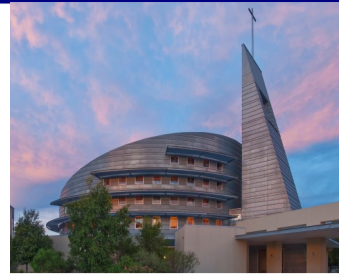




# WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



28<sup>th</sup> July 2024  
17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## FEASTS & MEMORIALS

28 July — World day for grandparents  
and the elderly

29 July — St Martha, St Mary, St Lazarus

31 July — St Ignatius Loyola

1 August — St Alphonsus Liguori

## 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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## PARISH CONTACTS

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# John 6:11

“Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted.”

The gospel readings for the next two weeks are taken from John 6, a section of the gospel that focuses on food and related themes: on hungry people; on the need for food/bread; on food/bread as metaphors for life. Bread has been the staple food for millennia in bible lands. To be without bread is to lack the very basics of existence, and that is how it is for so many in our world. Even the impoverished in the so-called “first world” know what it is like to be without the means of subsistence in a world of plenty. The present cycle of readings confronts us with questions about our own lifestyle, our exploitation of earth’s precious resources, and our capacity to make a positive change in the lives of those whose access to the fruits of our earth is much more limited than ours.

In John’s account of the feeding of the 5000, the crowds keep following Jesus because they see the “signs” he works among the sick. The Johannine Jesus consistently tries to lead the people beyond a form of discipleship that is simply based on seeing the signs that he works. The inadequacy of the crowd’s response on this occasion becomes clear towards the end of the reading.

Both place and time function powerfully in the story. The “mountain” place evokes the giving of the Law to Moses on Mt Sinai. For the crowds, Jesus is the prophet like Moses who points to a way of satisfying hunger in the wilderness of life. The time is Passover, drawing into the narrative the passing over of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt to the freedom of the desert and ultimately of the land where they could worship their God. This story is about the liberation that God brings through the agency of Jesus.

Jesus demonstrates that the answer to the suffering of the people, their liberation, is to be found in their care for each other. If they simply take the time to sit down together, discover the riches in their midst, give thanks, and distribute what they have, they may find they have more than they need. They must gather up the fragments, the “more-than-enough”, so that nothing will be lost and others might benefit from their sharing. Again, we are reminded of those in our world who have access to health care and vaccines and those who do not, of those who have financial support at this time and those who do not.

Although the people partially understand Jesus’ identity and teaching, their ultimate response is misdirected, even violent: they want to take him by force and make him king. He leaves them and returns to the mountain alone. We so often seek spectacular solutions to our problems. It may be that we too need to sit down together, on the grass or wherever, and discover the wealth we have at our disposal to satisfy the hunger in our world. That is what it means to be a Eucharistic people.

<https://www.mercyworld.org/f/45074/x/f4ef286dcf/reflection-on-the-gospel-17b-vl-250721.pdf>

**Parish News:**

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

**Morning Tea:** There will be morning tea hosted by the Parish Pastoral Council after 9.15am Mass on Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> August. All welcome.

**Thanks:** Thanks to Joe and Rose from Bakers Delight Umina for providing the baked goods for Fr Hill's Lunch and the Brown Scapular morning tea and lunch last weekend.

**Brown Scapular:** Congratulations to everyone who was enrolled in the Brown scapular last Sunday and thank you to everyone who contributed towards making the celebration afterwards lovely. God bless you all—Christine French.

**Maintenance Works Programme:** The maintenance works programme has begun and many thanks to all who have volunteered to assist. There are envelopes available in the gathering area if you would like to contribute to the fund. You can also contact the Parish Office to make a donation.

**Pilgrimage to the Shrine of St John Paul II:** On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August, Fr Sam French, Director of Vocations, is organising a small diocesan pilgrimage for the men of Joseph House and for young people aged 18-35 from across the Diocese. The day will begin with 9.00am Mass at St John the Baptist Church followed by a BBQ breakfast before embarking on a prayerful walk to St Patrick's Church, East Gosford. The group will arrive at St Patrick's at approximately 2.00pm and will spend time in prayer at the Church, venerating the relic of St John Paul II.

