



WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



4th August 2024
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Under the Pastoral Care of
The Fransalians since 2016

FEASTS & MEMORIALS

8 August — St Mary of the Cross
MacKillop

10 August — St Lawrence

11 August — St Clare

12 August—St Jane Frances de Chantal

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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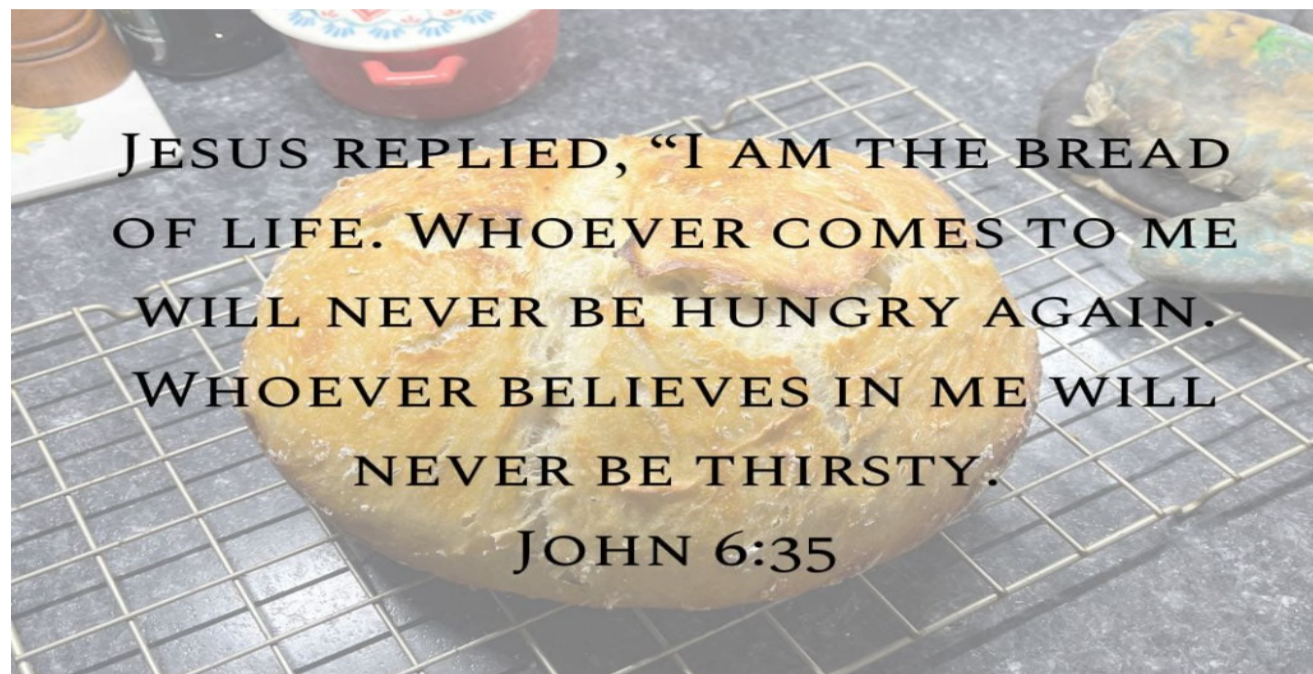
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Following the miraculous feeding, the people had wanted to make Jesus their king. But he eluded them and went off to the hills by himself while his disciples set out to cross the lake by boat. Later, in a manifestation of his divine status, he rejoined them by walking upon the sea. Eventually, the crowds whom Jesus had fed by multiplying the loaves catch up with him again on the other side of the lake and begin the dialogue with him that triggers the discourse. They ask questions of Jesus that betray inadequate understanding of his person and his activity. Jesus takes up their questions and responses, correcting them and turning them in a direction that leads to mature faith and readiness to receive revelation.

He points out that they have been looking for him simply because they had been fed, albeit marvellously, with what was still ordinary food. They had failed to "see signs" in the sense that they did not understand the gift of ordinary bread as a sign or symbol pointing to a deeper reality: that Jesus is the gift of "Bread" sent down from heaven to satisfy a far deeper human need, the gift of eternal life.

By following the way of the Law they are "working" in the sense of working for money in order to have the wherewithal to buy bread to keep them alive. But such bread is like the bread the Israelites went out to collect on the first five days, bread that would not last. Instead they should understand that, in the presence of Jesus, they are really in a "Sabbath" situation where the Manna sent down on the sixth day is bread that truly lasts – lasts for eternal life.

A seal affixed to a document authoritatively stamps the document with the author's identity and ownership. The "seal" that the Father has set upon Jesus probably refers to his endowment with the Spirit. Endowment with the Spirit provides divine accreditation and guarantee that the revelation given by Jesus is the "food that endures to eternal life".

The only "work" then that is required on the human side is the "work" of believing that such is the case: namely, that, in the person of Jesus, God is sending down from heaven the Bread of Life in this imperishable and life-giving sense.

Unconvinced, the crowds want Jesus to turn on a "Manna-like" miracle as they believe Moses did. Jesus corrects them in regard to both past and present. It was not Moses but God who gave them bread from heaven. Likewise, they should not now be expecting him to provide bread from heaven as if he were simply a figure comparable to Moses. What Moses provided was the Law, which was not "bread from heaven" that would last ("endure to eternal life"). Whereas, he (Jesus) is the Bread from heaven that the Father is now providing for the life of the world. If the crowd can simply put aside its own presuppositions and demands, and simply believe in the generosity of God, then they will receive this life-giving revelation.

