



**Vox Populi**  
**29 June 2023**

There are always anniversaries to welcome and celebrate in our Diocese. It may be anniversaries of parishioners, even our parishes, our clergy and our schools.

This past week St John the Baptist Primary School (SJB) at Woy Woy celebrated their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary! In the 1920's Woy Woy had a small but growing population which necessitated a school.

The first classrooms were in the St John the Baptist Church and Sisters of St Joseph came daily from Kincumber to teach the children. Purpose-built classrooms and a convent for the Sisters were eventually completed. From just 50 young students the school now has more than 500 enrolled, and is lovingly nurtured by the community.

Bishop Anthony celebrated the anniversary Mass, however he was joined by two former SJB students – the Director of Vocations for the Diocese, Fr Sam French and his younger brother and seminarian Matthew French .

Two of our clergy are also approaching a milestone anniversary.

Fr Robert Borg and Fr Brian Moloney will celebrate their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood in August. Seminary classmates they were both Ordained for the Archdiocese of Sydney and were founding clergy of the Diocese of Broken Bay when it was established in 1986.

Fr Brian will be celebrating at the 5.00pm Mass on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> of August in the Church of Our Lady of the Rosary, The Entrance followed by a light supper in the parish centre. Fr Robert will be celebrating at the 9.30am Mass on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> of August in the Church of St Joseph, Narrabeen followed by refreshments in the parish hall.

They welcome everyone to share in this happy occasion.

In a couple of months, Saturday, 14 October, Fr Peter de Souza and his parish will celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Our Lady of the Rosary, Wyoming. A Golden Jubilee or 50 years is certainly a milestone.

We also celebrate feast days throughout the year and this Thursday, 29 June, is a very special one. The Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, both Apostles and martyrs of the Christian faith.

As we know St Peter was the first Pope and founder of the Roman Catholic Church and St Paul, while not having met Jesus, was responsible for much of the New Testament, spreading the teachings of Jesus and Christianity far and wide.

Both are considered cornerstones of the Church.