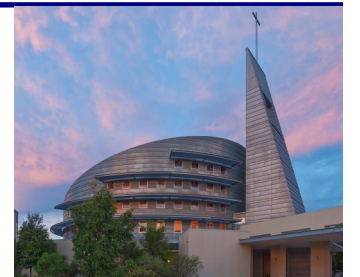




# WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



4<sup>th</sup> May 2025  
Third Sunday of Easter

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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 CONTACTS

### Parish Priest

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### Assisting Priest (resident in Wyoming)

Fr Vincent Lourduswamy M.S.F.S.

### Parish Secretary

Triona Meagher

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Today's Gospel is one of the post-Resurrection appearances reported by John. Recall that in John's Gospel, Jesus appears first to Mary of Magdala, second to all of the disciples except Thomas, and finally to Thomas and the disciples. After those appearances, John's Gospel seems to conclude with a reference to other signs that Jesus gave after his Resurrection, which have not been recorded.

Because it follows this apparent conclusion, most scholars believe today's Gospel passage to have been an addition to John's original text. Because there are significant differences between this report and the other appearances described in John's Gospel, it is quite likely that this story is from a different source. There are details in the story that recall Jesus' call to Simon Peter and the other fishermen as well as the miraculous catch of fish (found in the Gospel of Luke, with parallels in the other Synoptic Gospels). The end of the chapter, where Jesus asks Peter three times whether he loves him, most likely is meant to represent the reconciliation that occurred between the community represented by John's Gospel with the larger Christian community represented by Peter. This Gospel reading is a rich and textured story that speaks of Jesus' presence in the Eucharist and our commission to serve others as Jesus did.

In today's Gospel, the disciples are no longer in Jerusalem; they are in Galilee. Simon Peter is still presented in the role of leader: when he announces that he is going fishing, the other disciples follow. They spend the night fishing but are unsuccessful. Jesus calls to them from the shore, but the disciples do not recognise him immediately. Still, they follow the stranger's instructions and bring in a large haul of fish. It is at this point that one of the disciples realises that Jesus is appearing to them. Upon hearing this news, Simon Peter leads the way again, jumping from the boat and swimming to shore. The other disciples follow in the boat, dragging the fish.

The disciples have brought to shore a tremendous catch of fish that Jesus has directed them to find. But once on the shore, they see that Jesus has already prepared fish and bread on a charcoal fire. Jesus directs the disciples to bring their catch of fish as well. Jesus is host at the meal that follows, feeding the disciples the bread and fish.

There are also allusions in the Gospel to our gathering for the celebration of the Mass. In the Eucharist, we too are fed by Jesus in the bread and wine that have become his very Body and Blood. We also find in this story insight about the Presentation of the Gifts at Mass. The gifts we bring to the altar, bread and wine, are made from gifts that God gave first to us: grain and grapes, the fruit of the earth. God has no need of anything further. Yet God accepts the offering we bring—bread and wine, "the work of human hands"—and transforms our offering into the gift of his very presence.

After the meal, Jesus directs himself to Simon Peter. This dialogue with Simon Peter is a reversal of Peter's three denials. Peter is forgiven. Having been restored to friendship with Jesus, Simon Peter is sent on a mission. "Feed my lambs . . . Tend my sheep . . . Feed my sheep." These commands indicate that Peter is to be as Jesus, even unto sacrificing for the flock. As Jesus has fed Peter in this meal and as Jesus feeds us in the Eucharist, so he also sends us to follow him, asking that we offer our lives in service and sacrifice.

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**Parish News:**

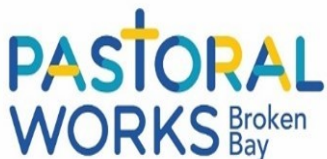
**House Blessings:** If you would like to have your house blessed please contact the Parish Office.

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



**Baptisms:** We warmly welcome Arki, Florence and Sadie who will be Baptised this weekend.

**Pastoral Works Broken Bay Appeal:** We will be conducting a Pastoral Works Broken Bay Collection 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.



**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 as they receive the Sacrament this Sunday. A sincere thanks to all who have been involved in preparing the children to receive the Sacrament.

**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.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Children's Liturgy of the Word resumes next Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> May during 9.15am Mass.

**Cleaners for 9<sup>th</sup> May:** Maria Wickens, Anne-Marie Young, Pam Hickey, Laila Dawe.

**Readers for 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> May:**

Saturday 5.00pm—Jane Somerville, Leonie King, Dawn Torrens

Sunday 7.30am—Dorothy Fulton, Veronica Jordan, Joel Bajo

Sunday 9.15am—Joesie Cameron, Christine French, Michael Dixon

Sunday 5.00pm—Kris Aitken, Pio Savea, Armella Dogillo

**Servers for 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> May:**

Saturday 5.00pm—Jeff Freeman, Joel Bajo

Sunday 7.30am—Peter French, Jenny Fitzgerald

Sunday 9.15am—Bernie French, Joesie Cameron

Sunday 5.00pm—Darrin Patterson

**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 begins this weekend and will continue for #4 weekends.

**Funeral Announcement:** The life of Marie Anderson will be celebrated on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> May at 11.30am at Holy Cross Church, Kincumber. We offer our sincere condolences to Marie's family and friends.

