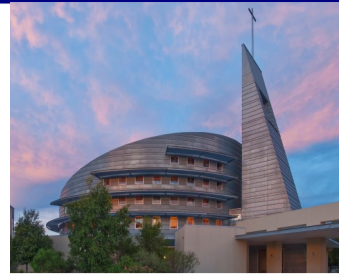




WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



7th July 2024
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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FEASTS & MEMORIALS

6 July — St Maria Goretti

11 July — St Benedict

13 July — St Henry

15 July — St Bonaventure

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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The expression 'familiarity breeds contempt' is as old as the hills. We find it in works ranging from Aesop's fable of 'The fox and the lion', to the tale of Melibee in the Canterbury Tales, where Chaucer says, over-greet hoomlynesse (or familiarity) engendreth dispreisyng (engenders contempt). We all know from experience what the reality of this expression can mean in our lives. We get used to people and assume we know them. We take them for granted and can be blind to their good qualities. We become dismissive and are quick to find fault. We lose a sense of wonder.

In today's gospel we hear of Jesus' return to his home village after a period of preaching and working miracles around Galilee. No doubt news of his activities found its way back to Nazareth and on the Sabbath he is invited to teach in the local synagogue. Initially the people are astonished and they recognise in Jesus something out of the ordinary. Where did this man get all this, they ask, his wisdom and his power to work mighty deeds? We don't know what Jesus said but the initial astonishment quickly sours and gives way to hostility and rejection. Who does he think he is? We know him. He grew up among us. He is just the local carpenter. We know his family. He is no different from us. How mistaken they are! Yes, familiarity breeds not just contempt but unbelief. Jesus says as much when he tells them, 'a prophet is not without honour except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house.' And he is taken aback at their lack of faith.

Today's gospel suggests that a great obstacle to faith is familiarity, hoomlynesse: a refusal to believe that God's presence could possibly come to us in so familiar a form as the person next door; a resistance to recognise that God might have sent us a prophet in someone who, to our eyes, does not quite fit the bill. We can be like the locals of Nazareth who had fixed ideas as to when and where and how the Messiah should come to Israel. The local carpenter, the son of Mary, did not measure up. And they really missed out.

In today's second reading St Paul draws our attention to another type of prophet that God sends into our midst, one to which we also turn a blind eye and even ask him to take away. Paul calls it 'a thorn in the flesh'. All sorts of suggestions have been made as to the nature of this thorn in the flesh of the Apostle but that is not the point. For Paul it was the discovery that this thorn, the abiding personal weakness that he shunned, could be a channel of God's grace, an opening onto the mystery of the cross of Christ. 'I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest on me.' Shutting the door will not do, he tells us, for the God who came to us in the flesh meets us there in the flesh of our experience, all of it, all of our self and our world.

Growth in the Spirit almost always shows itself in the capacity to recognise Christ more and more in the ordinary, the everyday. The great saints never ceased being filled with wonder at the mysterious presence of God. 'The Word became flesh' not only means that the Son of God became a human being, but that he took human form in a town as ordinary and insignificant and out of the way as Nazareth. Can anything good come out of Nazareth? For sure, it can! But can we identify the Nazareth in our own selves, in our families, in our community and open the door to the Heaven in ordinary that is in the place we would least expect it to be? Fr Senan OSB

<https://glenstal.com/homily-14th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-b/>

Parish News:

Confirmation: We were delighted to have the Bishop here last weekend for Confirmation. Many thanks again to all who were involved in the programme.



Holidays: We wish Fr Alex a safe and enjoyable trip. He is travelling home for a month and on his return to Australia will assist at Warnervale Parish while Fr Philip is away. Fr Alex will return to the Parish in September.

