



WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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

2nd November 2025
All Souls Day



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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

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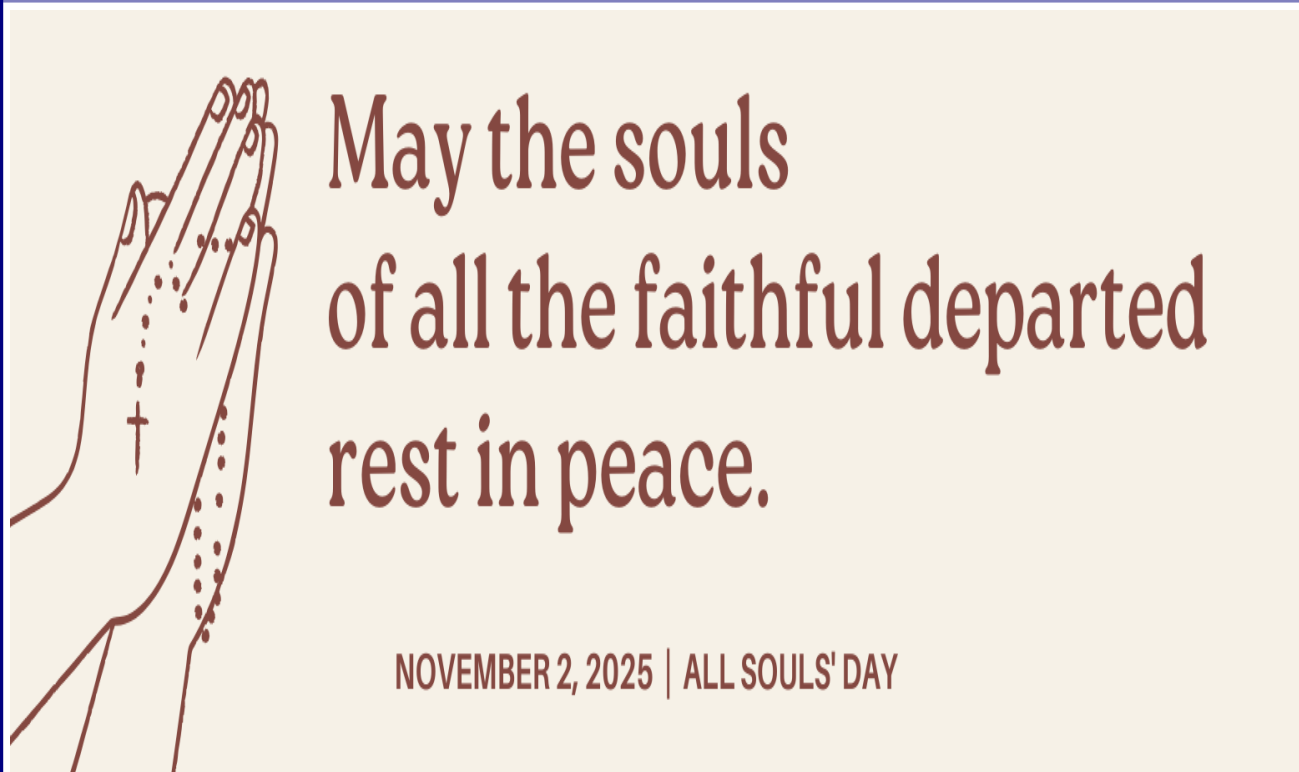
PARISH TEAM:

Parish Priest — Fr Timothy Raj MSFS

Assistant Priest — Fr John Prince VC

Parish Secretary — Triona Meagher

For emergencies requiring a Priest, please call 02 4398 9076



To a great extent, a parish liturgist who is planning the All Souls Mass is preparing a standard funeral liturgy of the same type that would be celebrated numerous times in that parish throughout the year. I feel that this gives All Souls Day a degree of familiarity and communion between ourselves and all those souls who have preceded us in death. We are praying for them in almost the exact same liturgical ceremony that we would use at the funeral Mass for any of our deceased loved ones.

If the liturgy itself invites such an intimately shared connection between ourselves and the souls of the deceased who are still anticipating full union with God in heaven, then we should feel encouraged to adopt a similar intimacy in our personal prayer. While the common phrase we often hear is that we should "pray for the dead," I would invite us to also pray to the dead.

If our immortal souls have any capacity at all, they must at least have the capacity to give and receive love. Otherwise, how could they ever exist in heaven, where their only mission is to love and adore God, and receive God's love in return? This means that we should continue to extend our love to the souls of the deceased, and we should also keep our hearts open to let ourselves be loved by them. By offering our love to the souls of the faithful departed, we can help them through the process of conversion that we call purgatory. Thus, by loving the souls "in purgatory," we can help them to become more receptive to God's love. Eventually, they attain the capacity to freely receive all that God is freely offering them. At this point they are fully with God for eternity.

