



WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



9th June 2024
10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Under the Pastoral Care of
The Fransalians since 2016

FEASTS & MEMORIALS

11 June — St Barnabas

13 June — St Anthony of Padua

19 June — St Romuald

21 June — St Aloysius Gonzaga

MASS TIMES & OTHER WORSHIP

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil - 5.00pm

Sunday - 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 Mass

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

Friday—9.00am

First Friday of the month - 3.30pm

Saturday - 9.30am and 4.30pm

Sunday - 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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WITH THE LORD THERE IS MERCY
AND FULLNESS OF REDEMPTION.



In today's readings, the Church invites us to reflect on our relationship with God and with evil. The first reading is the famous reading from the book of Genesis we are all familiar with. First man, Adam, and first woman, Eve, rather than obeying God, choose to disobey him and eat from the one tree God ordered them not to eat from. In the Gospel reading, Jesus, the Son of God, is accused of being possessed by Satan and of acting in the name of Beelzebul; certainly no worse heresy could be thought of!

Perhaps we are being called to reflect on the problem of evil in our life and on our choice between good (God) and evil (going against God). The book of Genesis reminds us that God, out of his great love for humanity, not only wanted to create us, but also wanted us to be free. We are free to choose good (God) or to choose evil and turn away from God. The book of Genesis has a number of narratives to show how humanity turns away from God and goes its own way, away from God. The Servant of God, Joseph De Piro was certainly familiar with this discussion. As part of his spirituality, he made frequent use of the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola. In the archives, together with all the homilies and letters of the Servant of God, there is also a book of these Spiritual Exercises with his name signed on it. We also have a number of sermons that are based on these Spiritual Exercises, and in the constitutions of his Missionary Society of St Paul, he encouraged his members to do their annual retreat based on these Exercises and to base their preaching and parish missions on these Exercises.

Two meditations in these exercises are very relevant to today's reflection. In the first week the retreatant is invited to meditate on his personal relationship with God, especially with one's choices away from God (sin). During the second week the retreatant is then invited to reflect on a situation where he is invited to listen to Christ and to Lucifer and to decide which standard he is to follow.

From these meditations, Joseph De Piro draws out two of his rules of life. Reflecting on his sinfulness and on Christ's love for him he more than once exclaims: "The desire to give myself totally to God; he who suffered so much for my sins," taken from his vocational discernment. And later on he cries out: "Master, I will follow you wherever you go!" His choice is for good (God) and against evil.

We too, like the Servant of God, are invited to make this choice in favour of good (God) and against evil.

<https://www.paulistmissionaries.org/2024/06/03/sunday-reflection-10th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-b/>

Parish News:

Welcome: Welcome to Fr Vincent Lourduswamy who will arrive on Sunday, 9th June to assist Fr Timothy and Fr Alex.

Public Holiday: The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, 10th June and morning Mass that day will be at 9.00am.

Clergy conference: Fr Timothy and Fr Alex will be attending a clergy conference from Monday to Thursday next week. We thank Fr Bill Stevens who will be here in their absence.

Feast of St John the Baptist: There will be a BBQ after 9.15am Mass on Sunday, 23rd June in advance of the Feast of St John the Baptist to be celebrated on 24th June. All welcome.

Sit n Chat: A group of seniors meet every 3rd Monday of the month in the Leo Mahon Room from 1.00pm to 2.30pm. June's meeting is scheduled for the 17th. Please contact Jane on 0419 233 284 for further information. Transport can be provided if necessary.

St John the Baptist Men's Group: Meetings to be held the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month from 7.00pm-8.00pm in the Leo Mahon Room. Next meeting 17th June. Contact Allan Moore 0492 988 168.

Vinnies Winter Appeal: There will be a Vinnies Winter Appeal next weekend, 15th/16th June. Envelopes will be available for donations. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Pastoral Works Broken Bay Appeal: Many thanks for your support of the Pastoral Works Broken Bay Appeal. The quota set for the financial year was \$28,759 and we have raised \$26,790 so far. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Sacramental Programme 2024:

Confirmation:

Please keep the candidates in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, 30th June at 11.00am.

