



WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



13th July 2025
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Under the Pastoral Care of
The Fransalians since 2016

MASS TIMES & OTHER WORSHIP

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil - 5.00pm

Sundays - 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 Service

First Friday of the month during Mass at 4.00pm

Nursing Home Masses:

Hillview House—3rd Thurs of the month 10.30am

Peninsula Village—4th Thurs of the month 10.00am

BlueWave—2nd Fri of the month 9.30am

Reconciliation/Confession

Fridays—9.00am

First Friday of the month - 3.30pm

Saturdays - 9.30am and 4.30pm

Sundays - 7.00am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday evenings from 7.00pm - 8.00pm

Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Mon—Fri - 8.30am—3.00pm

Christian Meditation

Monday evenings - 6.00pm - 7.00pm

Marian Bowyer - 0432 882 776

PARISH CONTACTS

Parish Priest

Fr Timothy Raj MSFS

Assistant Priest

Fr Prince Joseph VC

Parish Secretary

Triona Meagher

P: 02 4341 1073

Emergency contact No. 02 4398 9076

Who is my neighbour?

The present ecological crisis calls us to new ways of being a neighbour. We used to speak in terms of thinking globally and acting locally. If we are to be a neighbour in our times, we need to think cosmically as well as globally, and to act globally as well as locally.

Thinking cosmically means embracing the entire 13.7 billion-year story of our expanding and evolving universe. It means accepting our cosmic identity and our intimate connectedness to the whole of creation. Thinking cosmically elicits wonder and respect for all created beings and especially for God who is Source and Sustainer of all Creation. Cosmic thinking provides a context for acting globally and locally, for being a neighbour in our local and global environments.

Today's gospel story is about being a neighbour. It foregrounds the human characters and their relationships with each other. The lawyer who questions Jesus is trying to catch him out. Like Jesus' audience, this legal expert knows the Jewish law regarding love of God and of one's neighbour and answers Jesus' first question correctly.

This leads to another 'test' question: 'Who is my neighbour?' Jesus replies with a subversive story that ends in yet another question: 'Which of these three was neighbour...?' The lawyer cannot avoid the obvious answer, though it would cost a Jewish legal expert dearly to admit that a Samaritan could be neighbour to a Jew in need. Rather than utter the word 'Samaritan' he answers obliquely, 'the one who showed mercy'.

The Samaritan is 'moved with compassion', literally 'moved in the depths of his being'. The Samaritan befriends the wounded traveller and draws on all his resources to care for him: wine and oil to dress the wounds, his 'own animal' as transport, finance for accommodation, companionship at the inn, provision for ongoing care. The story offers the shocking suggestion that a Samaritan knows more about love of God and of neighbour than do those who officiate in Temple worship, namely the priest and the Levite who 'pass by'. If we substitute 'Al Qaeda' or 'Taliban operative' for 'Samaritan', we might begin to understand the power of this parable and the grace that it can offer.

Cosmic thinking invites us to focus not just on the human characters from different cultures and social strata in this story, but also on the neighbourly animal, the fruit of the vine and of the olive grove, and the silver coins formed of material extracted from the earth and engaged as signs of compassionate neighbourly love. It invites us to reverence all of creation and the Creator of all that is.

https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/adw_welcom/15th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-c-2/

Parish News:

Pastoral Works Broken Bay Receipts: Pastoral Works Broken Bay receipts are now available to collect from the table in the Gathering Area. If you would like a copy emailed to you, please contact the office.

Brown Scapular: Interested in being enrolled in the Brown Scapular? Want to learn more about this devotion? Brown Scapular investiture Sunday, 20th July during 9.15am Mass followed by morning tea welcoming our new enrollees. Please contact Emma Baker 0404 339 668 or Christine French 0431 765 401 for further information..



Cleaners for 18th July: Tom French, Elena Egan, Geraldine Baxter, Reg Harrington.

Readers for 19th & 20th July:

Saturday 5.00pm—Leonie King, Jane Rutherford, Marie Andrews

Sunday 7.30am—Phoebe Glacken, Joel Bajo, Isaak Giunta

Sunday 9.15am—Therese Carroll, Jacqui Scholte, Violetta Chol

Sunday 5.00pm—Peter Smith, Lorena Lalor, Armella Dogillo

Servers for 19th & 20th July:

Saturday 5.00pm—Paul Cavanagh, Vincent Cavanagh

Sunday 7.30am—Pio Savea

Sunday 9.15am—Bob Wilson, Jenny Fitzgerald

Craft Group: The craft group meets each Thursday in the Walter Baker Hall from 9.00am to 12.00pm. Bring yourself and your craft items. All welcome. Please contact Pat Savage for further information 0402 153 650.