So, for this All Souls' Day, take the lead from the church's liturgical texts and express your love to the deceased. Help "pray them into heaven."

<https://www.chicagocatholic.com/father-john-kartje/-/article/2025/10/22/nov-2-all-souls-day>

Parish News:

Save the Date: On Sunday, 16th November there will be a special Mass at 9.15am to celebrate the Dedication of the Church, the 79th anniversary of our Parish and The Jubilee Year of Hope. More details to follow. There will be lunch afterwards. For catering purposes, please register your name and number on the list in the gathering area.

All Souls Day Mass and morning tea:

We invite you and your family to join with our Parish community at 9.15am Mass on All Souls Day. There will be a morning tea following the Mass.

All Souls Day—Point Clare Cemetery

Prayers will start in the Green Hut at Point Clare Cemetery at 11.00am on Sunday, 2nd November.

Reconciliation candidates: Please keep the First Reconciliation candidates in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament on the 14th of next month.

Baptism: We warmly welcome Rolf who will be baptised this weekend.

Diocesan Count of Mass Attendance:

The second Diocesan Count of Mass Attendance for 2025 will begin this weekend and continue until the weekend of 22nd/23rd November.

November Mass Offering:

The November giving envelopes are available for families to offer Mass for their loved ones. All proceeds will be sent to the Missions in Zambia.

Cleaners for 7th November:

Gay Tiansay, Linda Potestas, Mabel Kan, Amanda Gray.

Readers for 8th & 9th November:

Saturday 5.00pm	Marie Andrews, Jane Somerville, Leonie King
Sunday 7.30am	Joel Bajo, Isaak Giunta, Phoebe Glacken
Sunday 9.15am	John French, Ingrid Stevens, Maryrose Barlow
Sunday 5.00pm	Armella Dogillo, Marian Bowyer, Kris Aitken

Servers for 8th & 9th November:

Saturday 5.00pm	Jeff Freeman, Joel Bajo
Sunday 7.30am	Jose Torres, Paul Nolan
Sunday 9.15am	Bernie French, Joesie Cameron

Pastoral Works Broken Bay November Appeal:



The Pastoral Works Broken Bay (PWBB) November Appeal begins next weekend. Our quota for the year is \$32,973. Envelopes are available in the Church and gathering area. Together, we bring hope and healing across our Diocese. Through your generous support, PWBB helps fund vital ministries and programs across our Diocese — including

hospital chaplaincy, CatholicCare assistance and faith education for children in public schools. Your gift makes a difference in the lives of people who turn to the Church in times of need and all donations over \$2 are 100% tax-deductible. You can donate at any time, not only during the time of an appeal. You can also use the QR code above.

Reinstitution of the Chalice at Communion:

The reinstitution of the Chalice at Communion will happen before the end of November. If anyone who served pre-Covid with the distribution of Communion would be willing to do so again, please contact the Parish Office.

Patricia Slattery:



Last week the Lord called home his loyal and loving servant, Pat Slattery. Pat served this parish for many decades. Pat began teaching in Woy Woy when St John the Baptist school was in the Walter Baker Hall. In 1980 the school made the move to its present location in Dulkara Road and Pat moved with it. She continued teaching the children of the peninsula not only the 3 Rs but of the love of her God and Saviour. Pat always had a smile on her face and had an amazing zest for life. She always saw God in the face of those people who were vulnerable.

In 2000, after retiring from teaching, Pat put her time into voluntary work with those less fortunate than herself. She worked with St Vincent de Paul visiting and assisting many households and families over her years with them. Several times Pat took on the role of President of the Ettalong Beach conference and all the time encouraged others to work with Vinnies and give those in need a hand up. Pat was a member of the steering committee for the development of Mary Macs Place. Once Mary Macs was up and running, Pat served the Companions by helping to give them a well-prepared meal, guiding them to services that may assist them and showing them her love and compassion. There was a smile for every person who came through the door.

Pat was recognised with an Order of Australia Medal and also with several other local and state awards for her generosity of time and self to the community. Throughout her life, Pat tried to live by one of the sayings of Mary MacKillop, Australia's first saint. "Never see a need without doing something about it."

During her final years when her health was failing, Pat still managed to find a way to continue to serve. Nothing was too much trouble and everything was done with a smile and lots of laughs. Over the years of her undying service to God, Pat touched the lives of thousands of people, school children right through to the lost and lonely on the streets. Farewell friend, you will be greatly missed.

St John the Baptist Men's Group: Meetings to be held the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month from 7pm-8pm in the Leo Mahon Room. Next meeting 3rd November. For further information contact Allan Moore 0492 988 168.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1: Wis 3:1-9

The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them. They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead; and their passing away was thought an affliction and their going forth from us, utter destruction. But they are in peace. For if before men, indeed, they be punished, yet is their hope full of immortality; chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed, because God tried them and found them worthy of himself. As gold in the furnace, he proved them, and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself. In the time of their visitation they shall shine, and shall dart about as sparks through stubble; they shall judge nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord shall be their King forever. Those who trust in him shall understand truth, and the faithful shall abide with him in love: because grace and mercy are with his holy ones, and his care is with his elect.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord; in the land of the living.

