



# WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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

**27<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

**Second Sunday of Easter,  
Divine Mercy Sunday**



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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

**Marian Bowyer - 0432 882 776**

## **PARISH CONTACTS**

### **Parish Priest**

Fr Timothy Raj M.S.F.S.

### **Assisting Priest (resident in Wyoming)**

Fr Vincent Lourduswamy M.S.F.S.

### **Parish Secretary**

Triona Meagher

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My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

It is with great sadness we mourn the passing of Pope Francis. The Holy Father passed away at Casa Santa Marta at 7:35am local Rome time on Easter Monday.

A prophetic leader, Pope Francis served as the Bishop of Rome and shepherd of the world's 1.4 billion Catholics since 2013 following the resignation of Pope Benedict XVI.

Born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Jorge Mario Bergoglio became Archbishop of Buenos Aires in 1997 before Pope John Paul II made him cardinal in 2001. During his years in Argentina, and later in Rome, his lifestyle was simple and humble, living in a small apartment, using public transport and working with the homeless and poor. Even when elected Pope on 13 March 2013, he chose not to live in the official papal residence in the Apostolic Palace but instead in the Vatican guest house.

Pope Francis was the first Jesuit pope, the first from the Americas and the first from the Southern Hemisphere. His parents and grandparents were from northern Italy. He convoked synods on the family (2014) and youth (2018), however the Synod on Synodality in 2023/2024 is seen by many as the culmination of his papacy, and one of the most important events in the Church since the Second Vatican Council.

As we grieve the passing of Pope Francis, let us remember in our prayers his commitment and unwavering dedication to justice, peace, and hope. A courageous leader, his papacy will be remembered for its call to reform, to embrace mercy, and to build bridges of understanding.

May we find strength in his papal teaching as we continue the journey of faith in this Holy Year that Pope Francis dedicated to hope, asking us all to be Pilgrims of Hope.

As I head to Rome for the funeral of Pope Francis as your Bishop and President of the Federation of Catholic Bishops Conferences of Oceania, please keep me in your prayers as I will you in mine.

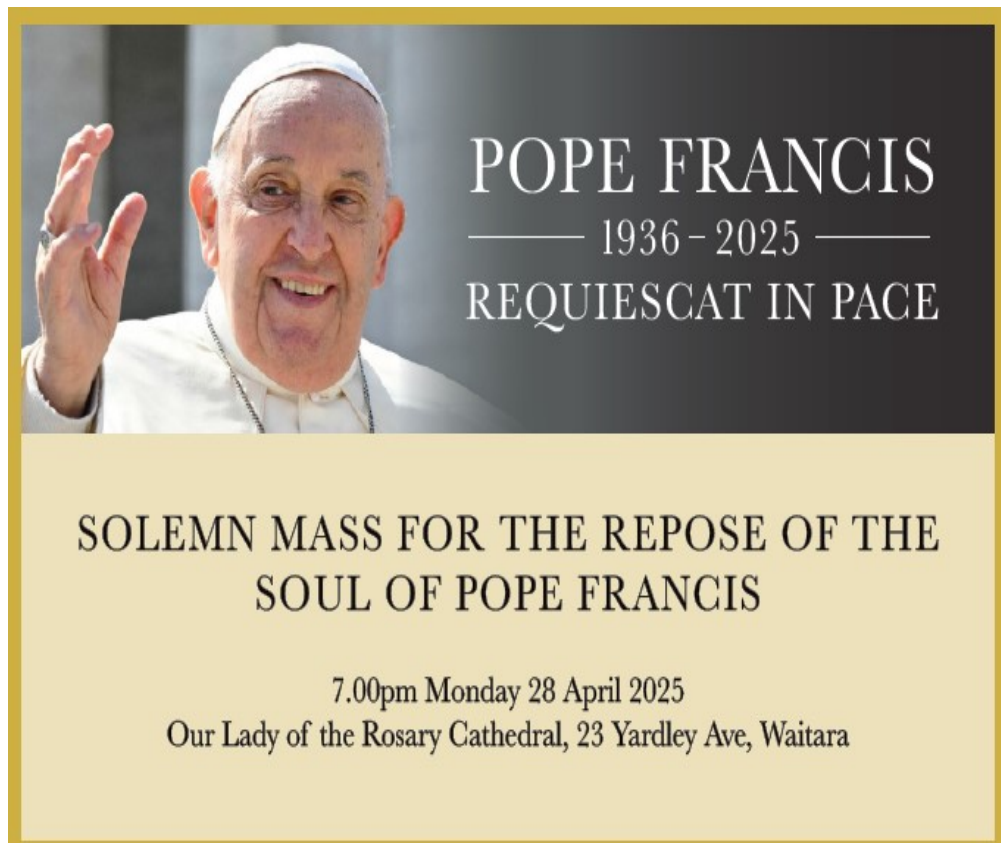
And let us all pray for our dear Holy Father who has fallen asleep in the Lord. Pray that Jesus, the Good Shepherd may receive him into the green pastures in Paradise.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.  
Requiescat in pace.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Anthony Randazzo