Both as revelatory Word of God and as Eucharist Jesus is for us the "Bread of Life".

<https://www.australiancatholics.com.au/homily-notes-18-sun-year-b-2024>

Parish News:

Thanks: Many thanks to all who were involved in organising the soup night last Saturday. It was a very enjoyable evening. Thanks to Joe and Rose from Bakers Delight Umina for donating the bread.

Morning Tea: There will be morning tea hosted by the Parish Pastoral Committee members after 9.15am Mass this Sunday, 4th August. All welcome.

Parish Pastoral Committee Meeting: The next Parish Pastoral Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 6th August at 7.00pm.

Pilgrimage to the Shrine of St John Paul II: On Saturday 17th 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.

Maintenance Works Programme: The volunteers list for assistance with the maintenance works programme has disappeared. Could you please register your name again on the list on the table in the Gathering Area. Apologies for the inconvenience. Envelopes are available for donations. Alternatively, contact the Parish Office for direct deposit details.

Baptism: We warmly welcome Rory and Lucas who will be Baptised this weekend.

Cleaners for 9th August: Gay Tiansay, Anne-Marie Young, Mabel Torres, Jo Salter.

Readers for 10th & 11th August:

Saturday 5.00pm—Kate Bravo, Leonie King

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

Sunday 9.15am—Violetta Chol, Don Matheson, Ingrid Stevens

Sunday 5.00pm—Kris Aitken, Pio Savea, Armella Dogillo

Servers for 10th & 11th August:

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.

National Vocations Awareness Week: On the 8th of August, we commemorate Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Australia's first canonised saint and cherished patron. As we celebrate her legacy, we also mark National Vocations Awareness Week, which runs from 4-11 August 2024. During this special week, let us pray for more devoted priests, deacons, and consecrated men and

women as we recognise and support the critical role of families in fostering vocations. May they find courage in Jesus Christ, draw strength from our united faith, and embrace the precious gift of their vocation with grace and gratitude.

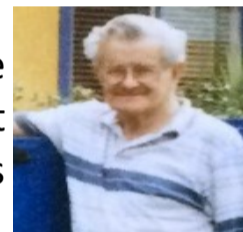
St John the Baptist Men's group: Meetings to be held the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month from 7pm-8pm in the Leo Mahon Room. Next meeting 5th August. For further information contact Allan Moore 0492 988 168.

Central Coast Philharmonia Choir: There will be a performance of Ola Gjeilo's Sunrise Mass at St John the Baptist Church on Saturday, 17th August at 7.30pm. Tickets available www.trybooking.com/CQTQJ.

Parish Census Form: You can now collect a blank Parish Census Form from the Gathering Area of the Church. Please place completed forms in the Census Forms box or email to woywoyparish@bbcatholic.org.au. If you have submitted a form in recent times and your details haven't changed there is no need to complete another one.

Funeral Announcement—Jack Lalor:

Jack's life will be celebrated at St John the Baptist Church on Tuesday, 6th August at 11.30am. We offer our sincere condolences to Jack's family and friends.



Homelessness Fundraiser: There will be a special collection next weekend to support CatholicCare's homelessness services across the Diocese. There are envelopes available in the Church. Please give generously.



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.

CatholicCare
Diocese of Broken Bay

Thank you

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15

The whole Israelite community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The Israelites said to them, "Would that we had died at the LORD's hand in the land of Egypt, as we sat by our fleshpots and ate our fill of bread! But you had to lead us into this desert to make the whole community die of famine!" Then the LORD said to Moses, "I will now rain down bread from heaven for you. Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not. "I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them: In the evening twilight you shall eat flesh, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread, so that you may know that I, the LORD, am your God." In the evening quail came up and covered the camp. In the morning a dew lay all about the camp, and when the dew evaporated, there on the surface of the desert were fine flakes like hoarfrost on the ground. On seeing it, the Israelites asked one another, "What is this?" for they did not know what it was. But Moses told them, "This is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

Responsorial Psalm:

R. The Lord gave his people bread from heaven.

The things we have heard and understood, the things our forebears have told us, these we tell to our children: the glories of the Lord and his might.

R. The Lord gave his people bread from heaven.

He commanded the clouds above and opened the gates of heaven. He rained down manna for their food, and he gave them bread from heaven.

R. The Lord gave his people bread from heaven.

Mere mortals ate the bread of angels. God sent them abundance of food. So he brought them to this holy land, to the mountain that his right hand had won.

R. The Lord gave his people bread from heaven.

Reading 2: Eph 4:17, 20-24

Brothers and sisters: I declare and testify in the Lord that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds; that is not how you learned Christ, assuming that you have heard of him and were taught in him, as truth is in Jesus, that you should put away the old self of your former way of life, corrupted through deceitful desires, and be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth.

Alleluia:

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

One does not live on bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

R. Alleluia!

Gospel: Jn 6:24-35

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into boats and came to Capernaum looking for Jesus. And when they found him across the sea they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?" Jesus answered them and said, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled. Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him the Father, God, has set his seal." So they said to him, "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent." So they said to him, "What sign can you do, that we may see and believe in you? What can you do? Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, as it is written: *He gave them bread from heaven to eat.*" So Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." So they said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."



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

Recently deceased: Fr Jim Harding SM, Jack Lalor, William Ward

Anniversary: Damiana Bulual & Pedro Bulual Sr, Molly Dunne, Veronica & Amy Moloney, Giuseppina Sergi, Christopher & Mary 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, Dymrna 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, Paulene White



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for August

For political leaders

We pray political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

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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