



WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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

23rd November 2025

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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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

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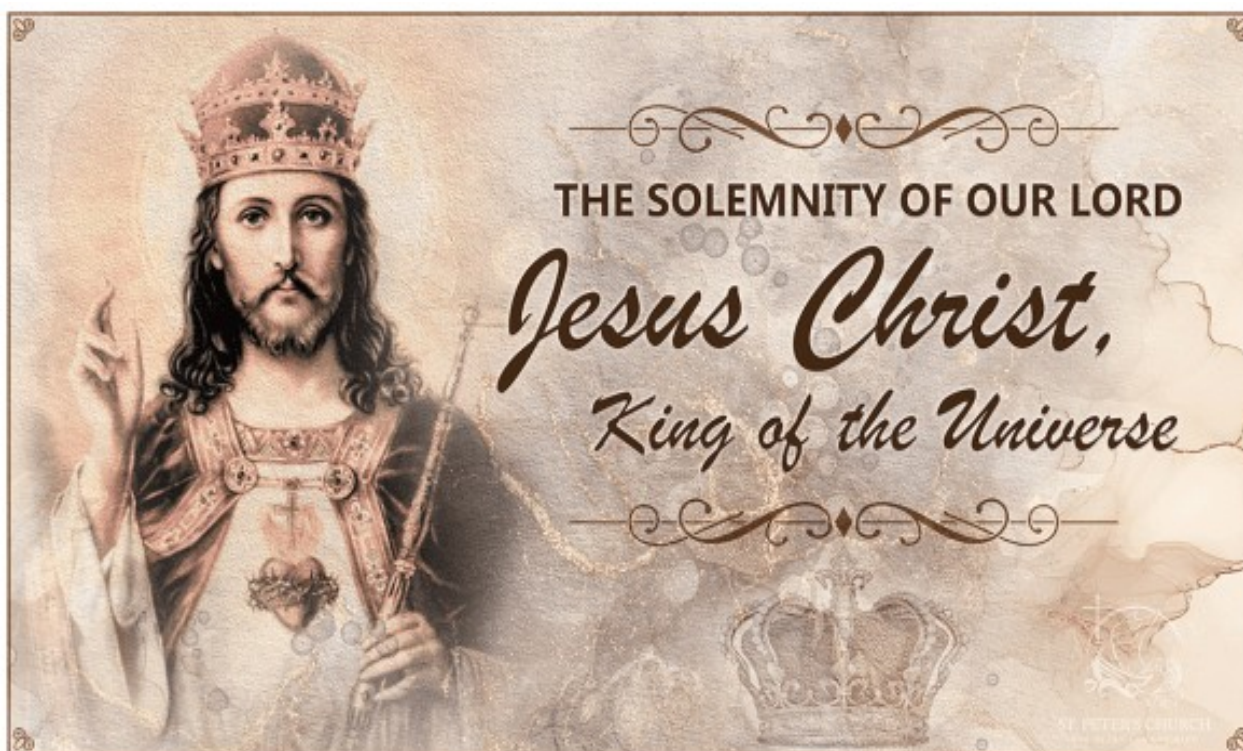
PARISH TEAM:

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



In 325, the First Ecumenical Council took place in the city of Nicea in Asia Minor. During that Council, the dogma regarding Christ's divinity was defined to counteract the Arian heresy: "Christ is God, light from light, true God from true God". 1600 years later, in 1925, Pope Pius XI proclaimed that the best way to defeat injustice was by acknowledging the kingship of Christ. The original date this feast was celebrated was the Sunday prior to All Saints Day (the last Sunday of October). But with the liturgical reform of 1969, it was moved to the last Sunday of the liturgical year, thus highlighting that Jesus Christ, the King, is the destination of our earthly pilgrimage. There are Biblical texts specific to all three years of the liturgical cycle which help us fully grasp the person of Jesus.