**Parish News:**



**Thanks:** Thanks to all our acolytes, choir members, musicians, readers and all those who volunteered to make our Holy Week services so special. Thank you also to the Filipino community for sponsoring the Easter eggs. You are all very much appreciated.

**Anzac Day:** This year ANZAC Day falls within the Octave of Easter and therefore, the Mass of Easter Friday, will be celebrated on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April. The office will be closed for Anzac Day and Mass is scheduled for 9.00am.

**Divine Mercy Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> April:** Prayers and Devotions, 2.30pm to 3.30pm at St John the Baptist Church, Woy Woy.

**House Blessings:** If you would like to have your house blessed please contact the Parish Office.

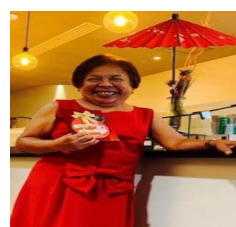
**Sit n Chat:** A group of seniors will meet in the Leo Mahon Room from 1.00pm to 2.30pm on Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> April. Please contact Jane for further information 0419 233 284. Transport can be provided if necessary.

**Soup Night:** Our next soup night will be after 5.00pm Mass on Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> May. All welcome.

**Pastoral Works Broken Bay Appeal:** Envelopes will be available next weekend for the

**PASTORAL WORKS Broken Bay** to be held the weekend of 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> May. Our quota for the year is \$32,416 and we have raised \$15,900

so far. This leaves a shortfall of \$16,516. Thank you for your generosity to date. To donate, either complete the form in the envelope available or go online to <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/giving/pastoral-works-broken-bay>. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.



**Memorial Mass:** There will be a memorial Mass for Juana Miranda at St John the Baptist Church on Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> April at 11.00am. We offer our sincere condolences to Juana's family and friends.

**Parish Census Form:** Welcome to all new parishioners. You can now collect a blank Parish Census Form from the Gathering Area of the Church. Please place completed forms

in the Census Forms box or email to [woywoyparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:woywoyparish@bbcatholic.org.au). If you have submitted a form in recent times and your details haven't changed there is no need to complete another one.

**Sacramental Programme 2025:** Please continue to keep the First Communion candidates in your prayers. They will receive the Sacrament this Sunday and next Sunday.

**Easter/Mother's Day Raffle:** We are having an Easter/Mother's Day raffle of a hamper. Proceeds go to the Building Fund. Tickets available from the Gathering Area. Hamper will be presented on Mother's Day.

**Cleaners for 2<sup>nd</sup> May:** Andrew Hopkins, Gay Tiansay, Linda Potestas, Jo Salter.

**Readers for 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> May:**

Saturday 5.00pm—Marie Andrews, Leonie King, Kate Bravo

Sunday 7.30am—Joel Bajo, Phoebe Glacken, Veronica Jordan

Sunday 9.15am—Christine French, Jacqui Scholte, Emma Baker

Sunday 5.00pm—Lorena Lalor, Peter Smith, Marian Bowyer

**Servers for 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> May:**

Saturday 5.00pm—Paul Cavanagh, Vincent Cavanagh

Sunday 7.30am—Jose Torres, Paul Nolan

Sunday 9.15am—Bob Wilson, Hanaa El-Khatib

Sunday 5.00pm—Laurie Jarvis

**Safeguarding:** Should a parishioner have any safeguarding concerns please contact our Safeguarding Team Members: Jenny Dempsey 0438 423 293 or Margaret Dixon 0422 277 548.

**Diocesan Count of Mass Attendance:** The first Diocesan Count of Mass Attendance for 2025 will begin the weekend of 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> May and continue for #4 weekends.

