



# WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



14<sup>th</sup> July 2024  
15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Under the Pastoral Care of  
The Fransalians since 2016

## FEASTS & MEMORIALS

15 July — St Bonaventure

16 July — Our Lady of Mount Carmel

20 July — St Apollinaris

22 July — St Mary Magdalene

## 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

*Marian Bowyer - 0432 882 776*

## PARISH CONTACTS

### Parish Priest

Fr Timothy Raj M.S.F.S.

### Assistant Priest

Fr Alex Peter M.S.F.S.

### Priest in Residence

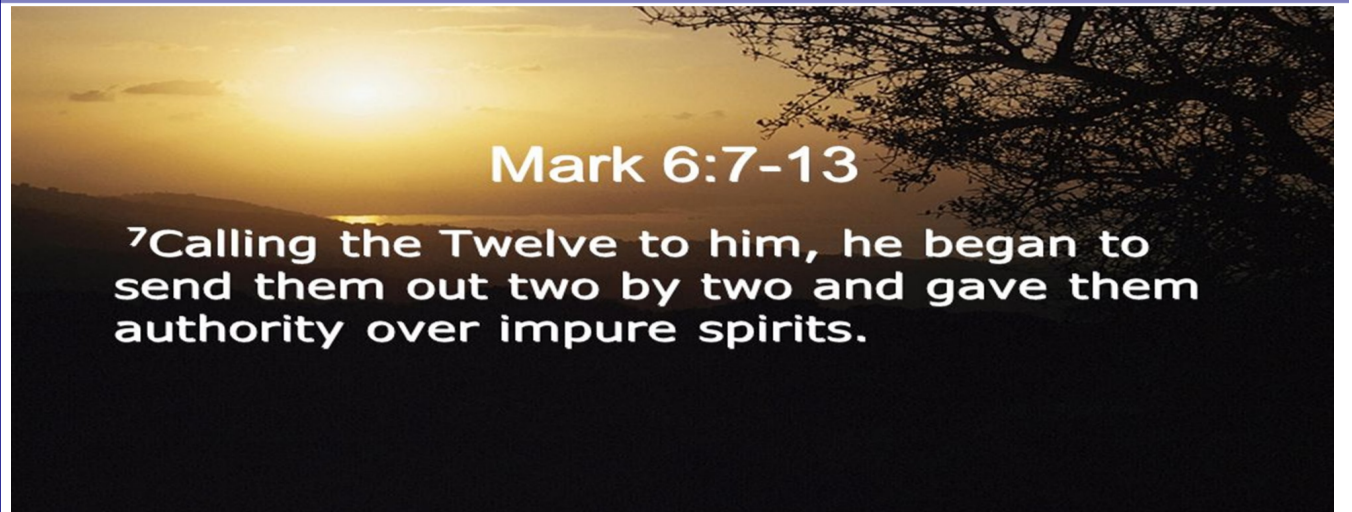
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## Mark 6:7-13

**7**Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits.

Jesus today sends forth his disciples to preach repentance and bring healing to peoples' lives. The mandate is clear; no possessions, depend on the generosity of the people, but preach repentance and bring healing. In our Parish, here in Alice Springs, we have Bible Sharing every Wednesday evening and we look at the Gospel reading for the coming Sunday and share how the words from that Gospel inspire us. Last Wednesday, when we took up this Sunday's Gospel, I was touched by the above words, "They set off to preach repentance." Basically because, they were the follow up from the words from the Gospel of Mark 3:14, "and he appointed twelve; they were to be his companions and to be sent out to proclaim the message," which also happens to be my Ordination Motto, "To be with Him and to be sent out" and I was so pleased to see these words in practice in the lives of the disciples. They were *called* and *prepared* by Jesus and now is the time to be *sent out* to preach the message.

One of the privileges we have as priests is to break open the Word to the congregation. The Word that is spoken to us today through the Gospel is a practical message of being completely dependent on God, when we are sent forth to preach the message. The message the Apostles were sent to preach was that of repentance. And it is the same message we are called to reflect on today, *repentance*. What is repentance? Repentance is turning back to God and loving God with all my heart, soul, and mind. There are so many things and thought patterns are at work around us and they tempt us away from God. There are so many ideologies in the world, they make us, sometimes, even question the existence of God. I am shocked to see some of our own children, brought up in the Catholic families, proclaiming very clearly, "I don't believe in God!" All this is the result of us not being able to turn back to God and experience that love that is poured out for us. If I do not have that love in my heart, how can I share it with my family and the children? Something to seriously think about!

Let us also remember, when we repent and turn back to God, there will be many setbacks and we will be challenged and ridiculed, sometimes, by our own family and friends. The first reading today talks of such ridicule experienced by the Prophet Amos, who was challenged by Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, to go back to Judah and prophesy there! But Amos knew his calling and stood his ground, for it is the Lord who had said to him, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel." How can I then hold on to my faith, repent and believe in God, and proclaim this message to people around me? Quite simple, actually! Live as Jesus lived, love as he loved and forgive as he forgave. Again, more easily said than done! Yes, it is not easy, not easy to live a simple life, hard to feel completely dependent on God, and extremely hard to love unconditionally, but not impossible! As I always say, one step at a time, one small act at a time, one gentle smile at a time, and eventually, unbeknown to us we will be living as Jesus lived, loved and forgave. <https://www.divineword.com.au/news/scripture-reflections/item/1214-15th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-b-2021>



**Parish News:**

**Fr John Hill:** Congratulations to Fr John Hill who will celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Ordination at a Mass at St John the Baptist Church on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> July at 11.00am. There will be light refreshments afterwards in the Walter Baker Hall. All welcome.