How gracious is the Lord and just. Our God has compassion. The Lord protects the simple hearts. I was helpless, so he saved me.

R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord; in the land of the living.

I trusted, when I said: "I am sorely afflicted." And when I said: "In my alarm... no-one can be trusted.

R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord; in the land of the living.

O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful. Your servant Lord, your servant am I. You have loosened my bonds.

R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord; in the land of the living.

Reading 2: Rom 5:5-11

Brothers and sisters: Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. How much more then, since we are now justified by his Blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath. Indeed, if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, how much more, once reconciled, will we be saved by his life. Not only that, but we also boast of God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Alleluia:

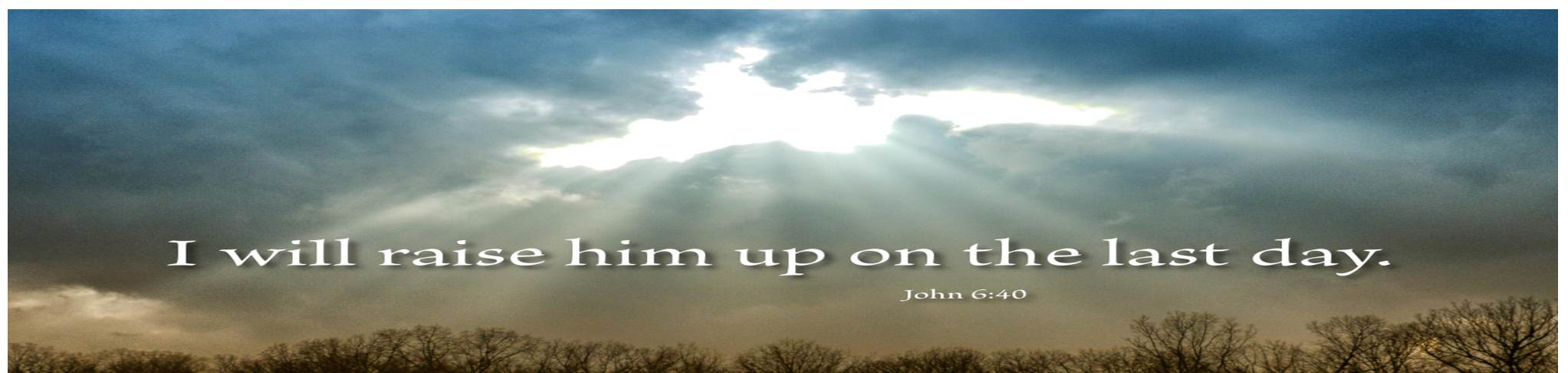
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Come, you who are blessed by my Father; inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

R. Alleluia!

Gospel: Jn 6:37-40

Jesus said to the crowds: "Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and I will not reject anyone who comes to me, because I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me. And this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day."



Readings for the Week:

Monday, 3rd Nov: St Martin de Porres - Rom 11:19-36/Ps 68:30-31, 33-34, 36-37/Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday, 4th Nov: St Charles Borromeo - Rom 12:5-16/Ps 130/Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday, 5th Nov: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday, 6th Nov: Rom 14:7-12/Ps 26:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 15:1-10

Friday, 7th Nov: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 97:1-4/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday, 8th Nov: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 144:2-5, 10-11/Lk 16:9-15

Sunday, 9th Nov: The Dedication of the Latern Basilica - Ezek 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 45:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Let us keep in our prayers:

Recently Deceased: Gabriele Berti, Pat Slattery

Anniversary: Aubrey Floor

Remembrance: Gypsy Artemis, Colleen Cresswell

Sick: Vincent Aarts, Alan Ball, Kathleen Bezzina, Lorraine Blandford, Roberto Bocor, Fr Michael Brady, Matthew Cooper, Bill de Rooy, Anne-Marie Dixon, Marie Dixon, Iris Drewett, Aline Fauvette, Dympna Fitzpatrick, Maureen Fotheringham, Frances Glanz, Jason Harwood, Bill Hunt, Thomas J, Marge Lawrence, Peter McCormack, Betty & Sean McDermott, Ronald Matthews, Theresa Mitchell, Oscar James Moretti, Maureen Mullane, Ada-Primrose Murphy, Sharyn Newcombe, Bill & Colleen O'Farrell, Marta Panczyna, Fr Reggo, Anthony Salis, Susie Simmons, Barry Tierney, Patricia Toohey, Donna Vella, Minda Valoba, Nigel Watts, Josie Weate, Janelle Whiteland, Melissa Wong, Willy Woods, Jonathon Zdilar

Pope Leo's November Intention:

For collaboration between different religious traditions

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

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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