First Reconciliation: Friday, 15th November at 4.00pm.

Cleaners for 14th June: Anne-Marie Young, Elena Egan, Tom French, Maria Owen.

Readers for 15th & 16th June:

Saturday 5.00pm—Kate Bravo, Marie Andrews, Jane Somerville

Sunday 7.30am—Ann Hall, Isaak Giunta, Phoebe Glacken

Sunday 9.15am—Michael Dixon, Jacqui Scholte, Mabel Torres

Sunday 5.00pm—Peter Smith, Lorena Lalor, Armella Dogillo

Servers for 15th & 16th June:

Saturday 5.00pm—Paul Cavanagh & Vincent Cavanagh

Sunday 7.30am—Paul Nolan & Jenny Fitzgerald

Sunday 9.15am—Bernie French & Joesie Cameron

Sunday 5.00pm—Darrin Patterson

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

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, according to St Francis de Sales:

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus according to St Francis de Sales involves a combination of prayer, meditation, sacramental life, imitation of Christ's virtues, and acts of charity. By following these practices and immersing oneself in the love and teachings of Jesus, believers can cultivate a deep and meaningful devotion to His Sacred Heart.

1. Frequent Prayer and Meditation

Meditate on Christ's Love: Spend time each day meditating on the love of Jesus. Reflect on His life, His passion and his infinite love and mercy towards humanity.

Use of Scripture: Engage in Lectio Divina, a method of prayerful reading of Scripture, especially passages that highlight Jesus' love, such as John 13:1, John 19:34, and Matthew 11:28-30.

2. Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration: Spend time in Eucharistic adoration, contemplating the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. This helps to foster a deeper connection with His Sacred Heart and allows believers to relax in His love and grace.

Participation in the Mass: Attend Mass regularly, focusing on the Eucharist as a representation of Jesus' love and sacrifice.

3. First Fridays Devotion

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Go to confession regularly, particularly on the first Friday of each month. This practice, known as the First Fridays Devotion, is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Holy Communion: Receive Holy Communion on the first Friday of each month with the intention of making reparation for sins and honouring the Sacred Heart.

4. Cultivation of Virtues

Imitate Jesus: Strive to imitate the virtues of Jesus, particularly His humility, gentleness, and love. St. Francis de Sales emphasised the importance of reflecting Christ's Sacred Heart in our own hearts.

Charitable Actions: Perform acts of charity and kindness, seeing Jesus in others and serving them with the love and compassion of His Sacred Heart.

5. Personal Dedication and Consecration

Consecrate Yourself: Consider consecrating yourself to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This involves a formal act of dedicating your life to loving and serving Jesus, seeking to live according to His will.

Daily Offering: Make a daily offering to the Sacred Heart, offering your prayers, works, joys, and sufferings in union with Christ.



 **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Reading 1: Gen 3:9-15

After the man, Adam, had eaten of the tree, the LORD God called to the man and asked him, "Where are you?" He answered, "I heard you in the garden; but I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid myself." Then he asked, "Who told you that you were naked? You have eaten, then, from the tree of which I had forbidden you to eat!" The man replied, "The woman whom you put here with me—she gave me fruit from the tree, and so I ate it." The LORD God then asked the woman, "Why did you do such a thing?" The woman answered, "The serpent tricked me into it, so I ate it." Then the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, you shall be banned from all the animals and from all the wild creatures; on your belly shall you crawl, and dirt shall you eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike at your head, while you strike at his heel."

Responsorial Psalm:

R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.
Out of the depths I cry to you O Lord. Lord, hear my voice! O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading.

R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.
If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord who would survive? But with you is found forgiveness. For this we revere you.

R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word. My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.