**PPC Meeting:** The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> August at 7.00pm.

**Cleaners for 2<sup>nd</sup> August:** Gay Tiansay, Anne-Marie Young, Mabel Torres, Jo Salter.

**Readers for 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> August:**

Saturday 5.00pm—Marie Andrews, Leonie King, Kate Bravo

Sunday 7.30am—Isaak Giunta, Joe Bajo, Ann Hall

Sunday 9.15am—Therese Carroll, Olga Mhilli, Christine French

Sunday 5.00pm—Lorena Lalor, Peter Smith, Marian Bowyer

**Servers for 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> August:**

Saturday 5.00pm—Paul Cavanagh, Vincent Cavanagh

Sunday 7.30am—Peter French, Paul Nolan

Sunday 9.15am—Bob Wilson, Hanaa El-Khatib, Jenny Fitzgerald

Sunday 5.00pm—Laurie Jarvis

**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.

**Mary MacKillop Place:** We invite you to a day of celebration, prayer, pilgrimage and thanksgiving for Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop Feast Day on 8<sup>th</sup> August at Mary MacKillop Place, 80 William Street, North Sydney. Further info available [www.marymackillopplace.org.au](http://www.marymackillopplace.org.au) or tel 8912 4800.

**Why do people volunteer to be catechists?**

As a catechist you learn more about yourself and your faith. It is an opportunity for you to give back a little of what you have been given. You will gain confidence, make a difference to the lives of the children you teach and to their families. You will meet interesting like-minded people and become an active member of the parish community as well as learning new skills and bringing new life to your faith. For further information contact Michael Tebbutt on 0437 440 169.



**COMBATING HOMELESSNESS TOGETHER**

Please donate to CatholicCare's homelessness services across the Diocese

Saturday and Sunday 10 & 11 August 2024

There is no place like home – but for many having a home is not a reality. The causes may be diverse but the impact is the same – a loss of dignity and a sense of hopelessness.

Few people choose to be homeless and the longer a person remains homeless, the more difficult it is to return to mainstream society. We provide a women's refuge, transitional accommodation options, young parent's homelessness services and street sleeping outreach supports. We also operate Dom's Place in Hornsby and Mary Mac's Place in Woy Woy where we provide meals, a place to shower and wash clothes, and somewhere for people who are homeless or transient to come and to connect with supports and community.

We are able to provide these services thanks to your generosity.

*Thank you*



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# LITURGY OF THE WORD

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## **Reading 1: 2 Kg 4:42-44**

A man came from Baal-shalishah bringing to Elisha, the man of God, twenty barley loaves made from the firstfruits, and fresh grain in the ear. Elisha said, "Give it to the people to eat." But his servant objected, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" Elisha insisted, "Give it to the people to eat." "For thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and there shall be some left over.'" And when they had eaten, there was some left over, as the LORD had said.

## **Responsorial Psalm:**

**R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs. R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O Lord. You are just in all your ways and loving in all your deeds. You are close to all who call you, who call on you from their hearts.

**R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs. R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.**

The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time. You open wide your hand, and grant the desires of all who live.

## **Reading 2: Eph 4:1-6**

Brothers and sisters: I, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

## **Alleluia:**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

A great prophet has risen in our midst. God has visited his people.

**R. Alleluia!**

## **Gospel: Jn 6:1-15**

Jesus went across the Sea of Galilee. A large crowd followed him, because they saw the signs he was performing on the sick. Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. The Jewish feast of Passover was near. When Jesus raised his eyes and saw that a large crowd was coming to him, he said to Philip, "Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?" He said this to test him, because he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Two hundred days' wages worth of food would not be enough for each of them to have a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" Jesus said, "Have the people recline." Now there was a great deal of grass in that place. So the men reclined, about five thousand in number. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted." So they collected them, and filled twelve wicker baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves that had been more than they could eat. When the people saw the sign he had done, they said, "This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world." Since Jesus knew that they were going to come and carry him off to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain alone.

**THE HAND OF THE  
LORD FEEDS US; HE  
ANSWERS ALL OUR  
NEEDS**



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

**Recently deceased:** Rose Aloisio, Stephanie Kelleher, Margaret Lenthall, Bishop Kevin Manning

**Anniversary:** Sheilah Carroll-Walsh, Sergei de Souza, Milagros Farthing, Jim Filewood, Sr Anne O'Shaughnessy, Florencia Potestas, Pasquale Sergi, Enrico Zappavigna

**Remembrance:** Serge Fauvette, Charlie Grima

**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, Sophie Jordan, Damian Gauci

### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for July

#### 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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