



WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



4th June 2023

The Most Holy Trinity

Under the Pastoral Care of
The Fransalians since 2016

FEASTS & MEMORIALS

5 June—St Boniface

6 June—St Norbert

6 June—St Marcellin Champagnat

9 June—St Ephrem

13 June—St Anthony of Padua

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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Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, which leads us to contemplate and worship the divine life of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit: a life of communion and perfect love, origin and aim of all the universe and of every creature: God. We also recognise in the Trinity the model for the Church, in which we are called to love each other as Jesus loved us.

And love is the concrete sign that demonstrates faith in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. And love is the badge of the Christian, as Jesus told us: **"By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another"** (Jn 13:35). It's a contradiction to think of Christians who hate. It's a contradiction. And the devil always seeks this: to make us hate, because he's always a troublemaker; he doesn't know love; God is love!

We are all called to witness and proclaim the message that "God is love", that God isn't far and insensitive to our human affairs. He is close to us, always beside us, walking with us to share our joys and our sorrows, our hopes and our struggles. He loves us very much and for that reason he became man, he came into the world not to condemn it, but so the world would be saved through Jesus (cf. Jn 3:16-17). And this is the love of God in Jesus, this love that is so difficult to understand but that we feel when we draw close to Jesus. And he always forgives us, he always awaits us, he loves us so much. And we feel the love of Jesus and the love of God.

The Holy Spirit, gift of the Risen Jesus, conveys divine life to us and thus lets us enter into the dynamism of the Trinity, which is a dynamism of love, of communion, of mutual service, of sharing. A person who loves others for the very joy of love is a reflection of the Trinity. A family in which each person loves and helps one another is a reflection of the Trinity. A Parish in which each person loves and shares spiritual and material effects is a reflection of the Trinity.

True love is boundless, but it knows how to limit itself, to interact with others, to respect the freedom of others. Every Sunday we go to Mass, we celebrate the Eucharist together and the Eucharist is like the "burning bush" in which the Trinity humbly lives and communicates; for this reason the Church placed the feast of *Corpus Domini* after that of the Trinity.

May the Virgin Mary, perfect creation of the Trinity, help us to make our whole lives, in small gestures and more important choices, an homage to God, who is Love.

<https://catholicsstrivingforholiness.org/pope-francis-on-the-solemnity-of-the-most-holy-trinity/>

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 continue to prepare for Confirmation.

Confirmation: Sunday 2nd July

Reconciliation: Friday 17th November

Cleaners for 9th June: Anne-Marie Young, Elena Egan, Tom French, Maria Owen.

Readers for 10th & 11th June:

Saturday 5.00pm— Kate Bravo & Jane Somerville

Sunday 7.30am— Veronica Jordan & Mabel Torres

Sunday 9.15am— Don Matheson & Colleen McCormack

Sunday 5.00pm— Sarah Hagarty & Kris Aitken

Servers for 10th & 11th June:

Saturday 5.00pm— Paul Cavanagh & Vincent Cavanagh

Sunday 7.30am— Jose Torres & Paul Nolan

Sunday 9.15am— Bob Wilson & Jenny Fitzgerald

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




We warmly welcome Daisy Darvall, Connor Johnson, Charlie King & Maddison King who will be Baptised this weekend.

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.

Thanks: A big thank you to all the Mass Attendance counters.

Thanks: There was a total of \$2,455 donated to the Vinnies Winter Appeal. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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.

 **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 14th 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.

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Closing Date 4 August 2023

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1: Ex 34:4-6, 8-9

Early in the morning Moses went up Mount Sinai as the LORD had commanded him, taking along the two stone tablets. Having come down in a cloud, the LORD stood with Moses there and proclaimed his name, "LORD." Thus the LORD passed before him and cried out, "The LORD, the LORD, a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity." Moses at once bowed down to the ground in worship. Then he said, "If I find favour with you, O Lord, do come along in our company. This is indeed a stiff-necked people; yet pardon our wickedness and sins and receive us as your own."

