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



21st July 2024
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Under the Pastoral Care of
The Fransalians since 2016

FEASTS & MEMORIALS

22 July — St Mary Magdalene

23 July — St Bridget

25 July — St James

26 July — St Joachim & St Anne

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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Today is the sixteenth Sunday of ordinary time. This Sunday's readings' central theme is the redemption, reunification, and restoration of God's people.

Our first reading is a messianic prophecy. That is, a prophecy about the coming of Christ, the messiah. The scattering of a people is a sign that something has gone wrong. It is a sign of bad leadership and system failure. So like sheep without a shepherd, the poor masses have to scatter in search of survival. This is the image we see all over the world today.

Hence, this first reading bears severe warning against all rulers, priests or pastors, parents, directors, governors, presidents, and indeed, anyone in a leadership position which, out of negligence and indifference, has allowed his people to go astray or suffer. The Lord says, "I will take care of you for your deeds!" This simply means that judgment is coming. Second and most important, there is good news. It is a message of the hope for God's peoples' redemption and restoration. Christ is the righteous branch from the line of David. He is the true Davidic king who has come to find and save the lost people of God. In other words, this prophecy has been fulfilled in Christ.

In the second reading, Paul reminds us that: "...You that used to be so far apart have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ." This simply means that Christ is the fulfillment of the messianic prophecy. He is our peace and has broken down the barrier, which is used to keep us apart. Through his sacrifice, he has reunified us with God.

In the Gospel, Christ also demonstrated that he is that promised Davidic king and good shepherd. He will not rest until our souls, and our land is completely healed and restored to his Father. This was why he had to terminate his vacation to attend to his people. As a compassionate and wise king, Jesus knows our situation. He is doing something about it and will not rest until we are redeemed and restored to God. Christ does not keep quiet over our conditions. He sees and knows that negligent shepherds have abandoned us.

Thousands of lives have been lost through dangerous land and sea border crossings. Today's global immigration problem is a sign of leadership and system failure. The human shepherds of our nations have failed God and all of us. However, the good news is that God will restore us. He will repair the broken elements of our land.

This is a message of hope for all passing through all forms of political, social, and economic crisis. We simply need to obey Christ's teachings and instructions to be redeemed and restored to his Father. Trusting Christ, our king and shepherd, let us always proclaim without ceasing: "The Lord is my shepherd. There is nothing I shall want!"

<https://frcanicenjoku.com/2021/07/13/homily-for-16th-sunday-of-ordinary-time-year-b-3/>

Parish News:

Thanks: Many thanks to all those who were involved in the organisation of Fr Hill's ordination anniversary celebration last week. It was a wonderful occasion.

Peter's Pence Collection: Many thanks for your generous donations to this year's Peter's Pence collection. A total of \$1,323 was collected.

Soup Night: There will be a soup night after 5.00pm Mass on Saturday, 27th 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 26th July: Rose Kissing, Andrew Hopkins, Brian Nairn, Maria Wickens.

Readers for 27th & 28th July:
Saturday 5.00pm—Jane Rutherford, Jacqui Scholte, Marie Andrews

Sunday 7.30am—Dorothy Fulton, Phoebe Glacken, Joel Bajo

Sunday 9.15am—Violetta Chol, Christine French, Joesie Cameron

Sunday 5.00pm—Kris Aitken, Sherrisse Collard, Marian Bowyer

Servers for 27th & 28th July:
Saturday 5.00pm—Jeff Freeman, Joel Bajo

Sunday 7.30am—Peter French, Rae Busby

Sunday 9.15am—Bernie French, Jenny Fitzgerald, Joseph French

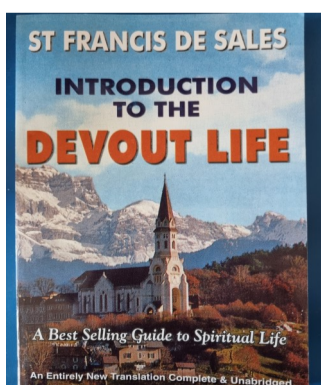
Sunday 5.00pm—Charles Kivunja

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.

Baptisms: We warmly welcome Amy, Archie and George who will be Baptised this weekend.

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.



El Shaddai:
The next El Shaddai meeting is scheduled for Saturday, 27th July from 12.00pm—4.00pm in Mary Mac's Hall. All welcome. Further information available from Grace Lloyd 0401 816 988.



**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 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: \$25.00/session
CHSP: \$12.50/session

Are you noticing changes in your memory, have you been diagnosed with dementia or are you looking to be proactive with your brain health? We have the perfect program for you!

This fun, interactive program challenges your brain through cognitive tasks and games. The program is designed to stimulate your brain and encourages you to engage in fun, new learning challenges. The sessions will include problem solving, riddles, quizzes and app based training.

This program can be accessed through Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) funding for those who are eligible. If you need more information about the subsidy via My Aged Care please contact us. Alternatively, we offer this program via fee for service, or you may be eligible through your Home Care Package provider. *Limited spaces available.*




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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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Let's Get Moving is a fun and engaging exercise group catering to all fitness and mobility levels. The exercises are designed to improve your cardiovascular fitness, strength and balance in a relaxed and social atmosphere. You will be using a variety of exercise equipment including dumbbells, resistance bands and balance equipment.

Our highly qualified facilitator creates a safe and welcoming environment for all and can adjust exercises for your individual needs.

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1: Jer 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock of my pasture, says the LORD. Therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, against the shepherds who shepherd my people: You have scattered my sheep and driven them away. You have not cared for them, but I will take care to punish your evil deeds. I myself will gather the remnant of my flock from all the lands to which I have driven them and bring them back to their meadow; there they shall increase and multiply. I will appoint shepherds for them who will shepherd them so that they need no longer fear and tremble; and none shall be missing, says the LORD. Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up a righteous shoot to David; as king he shall reign and govern wisely, he shall do what is just and right in the land. In his days Judah shall be saved, Israel shall dwell in security. This is the name they give him: "The LORD our justice."

Responsorial Psalm:

R. The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. He leads me near restful waters, to revive my drooping spirit.

R. The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness, no evil would I fear. You are here with your crook and your staff, with these you give me comfort.

R. The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.

R. The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

Reading 2: Eph 2:13-18

Brothers and sisters: In Christ Jesus you who once were far off have become near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, he who made both one and broke down the dividing wall of enmity, through his flesh, abolishing the law with its commandments and legal claims, that he might create in himself one new person in place of the two, thus establishing peace, and might reconcile both with God, in one body, through the cross, putting that enmity to death by it. He came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near, for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

Alleluia:

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

R. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mk 6:30-34

The apostles gathered together with Jesus and reported all they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." People were coming and going in great numbers, and they had no opportunity even to eat. So they went off in the boat by themselves to a deserted place. People saw them leaving and many came to know about it. They hastened there on foot from all the towns and arrived at the place before them. When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.



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

Recently deceased:

Anniversary:

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 Juel, Dr Richard Scolyer, Trevor Hailey, Joss Mitchell, Marie Day, Oakley Mitchell, Jessie Mitchell, Olive Drewett, Matt Mitchell, 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

You can also donate via Bpoint, which will take you to our Website for secure online payments. <https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/woywoyparish>

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