**Pastoral Works Broken Bay:** Receipts are available on the table in the Gathering Area. Receipts can be emailed. Please contact the Parish Office.

**Soup Night:** There will be a soup night after 5.00pm Mass on Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> July. All welcome.

**Maintenance Works Programme:** We will be embarking on a maintenance works programme to include painting, plumbing, electrical works, gardening etc. We are calling for volunteers to assist with this. Can you please register your name on the list in the gathering area or contact the Parish Office if you are able to be involved.

**Cleaners for 19<sup>th</sup> July:** Tom French, Elena Egan, Maria Owen, Reg Harrington.

**Readers for 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> July:**

Saturday 5.00pm—Jane Somerville, Kate Bravo, Paul Rutherford

Sunday 7.30am—Phoebe Glacken, Veronica Jordan, Isaak Giunta

Sunday 9.15am—Ingrid Stevens, Mayo Tripolone, Don Matheson

Sunday 5.00pm—Pio Savea, Armella Dogillo, Peter Smith

**Servers for 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> July:**

Saturday 5.00pm—Paul Cavanagh & Vincent Cavanagh

Sunday 7.30am—Bernie French & Paul Nolan

Sunday 9.15am—Bob Wilson, Hanaa El-Khatib, Joesie Cameron

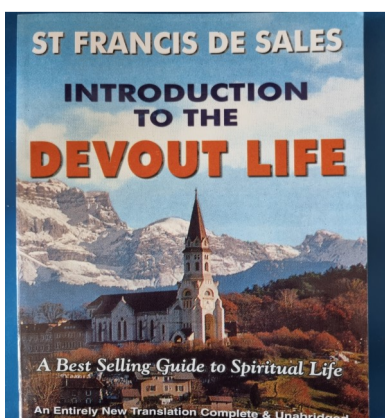
Sunday 5.00pm—Darrin Patterson

**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.

**Brown Scapular:** Brown Scapular investiture Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> July during the 9.15am Mass. Followed by morning tea, light lunch and guest speakers. For more information please contact Emma Baker 0404 339 668 or Christine French 0431 765 401.

**Piety Stall new arrival:**

We have recently received copies of St Francis de Sales' "Introduction to the devout life." There are limited copies available at a cost of \$15 per book. This is a bestselling guide to a spiritual life and an entirely new complete and unabridged translation.



Join us as we celebrate our **Australian Saint**

**Feast of St Mary MacKillop  
8 August 2024**

We welcome you all to a Mass at 10am (with Fr Bogdan) in St Joseph's Spirituality Centre Chapel:  
8 Humphreys Road, Kincumber South.

Followed by a home-cooked Morning Tea, a short talk by Sr Helen Saunders RSJ, and a tour of the grounds for those who wish or may be visiting for the first time.


**Donation** \$10.00 (cash please, payable on the day)

**RSVP** 1 August 2024 (for catering purposes)  
[Bookings.SJR@sosjspirit.org.au](mailto:Bookings.SJR@sosjspirit.org.au) or phone 4368 2805

JOIN US AT THE MEMORY INNOVATIONS CENTRE

**BRAIN GAMES**

 Fridays  
26 Jul - 27 Sept 2024  
10.30am - 11.30am

 St John the Baptist  
Walter Baker Hall  
125 Blackwall Rd. Woy Woy

 FFS/HCP: \$25.0/session  
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**LET'S GET MOVING**

 Fridays  
26 Jul - 27 Sept 2024  
11.45am - 12.45pm

 St John the Baptist Church  
Walter Barker Hall  
125 Blackwall Rd. Woy Woy

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# LITURGY OF THE WORD

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## **Reading 1: Amos 7:12-15**

Amaziah, priest of Bethel, said to Amos, “Off with you, visionary, flee to the land of Judah! There earn your bread by prophesying, but never again prophesy in Bethel; for it is the king’s sanctuary and a royal temple.” Amos answered Amaziah, “I was no prophet, nor have I belonged to a company of prophets; I was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamores. The LORD took me from following the flock, and said to me, Go, prophesy to my people Israel.”

## **Responsorial Psalm:**

**R. Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.**

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land.

**R. Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.**

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from the heavens.

**R. Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.**

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps.

**R. Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.**

## **Reading 2: Eph 1:3-14**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens, as he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him. In love he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ, in accord with the favour of his will, for the praise of the glory of his grace that he granted us in the beloved. In him we have redemption by his blood, the forgiveness of transgressions, in accord with the riches of his grace that he lavished upon us. In all wisdom and insight, he has made known to us the mystery of his will in accord with his favour that he set forth in him as a plan for the fullness of times, to sum up all things in Christ, in heaven and on earth. In him we were also chosen, destined in accord with the purpose of the One who accomplishes all things according to the intention of his will, so that we might exist for the praise of his glory, we who first hoped in Christ. In him you also, who have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and have believed in him, were sealed with the promised holy Spirit, which is the first installment of our inheritance toward redemption as God’s possession, to the praise of his glory.

## **Alleluia:**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

**R. Alleluia!**

## **Gospel: Mk 6:7-13**

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick—no food, no sack, no money in their belts. They were, however, to wear sandals but not a second tunic. He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave. Whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you, leave there and shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them.” So they went off and preached repentance. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.





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

**Recently deceased:**

**Anniversary:** Brian McPhee, Andrew Lee Seung-Soon, Madjorie Gibb-Walsh

**Remembrance:**

**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 confers to those who receive it, and their loved ones, the power of the Lord, and becomes ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.**



**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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