Responsorial Psalm: Dn 3:52-56

R. Glory and praise forever!

Reading 2: 2 Cor 13:11-13

Brothers and sisters, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the holy ones greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Alleluia:

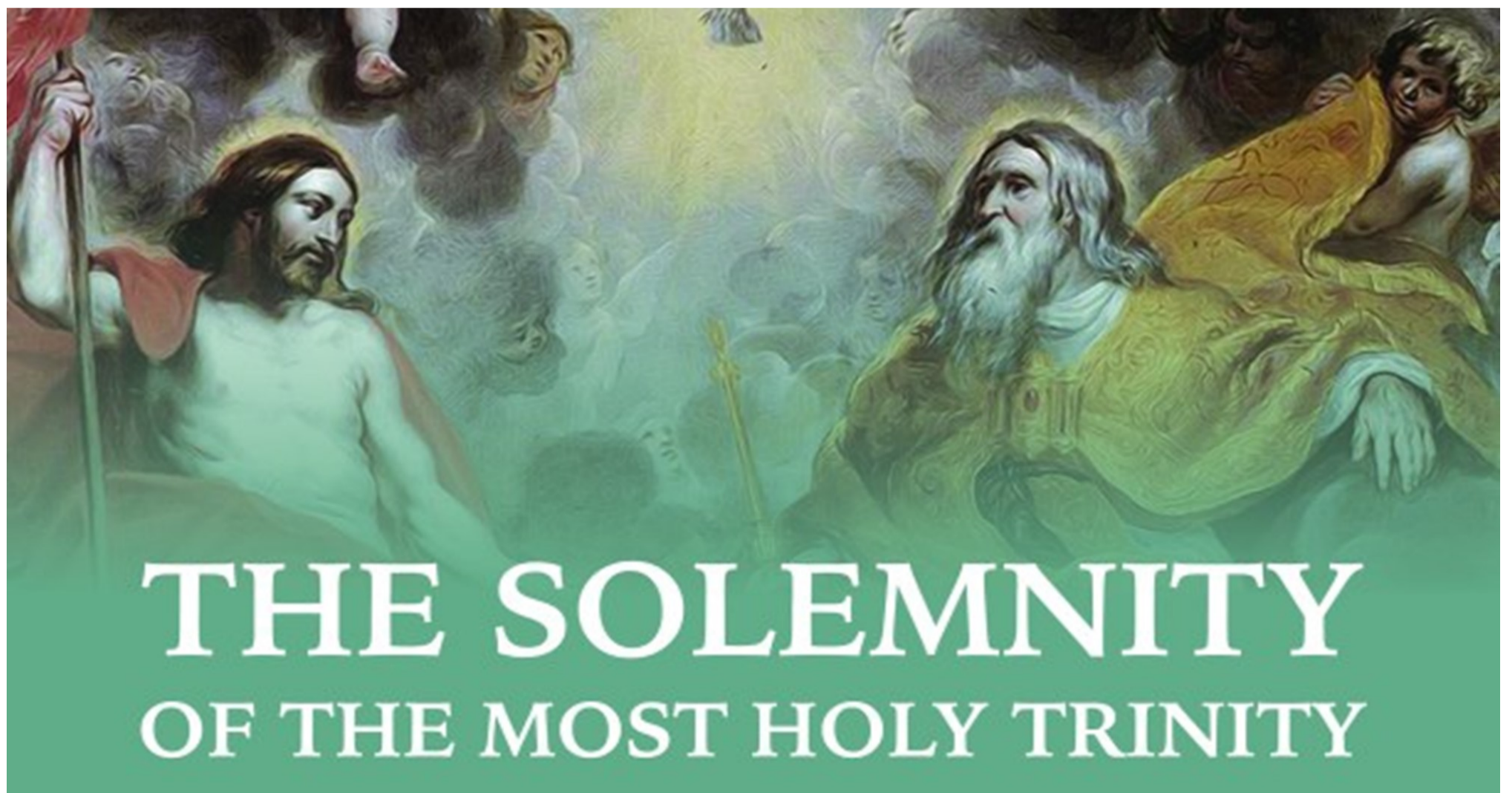
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

R. Alleluia.

Gospel: Jn 3:16-18

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.



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

Recently deceased: Dr John Benecke, Don Menzies, Ambrose Blanch, Charles Newham

Anniversary: Rose-Mary Knight, Joyce Fotheringham

Remembrance: Peter D Prince & family

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, 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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