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



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# LITURGY OF THE WORD

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## **Reading 1: Acts 5:12-16**

Many signs and wonders were done among the people at the hands of the apostles. They were all together in Solomon's portico. None of the others dared to join them, but the people esteemed them. Yet more than ever, believers in the Lord, great numbers of men and women, were added to them. Thus they even carried the sick out into the streets and laid them on cots and mats so that when Peter came by, at least his shadow might fall on one or another of them. A large number of people from the towns in the vicinity of Jerusalem also gathered, bringing the sick and those disturbed by unclean spirits, and they were all cured.

## **Responsorial Psalm:**

**R. Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; His love endures forever.**

Let the family of Israel say: "His love has no end." Let the family Aaron say: "His love has no end." Let those who fear the Lord say: "His love has no end."

**R. Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; His love endures forever.**

I was thrust down and falling, but the Lord was my helper. The Lord is my strength, my song. He was my saviour. There are shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the just.

**R. Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; His love endures forever.**

The stone rejected by the builders is now the cornerstone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord. We rejoice and are glad.

**R. Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; His love endures forever.**

## **Reading 2: Rev 1:9-13, 17-19**

I, John, your brother, who share with you the distress, the kingdom, and the endurance we have in Jesus, found myself on the island called Patmos because I proclaimed God's word and gave testimony to Jesus. I was caught up in spirit on the Lord's day and heard behind me a voice as loud as a trumpet, which said, "Write on a scroll what you see." Then I turned to see whose voice it was that spoke to me, and when I turned, I saw seven gold lampstands and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, wearing an ankle-length robe, with a gold sash around his chest. When I caught sight of him, I fell down at his feet as though dead. He touched me with his right hand and said, "Do not be afraid. I am the first and the last, the one who lives. Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever. I hold the keys to death and the netherworld. Write down, therefore, what you have seen, and what is happening, and what will happen afterwards."

## **Alleluia:**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord; blessed are those who have not seen me, but still believe!

**R. Alleluia!**

## **Gospel: Jn 20:19-31**

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

## **Readings for the Week:**

**Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> April:**

**Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> April:**

**Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> April:**

**Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> May:**

**Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May:**

**Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May:**

**Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> May:**

**St Peter Chanel** - Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-9/Jn 3:1-8

**St Catherine of Siena** - Acts 4:32-37/Ps 91:1-2, 5/Jn 3:7-15

**St Pius V** - Acts 5:17-26/Ps 33:2-9/Jn 3:16-21

**St Joseph the Worker** - Acts 5:27-33/Ps 33:2, 9, 17-20/Jn 3:31-36

**St Athanasius** - Acts 5:34-42/Ps 26:1-4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

**Sts Philip and James** - 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 18:2-5/Jn 14:6-14

Acts 5:27-32, 40-41/Ps 29:2, 4-6, 11-13/Rev 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19

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Let us keep in our prayers:

Recently deceased: Pope Francis, Linda Italiano, Juana Miranda

Anniversary: Tom Fauvette, Raelene Pitt, Bob Scholte

Sick: John Aarts, Jackie Ascic, Alan Ball, Kathleen Bezzina, Lorraine Blandford, Roberto Bocor, Rae Busby, Bill de Rooy, Anne-Marie Dixon, Ken Dixon, Marie Dixon, Hanaa El-Khatib, Aline Fauvette, Dympna Fitzpatrick, Frances Glanz, Jason Harwood, David Hopkins, Bill Hunt, Marge Lawrence, Tresa Mary, Kay McCormack, Betty & Sean McDermott, Ronald Matthews, Oscar James Moretti, Maureen Mullane, Ada-Primrose Murphy, Marta Panczyna, Kenneth John Reddacliff, Brooke Simmons, Susie Simmons, Charlotte Stenson, Barry Tierney, Donna Vella, Minda Valoba, Josie Weate, Pauline White, Janelle Whiteland, Willy Woods, Jonathon Zdilar

Be at peace.

Do not look forward in fear to the changes of life; rather look to them with full hope as they arise. God, whose very own you are, will deliver you from out of them. He has kept you hitherto, and He will lead you safely through all things; and when you cannot stand it, God will bury you in his arms. Do not fear what may happen tomorrow; the same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you then and every day. He will either shield you from suffering, or give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace, and put aside all anxious thoughts and imagination. St Francis de Sales

### 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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