**El Shaddai:** The next El Shaddai Meeting will be in the Walter Baker Hall on Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May from 12pm-4pm.



**Prayer for the Election of a new Pope**

God, our loving Father,  
Jesus, our Good Shepherd,  
Holy Spirit, our Guide and Comforter,  
in this time of waiting and prayer,  
we turn to You with open hearts.

Father, You have always watched over Your Church.  
You raise up shepherds after Your own heart.  
Send forth the Spirit of Wisdom upon the College of Cardinals.

Make them one in mind and heart,  
so that in their prayerful discernment  
they may be guided by divine wisdom.

You, Lord, who know the hearts of all,  
show which one of them you have chosen  
to be the successor of Peter.

May the new Pope be a man of prayer,  
a servant of truth,  
gentle yet bold, and compassionate  
and deeply rooted in Your love.

Through the intercessions of Mary, the Mother of the Church,  
St Joseph, her Guardian and Protector,  
and of Saints Peter and Paul,  
may this election bring new life and freshness into the Church  
and new hope to the world.

We make this prayer to You through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
the author of life and our salvation.  
Amen.



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# LITURGY OF THE WORD

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## Reading 1: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41

When the captain and the court officers had brought the apostles in and made them stand before the Sanhedrin, the high priest questioned them, "We gave you strict orders, did we not, to stop teaching in that name? Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and want to bring this man's blood upon us." But Peter and the apostles said in reply, "We must obey God rather than men. The God of our ancestors raised Jesus, though you had him killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as leader and saviour to grant Israel repentance and forgiveness of sins. We are witnesses of these things, as is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him." The Sanhedrin ordered the apostles to stop speaking in the name of Jesus, and dismissed them. So they left the presence of the Sanhedrin, rejoicing that they had been found worthy to suffer dishonour for the sake of the name.

## Responsorial Psalm:

**R. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.**

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave.

**R. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.**

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts only a moment, his favour through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn.

**R. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.**

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. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.**

## Reading 2: Rev 5:11-14

I, John, looked and heard the voices of many angels who surrounded the throne and the living creatures and the elders. They were countless in number, and they cried out in a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honour and glory and blessing." Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, everything in the universe, cry out: "To the one who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour, glory and might, forever and ever." The four living creatures answered, "Amen, " and the elders fell down and worshiped.

## Alleluia:

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation; he has shown pity on all people.

**R. Alleluia!**

## Gospel: Jn 21:1-19

At that time, Jesus revealed himself again to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. He revealed himself in this way. Together were Simon Peter, Thomas called Didymus, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, Zebedee's sons, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We also will come with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. When it was already dawn, Jesus was standing on the shore; but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" They answered him, "No." So he said to them, "Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something." So they cast it, and were not able to pull it in because of the number of fish. So the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord." When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he tucked in his garment, for he was lightly clad, and jumped into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, for they were not far from shore, only about a hundred yards, dragging the net with the fish. When they climbed out on shore, they saw a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you just caught." So Simon Peter went over and dragged the net ashore full of one hundred fifty-three large fish. Even though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. This was now the third time Jesus was revealed to his disciples after being raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" Simon Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." He then said to Simon Peter a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Simon Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." Jesus said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." He said this signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when he had said this, he said to him, "Follow me."

## Readings for the Week:

**Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> May:**

Acts 6:8-15/Ps 118:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29

**Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> May:**

Acts 7:51-8:1/Ps 30:3-4, 6-8, 17,21/Jn 6:30-35

**Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> May:**

Acts 8:1-8/Ps 65:1-7/Jn 6:35-40

**Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> May:**

Acts 8:26-40/Ps 65:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

**Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> May:**

Acts 9:1-20/Ps 116/Jn 6:52-59

**Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> May:**

**St John de Avila** - Acts 9:31-42/Ps 115:12-17/Jn 6:60-69

**Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> May:**

Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 99:1-3, 5/Rev 7:9, 14-17/Jn 10:27-30

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Let us keep in our prayers:

**Recently deceased:** John Aarts, Marie Anderson, Pope Francis, Linda Italiano, Juana Miranda, Timothy Thurlow

**Anniversary:** Gregory Glanz

**Remembrance:** Romina Calleja, Sr Josie McGarry

**Sick:** Pat Anson, Jackie Ascic, Alan Ball, Kathleen Bezzina, Lorraine Blandford, Roberto Bocor, Fr Michael Brady, Rae Busby, Bill de Rooy, Anne-Marie Dixon, Ken Dixon, Marie Dixon, Irish Drewett, Marie Drewett, Hanaa El-Khatib, Aline Fauvette, Dympna Fitzpatrick, Frances Glanz, Jason Harwood, David Hopkins, Bill Hunt, Marge Lawrence, Kay McCormack, Betty & Sean McDermott, Tresa Mary, Ronald Matthews, Therese Mitchell, Oscar James Moretti, Maureen Mullane, Ada-Primrose Murphy, Marta Panczyna, Kenneth John Reddacliff, Fr Reggio, Anthony Salis, Brooke Simmons, Susie Simmons, Charlotte Stenson, Barry Tierney, Donna Vella, Minda Valoba, Josie Weate, Pauline White, Janelle Whiteland, Melissa Wong, 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

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