Today we celebrate the last Sunday of the Liturgical Year, known as the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Given the fact that the Liturgical Year represents our own life in miniature, this experience reminds us, and even more educates us, that we are on a journey toward an encounter with Jesus, the Spouse, when He will come as the King and Lord of life and of history. The coming we are now awaiting is His second coming. His first coming was in the humility of a Child laid in a manger (cf. Lk. 2:7); His second coming will be when He returns in glory at the end of time which we liturgically celebrate today.

But there is also an intermediate coming – we are living it today – in which Jesus is present in us through the Grace we receive in the Sacraments and in the face of every "least one" the Gospel speaks of ("*Unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven*". Mt. 18:3). We are invited to recognise Jesus in the face of each brother and sister. Along this journey, the liturgy offers us a school of life to instruct us how to recognise the Lord present in everyday life and to prepare us for His final coming.

Jesus did not come to be served, but to serve. He did not come to be served by "His power" but to give all of Himself for others to save them. This is Jesus' kingship. This is why He was not understood. And His kingship is one of love, pardon, of service – this is what Jesus came to bring and this is what the grace of the Cross won for us.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/liturgical-holidays/our-lord-jesus-christ--king-of-the-universe.html>

Parish News:

Thanks: Many thanks to Joe and Rose from Bakers Delight Umina for the donation of the baked goods for our Jubilee/Anniversary lunch on Sunday. Thanks also to the organisers and everyone who brought food and helped to make it such an enjoyable lunch.

Bus Maintenance Raffle: Many thanks for helping to support the raffle raising funds for the maintenance of the Parish bus. A total of \$1,090 was raised. The winners drawn were Connor Urot, Sally Quail, Mariana, Marivic, Norma Fell, Victor, Madeleine, Cheo Levi, Larain Green, Katie Connor, Ricky, Diane Gillett. Thanks also to our prize donors; Emma Baker, Rose Bontigao, Anne Dizon, Grace Lloyd, Tess Morrison, Nene Urot, Wilma Watts & Delia Wise.

Diocesan Count of Mass Attendance: The second Count of Mass Attendance for 2025 concludes this weekend and we offer a big thank you to all our counters.

Christmas Decoration Working Bee: There will be a Christmas decoration working bee after 9.15am Mass next Sunday, 30th November. Decorations provided. Please come along to help and prepare the church for Christmas.

Church cleaners: We are in need of volunteer church cleaners. If you can spare some time please contact Christine French 0431 765 401.

Christmas Hamper Wishlist: The Parish Pastoral Council is collecting hamper items in the church on behalf of those in our Parish who need a hand to make this time of the year very special. The wishlist contains (but is not limited to) long life milk, coffee, juice poppers, biscuits, pasta, meal base sauce, lollies, tinned fruit, tinned tuna, noodles, chip packets (small bags), shampoo, conditioner, soap, body wash, deodorant, school snacks, small personal gifts, festive food & snack food. The donated items will be distributed to the recipients the weekend of 20th December. All donations will be gratefully received. Thanks for your support.

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 28th November:

Patrick Donnellan, Reg Harrington, Mabel Kan, Tom French.

Readers for 29th & 30th November:

Saturday 5.00pm	Leonie King, Marie Andrews, Jane Somerville
Sunday 7.30am	Dorothy Fulton, Isaak Giunta, Phoebe Glacken
Sunday 9.15am	Emma Baker, Merlin Tony, Christine French
Sunday 5.00pm	Lorena Lalor, Doris Kidger, Peter Smith

Servers for 29th & 30th November:

Saturday 5.00pm	Joel Bajo, Darrin Patterson
Sunday 7.30am	Jose Torres, Paul Nolan
Sunday 9.15am	Bob Wilson, Hanaa El-Khatib

Blessing: There will be a blessing of the Jesse Tree after 9.15am Mass on Sunday, 30th November.

Pastoral Works Broken Bay November Appeal: 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. You can donate at any time using the QR code below.



Reinstitution of the Chalice at Communion:

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

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 1st December. For further information contact Allan Moore 0492 988 168.

Advent Reflection Booklet: Copies of the 2025 Advent Reflection Booklet are available in the gathering area. This year’s booklet continues the tradition of focusing on the Sunday Gospel Readings, accompanied by personal reflections.