R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.
Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption; Israel, indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Reading 2: 2 Cor 4:13-5:1

Brothers and sisters: Since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, *I believed, therefore I spoke*, we too believe and therefore we speak, knowing that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and place us with you in his presence. Everything indeed is for you, so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God. Therefore, we are not discouraged; rather, although our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this momentary light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to what is seen but to what is unseen; for what is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal. For we know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven.

Alleluia:

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Now the ruler of the world will be driven out, says the Lord; and when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.

R. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mk 3:20-35

Jesus came home with his disciples. Again the crowd gathered, making it impossible for them even to eat. When his relatives heard of this they set out to seize him, for they said, "He is out of his mind." The scribes who had come from Jerusalem said, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "By the prince of demons he drives out demons." Summoning them, he began to speak to them in parables, "How can Satan drive out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand; that is the end of him. But no one can enter a strong man's house to plunder his property unless he first ties up the strong man. Then he can plunder the house. Amen, I say to you, all sins and all blasphemies that people utter will be forgiven them. But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never have forgiveness but is guilty of an everlasting sin." For they had said, "He has an unclean spirit." His mother and his brothers arrived. Standing outside they sent word to him and called him. A crowd seated around him told him, "Your mother and your brothers and your sisters are outside asking for you." But he said to them in reply, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking around at those seated in the circle he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

We too believe
therefore we
speak

2Corinthians 4:13

Keep us in your Prayers—pray for the souls of:

Recently deceased: Steve Clark, Isabel Caringal Guia, Ted Shannon

Anniversary: Tirso, Renato, Matilde & Angelita Carpio, Margaret Juratowitch, Rose Mary Knight, Francis Brian Morrison, Esteban Soler, John Taylor

Remembrance: John Tavares

Sick: Melissa Bezzina, Lisa Ryan, Marie Head, Lisa Yeo, Marta Panczyna, Oscar James Moretti, Linda Italiano, Eneio Wolfgram, Emma Matthews, Eileen Jones, Kathleen Bezzina, Moya Jones, Chris Mitchell, Trish Stuart, Colleen Garland, Robert Baker, Josephine Weate, Ed Hyland, Sheila Rogan, Pat Savage, John Mitchell, Donna Vella, Jo Farrelle, Donna Briemer, Malin Tugaga, Pamela Power, Rose Aloisio, Tina Cohen, Amanda Sheridan, Audrey Barsenbach, Therese Horner, Jack Dummett, Robert Parker, Maureen Wardrop, Ros Harbig, Georgie Brigdale, Sue Campbell, Bobby Brame, Kerrie Roberts, Lauren Alchin, Bruce Yip, Ada Primrose Murphy, Cathy Eades, James Matthews, Doreen Arahill, Theresa Mitchell, Anita Servi, Jean Pierre, Michael Tannous, Marsha Burzynski, Emma Mitchell, Lola De Souza, Bev Purser, Joseph King, Vicki Leach, Willy Woods, John Zdilar, Alison Richmond, John Farnham, Chris Parker, Alana Rose, Joy Burt, Stan Page, Roger Lambert, Ron Manning, Ken Dixon, Maria Lourenco, Doris Coleman, Alice Lynn, Dianne Smyth, Gail Smith, Roy Cutrone, Wendy Cohen, Bill Hunt, Alan Ball, Betty McDermott, Vicki Pirie, Beau Burt, Joel Lloyd, Belinda Cochrane, Ken Stewart, Tom Shepherd, Lorraine Blandford, Michael Searle, Mary Lucas, Maxine Tinkler, Lindsay Clark, Jack Rogan-Clark, Helen Tiltins, Shirley Brinkworth, Iris Drewett, Dympna Fitzpatrick, Van Mitchell, Chris Burt, Brian Searle, Sean McDermott, Gemma Tracey, Mark Richmond, Jai Kurt, Jodie Fleming, Alana Rose, Michael Juelg, Dr Richard Scolyer, Trevor Hailey, Joss Mitchell, Marie Day, Oakley Mitchell, Jessie Mitchell, Olive Drewett, Matt Mitchell



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for June

For migrants fleeing their homes

We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

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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