together.

 **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.

**Bishop's Mass:** Bishop Anthony and all the Clergy in the Diocese of Broken Bay will be visiting St John the Baptist Parish during the Diocesan Clergy Conference on Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> of June. All parishioners from St John the Baptist are welcome to join the Bishop and the Clergy for Mass at 6:00pm.



Fr Timothy will present Brown Scapulars at 9.15am Mass on Sunday, 16th July. Please contact Emma Baker 0404 339 668 or Christine French 0431 765 401 for more information.



Envelopes for the final Pastoral Works Broken Bay Appeal of the financial year will be available this weekend. Our quota for the year is \$27,053 and we have raised \$13,031 so far. This leaves a shortfall of \$14,022. Thank you for your generosity to date. To donate, either complete the form in the envelope available, go online to [bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks](http://bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks) or scan the QR code. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.



**Worldpriest Annual Global Rosary Relay for the Sanctification of Priests**

**Friday 16 June 2023**

**Country:** Australia

**Time:** 10:30 am

**Lead Location:** Hornsby Cathedral Parish  
Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral

**Mysteries:** Glorious

Please use all live streaming, video and Facebook Live facilities you may have access to - and help extend your prayer participation to an even greater audience worldwide.

*Pray the Rosary, unite with your country and help encircle the world in prayer*

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## **Reading 1: Deut 8:2-3, 14-16**

Moses said to the people: "Remember how for forty years now the LORD, your God, has directed all your journeying in the desert, so as to test you by affliction and find out whether or not it was your intention to keep his commandments. He therefore let you be afflicted with hunger, and then fed you with manna, a food unknown to you and your fathers, in order to show you that not by bread alone does one live, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of the LORD. "Do not forget the LORD, your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery; who guided you through the vast and terrible desert with its saraph serpents and scorpions, its parched and waterless ground; who brought forth water for you from the flinty rock and fed you in the desert with manna, a food unknown to your fathers."

## **Responsorial Psalm: 147:12-15, 19-20**

**R. Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.**

## **Reading 2: 1 Cor 10:16-17**

Brothers and sisters: The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.

**Alleluia:**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;  
whoever eats this bread will live forever.

**R. Alleluia.**

## **Gospel: Jn 6:51-58**

Jesus said to the Jewish crowds: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." The Jews quarrelled among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever."

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THE MOST  
HOLY BODY AND  
BLOOD OF CHRIST

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AND MY BLOOD IS TRUE DRINK."

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

**Recently deceased:** Charles Lawson, Chris Dowling, Angela Feillafe, Gerard O'Flaherty

**Anniversary:** Louis Aloisio, Frank Vella, Ray Treacy, Estaban Soler, John Taylor

**Remembrance:**

**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, 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, Doris Coleman, Alice Lynn, Dianne Smyth, Gail Smith, Roy Cutrone, Wendy Cohen, Bill Hunt, Patricia Quinn, Alan Ball



### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for June

**For the abolition of torture**

**We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.**

#### 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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