Broken Bay Jubilee Pilgrimage:



Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage: Once again this year, the Sisters of St Joseph are holding the Pilgrimage 'In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop.' This is an official Pilgrimage led and run by the Sisters of St Joseph. The Pilgrimage is being held from 9th September to 20th September 2025 and is being led by Sr Annie Bond, a Sister of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart. For more information contact Sr Annie Bond RSJ on +61 406 195 861 or email: national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au. You can also visit the website www.marymackillop.org.au/retreats-spirituality/Australia-national-pilgrimage.



We welcome you to the Feast of St Mary MacKillop

Friday August 8th 2025

We welcome you all to a Mass at 10am (with Fr Bogdan) in Mary MacKillop Spirituality Centre Chapel (formerly St Joseph's)

Followed by a home-cooked Morning Tea, and a tour of the grounds for those who wish or may be visiting for the first time.

Address: 8 Humphreys Road, Kincumber South.
Donation: \$15.00 (payable in advance)
RSVP: 1st August 2025 (via Humanitix)
reception.sjr@sosjspirit.org.au or phone 4368 2805



Mary MacKillop
Spirituality Centre
Central Coast

8 Humphreys Rd,
Kincumber South
NSW

PH: (02) 4368 2805
Email: receptionsjr@sosjspirit.org.au
website: mmsm.org.au/centres/central-coast/

Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1: Deut 30:10-14

Moses said to the people: "If only you would heed the voice of the LORD, your God, and keep his commandments and statutes that are written in this book of the law, when you return to the LORD, your God, with all your heart and all your soul. "For this command that I enjoin on you today is not too mysterious and remote for you. It is not up in the sky, that you should say, 'Who will go up in the sky to get it for us and tell us of it, that we may carry it out?' Nor is it across the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross the sea to get it for us and tell us of it, that we may carry it out?' No, it is something very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts; you have only to carry it out."

Responsorial Psalm:

R. Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

This is my prayer for your favour. In your great love answer me. Lord, come to our help for your love is kind. Turn to me with compassion that never ends.

R. Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

As for me in my poverty and pain let your help raise me up, O Lord. With a song I will praise God's name. To him I will give glory and thanksgiving.

R. Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

The poor when they see it will be glad, those hearts seeking God will revive. For the Lord hears the cry of the poor and does not spurn his servants in their chains.

R. Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

Reading 2: Col 1:15-20

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things he himself might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile all things for him, making peace by the blood of his cross through him, whether those on earth or those in heaven.

Alleluia:

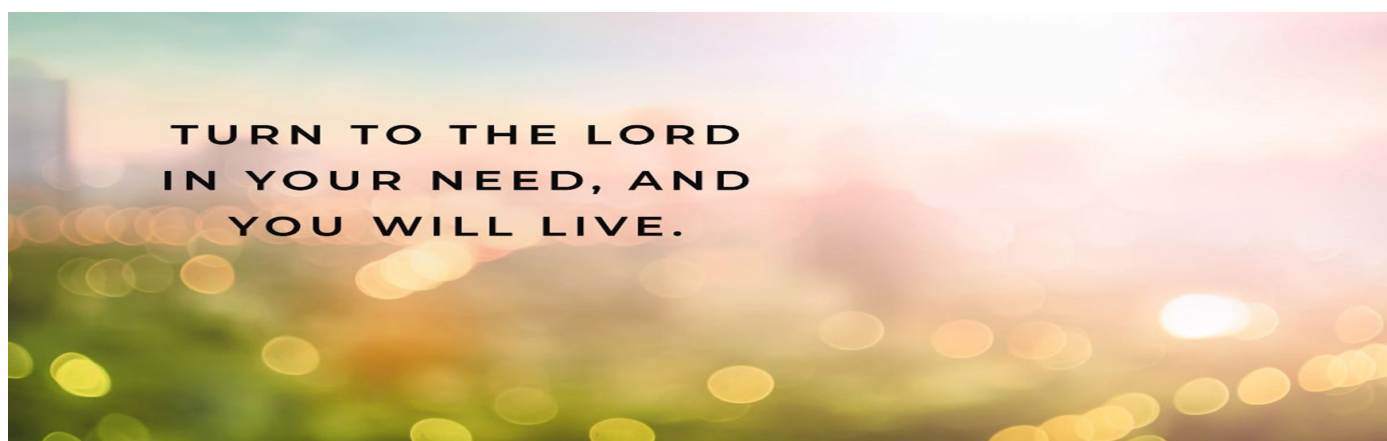
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life.