Peter's Pence Collection: Parishes around the world are taking up their **Peter's Pence Collection** at the moment. Our Parish will hold the collection this weekend, 7th July. The Collection supports the charitable works and structures of mercy identified by the Holy Father, Pope Francis. This includes the most disadvantaged and emergency situations including victims of war, oppression and natural disasters. Your support this year is greatly appreciated. Envelopes will be available in the Church. Further information available at https://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html?mc_cid=8607217641&mc_eid=a6f3aca816

Fr John Hill: Fr John Hill will celebrate the 60th Anniversary

of his Ordination at a Mass at St John the Baptist Church on Thursday, 18th July at 11.00am. There will be light refreshments afterwards in the Walter Baker Hall. For catering purposes, please register your name on the list in the Gathering Area. All welcome.

Pastoral Works Broken Bay: The quota set for the financial year was \$28,759 and thanks to your generous support we reached it. Receipts are available on the table in the Gathering Area. Receipts can also be emailed. Please contact the Parish Office.

Morning Tea: Church cleaners and Children's liturgy volunteers are hosting a morning tea after the 9.15am Mass this Sunday. All welcome.

Children's liturgy is on a break for the school holidays and will return 28th July.

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. If you would like to join the group please contact Jane on 0419 233 284. Transport can be provided if necessary. July's meeting is scheduled for the 15th.

National NAIDOC Week is held every year across Australia, with this year's celebrations starting on July 7th. This is a time when all Australians can come together to celebrate and recognise the history, culture, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Further information and resources can be found on the NAIDOC website using the following link: [National NAIDOC Week | NAIDOC](#)

Cleaners for 12th July: Laila Dawe, Christine French, Rano Spiteri, Mabel Torres.

Readers for 13th & 14th July:
Saturday 5.00pm—Jane Rutherford, Jane Somerville, Marie Andrews

Sunday 7.30am—Ann Hall, Mabel Torres, Dorothy Fulton
Sunday 9.15am—Michael Dixon, Colleen McCormack, Emma Baker

Sunday 5.00pm—Marian Bowyer, Mayo Tripolone, Sherrisse Collard

Servers for 13th & 14th July:
Saturday 5.00pm—Jeff Freeman & Joel Bajo
Sunday 7.30am—Peter French & Jose Torres
Sunday 9.15am—Bernie French, Joesie Cameron & Joseph French
Sunday 5.00pm—Allan Moore

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.

Brown Scapular: Interested in being enrolled in the Brown Scapular? Want to learn more about our heavenly Mother? Brown Scapular investiture Sunday, 21st July during the 9.15am Mass. Followed by morning tea, light lunch and guest speakers. All welcome. For more information please contact Emma Baker 0404 339 668 or Christine French 0431 765 401.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1: Ezek 2:2-5

As the LORD spoke to me, the spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard the one who was speaking say to me: Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have revolted against me to this very day. Hard of face and obstinate of heart are they to whom I am sending you. But you shall say to them: Thus says the LORD GOD! And whether they heed or resist—for they are a rebellious house - they shall know that a prophet has been among them.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

To you have I lifted my eyes, you who dwell in the heavens: my eyes, like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords.

R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

Like the eyes of a servant on the hand of her mistress, so our eyes are on the Lord, our God till he shows us his mercy.

R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

Have mercy on us Lord, have mercy. We are filled with contempt. Indeed our soul is too full with the scorn of the rich, with the disdain of the proud.

R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

Reading 2: 2 Cor 12:7-10

Brothers and sisters: That I, Paul, might not become too elated, because of the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, an angel of Satan, to beat me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I begged the Lord about this, that it might leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me. Therefore, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and constraints, for the sake of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

Alleluia:

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

R. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mk 6:1-6

Jesus departed from there and came to his native place, accompanied by his disciples. When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands! Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honour except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.



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

Recently deceased: Frank Alberga, Rose Aloisio, John Carroll, Frank Ryan, Donald Sutherland, Big Pete Wayne

Anniversary: Allan Ryan, Marcus McNamara

Remembrance: James Peter Johnson

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, 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, Cheryl Juelg, Stephen Edwards, Sophie Jordan

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for July

For the pastoral care of the sick

We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is conferred to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord, and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope.



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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