Broken Bay Charter: Copies of the Broken Bay Charter are available in the gathering area.

International Day of People with Disability, 3 December 2025:

Each year, this day raises awareness and promotes the equitable inclusion of people with disability in all areas of life. Building on last year’s call to “Choose Inclusion”, the Australian Disability Network is introducing Pragmatic Universal Design — a practical, research-based approach that helps organisations make meaningful changes toward accessibility and inclusion.

CC Philharmonia Choir Performance: Saturday, 29th November at 7.30pm at St John the Baptist Church. Vivaldi Gloria and other choral masterpieces. Tickets available on trybooking.com/DDXPX.

Carols in the Stadium: Our local churches and Christian schools are coming together this year to create an exciting Christmas carols event on Saturday, 20th December from 5.30pm – 9.00pm at Polytec Stadium, 14 Dane Drive, Gosford. Gates open at 4.30pm. For tickets visit carolsinthestadium.com.au or **Ticketek**. Adult tickets are \$10. Family tickets are \$25.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1: 2 Sam 5:1-3

In those days, all the tribes of Israel came to David in Hebron and said: "Here we are, your bone and your flesh. In days past, when Saul was our king, it was you who led the Israelites out and brought them back. And the LORD said to you, 'You shall shepherd my people Israel and shall be commander of Israel.'" When all the elders of Israel came to David in Hebron, King David made an agreement with them there before the LORD, and they anointed him king of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced when I heard them say: "Let us go to God's house." And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Jerusalem is built as a city.....strongly compact. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord.

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name. There were set the thrones of judgment of the house of David.

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Reading 2: Col 1:12-20

Brothers and sisters: Let us give thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light. He delivered us from the power of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He 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:

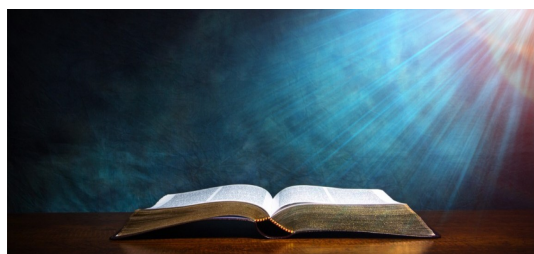
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!

R. Alleluia!

Gospel: Lk 23:35-43

The rulers sneered at Jesus and said, "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God." Even the soldiers jeered at him. As they approached to offer him wine they called out, "If you are King of the Jews, save yourself." Above him there was an inscription that read, "This is the King of the Jews." Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us." The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply, "Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."



Readings for the Week:

Monday, 24th Nov:

St Andrew Dung-Lac & companions - Dan 1:1-6, 8-20/Ps Dan 3:52-56/**Lk 21:1-4**

Tuesday, 25th Nov:

St Catherine of Alexandria - Dan 2:31-45/Ps Dan 3:57-61/**Lk 21:5-11**

Wednesday, 26th Nov:

Dan 5:1-6, 13-14/Ps Dan 3:62-67/**Lk 21:12-19**

Thursday, 27th Nov:

Dan 6:12-28/Ps Dan 3:68-74/**Lk 21:20-28**

Friday, 28th Nov:

Dan 7:2-14/Ps Dan 3:75-81/**Lk 21:29-33**

Saturday, 29th Nov:

Dan 7:15-27/Ps Dan 3:82-87/**Lk 21:34-36**

Sunday, 30th Nov:

1st Sunday of Advent - Is 2:1-5/Ps 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9/Rom 13:11-14/**Mt 24:37-44**

Let us keep in our prayers:

Recently Deceased: Brian McMahon

Anniversary: Ester Aguilar

Remembrance: Charlie Grima, Timothy Thurlow

Sick: Vincent Aarts, Jacki Asic, Alan Ball, Kathleen Bezzina, Lorraine Blandford, Roberto Bocor, Luke Bohun, 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, Betty & Sean McDermott, Ronald Matthews, Theresa Mitchell, Oscar James Moretti, Maureen Mullane, Ada-Primrose Murphy, 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 the prevention of suicide

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts will find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

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>

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