R. Alleluia!

Gospel: Lk 10:25-37

There was a scholar of the law who stood up to test Jesus and said, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read it?" He said in reply, "*You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.*" He replied to him, "You have answered correctly; do this and you will live." But because he wished to justify himself, he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?" Jesus replied, "A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. Likewise a Levite came to the place, and when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight. He approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them. Then he lifted him up on his own animal, took him to an inn, and cared for him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper with the instruction, 'Take care of him. If you spend more than what I have given you, I shall repay you on my way back.' Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbour to the robbers' victim?" He answered, "The one who treated him with mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."



Readings for the Week:

Monday, 14th July:

Tuesday, 15th July:

Wednesday, 16th July:

Thursday, 17th July:

Friday, 18th July:

Saturday, 19th July:

Sunday, 20th July:

St Camillus de Lellis - Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 123/**Mt 10:34—11:1**

St Bonaventure - Ex 2:1-15/Ps 68:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/**Mt 11:20-24**

Our Lady of Mount Carmel - Gen 41:55-57; 42:5-7, 17-24/Ps 32:2-3, 10-11, 18-19/**Mt 10:1-7**
Ex 3:13-20/Ps 104:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27/**Mt 11:28-30**

Ex 11:10-12:14/Ps 115:12-13, 15-18/**Mt 12:1-8**

Ex 12:37-42/Ps 135:1, 10-15, 23-24/**Mt 12:14-21**

Gen 18:1-10/Ps 14:2-5/Col 1:24-28/**Lk 10:38-42**

Let us keep in our prayers:

Anniversary: Anita Bastiampillai, Elizabeth Carr, James Carr, Aloysius Glacken, Marcus McNamara, Rudolphus Moroney

Sick: Jackie Ascic, Alan Ball, Kathleen Bezzina, Lorraine Blandford, Roberto Bocor, Fr Michael Brady, Rae Busby, Bill de Rooy, Anne-Marie Dixon, Marie Dixon, Iris Drewett, Marie Drewett, Aline Fauvette, Dymrna Fitzpatrick, Frances Glanz, Jason Harwood, Bill Hunt, Marge Lawrence, Kay McCormack, Betty & Sean McDermott, Ronald Matthews, Theresa Mitchell, Oscar James Moretti, Maureen Mullane, Ada-Primrose Murphy, Marta Panczyna, Fr Reggo, Anthony Salis, Brooke Simmons, Susie Simmons, Joseph Svanberg, Barry Tierney, Patricia Toohey, Donna Vella, Minda Valoba, Josie Weate, Pauline White, Janelle Whiteland, Melissa Wong, Willy Woods, Jonathon Zdilar

Pope Leo's July Intention:

During the month of July, Pope Leo invites us to pray for formation in discernment. Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

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>

Name: St John the Baptist Parish Woy Woy

BSB: 062 784 **Account no:** 10000 1742

Thank you for your generous contribution.

Thank
You



SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL BUSINESS



**Aged Care &
Retirement Planning
Free Initial Meeting
1300 661 424
www.tfs.com.au**

Anthony Tanti Pty Ltd trading as Tanti® Financial Services ABN 18 070 533 836 is an Authorised Representative and Credit Representative of AMP Financial Planning Pty Limited ABN 89 051 208 327 AFS Licence No.232706



1300 663 753 OUR FAMILY
1/77 Rawson Rd *Caring For*
Woy Woy *Your Family*

A wide range of products at great prices

Ettalong Beach, N.S.W.



**Advantage
Pharmacy**

We have all the best medicine.

not just notes

Would you like to play the piano?
Would you like to play the pipe organ?
Do you want to improve your skills?



Learn to play and love your music!
Recently moved from Sydney to Umina Beach
With over 20 years of teaching experience
I aim to inspire whilst teaching
good technique and improving skills.

godelieve@notjustnotes.com.au
0404 837 363



**Bryan J. Reid
Funeral Services**

1/39 Victoria Road,
Woy Woy.

1800 032 225

100% Australian Owned
Family Operated Company.



Come and enjoy delicious culinary delights that will take you on a journey into the magical world of Indian Cuisine. Our chefs capture the aromatic flavours and present to you the tastiest dishes from the country with great heritage and flamboyant culture.

LUNCH TUESDAY TO SATURDAY (11.00am to 2.30pm)
DINNER TUESDAY TO THURSDAY & SUNDAY (4.30pm to 9.30pm)
FRIDAY & SATURDAY (4.30pm TILL LATE)

34 Blackwall Road, Woy Woy-NSW 2256, Tel: 02 43398225, www.spices29.com.au

ADVERTISE HERE

ADVERTISE HERE



Private lessons

All ages welcome

Family discounts

Enrol now!



Gerard Nicholls
Piano & Organ Teacher

☎ 0426 845 150

f Forte Piano Studio

📍 Springfield location