



WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



22nd September 2024

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Under the Pastoral Care of
The Fransalians since 2016

FEASTS & MEMORIALS

23 September — St Pius of Pietrelcina

27 September — St Vincent de Paul

28 September — St Wenceslaus

30 September — St Jerome

MASS TIMES & OTHER WORSHIP

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil - 5.00pm

Sundays - 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 Service

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

Fridays—9.00am

First Friday of the month - 3.30pm

Saturdays - 9.30am and 4.30pm

Sundays - 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 theme of today's readings might be summed up in these words of Martin Luther King: *'Not everybody can be famous but everybody can be great, because greatness is determined by service.'* Ambition, drive, success and winning have been dominant traits of humanity from time immemorial. Ambition in itself is not bad. It is what often accompanies it that makes it dangerous and destructive. As St James reminds us in today's second reading: *'Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done'* (James 3:16). Wisdom, in the words of James, *'comes down from above,... makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good'* (James 3: 17).

In today's gospel passage from Mark, Jesus teaches us what it means to be truly great. He doesn't say that we shouldn't seek greatness or try to be the best person we can be. But he turns the common understanding of greatness on its head: *'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all'* (Mk 9:35). The instruction of Jesus has nothing to do with human wisdom. It makes sense only from the perspective of God's way of judging persons and situations, that is, from the perspective of the Kingdom of God. Mark sets out the context of Jesus' teaching in stark terms. He tells us that the disciples of Jesus had been arguing about who among them was the greatest. Despite the repeated reminders of Jesus that he was destined to be rejected by the Jewish authorities, and to suffer and die before rising again, they were still thinking of his kingdom as an earthly political realm with themselves holding positions of power and prestige. When Jesus asks them what they had been discussing as they walked with him on the road, they fall silent! Clearly ashamed of themselves, they are unable to speak their minds. Foolish and blind as the disciples of Jesus were, and as we often are, Jesus was patient with them and takes time to instruct them about what greatness means in the context of kingdom he is inaugurating through his suffering, death and resurrection. It means placing ourselves and our talents at the service of others and of God's reign of justice, peace and love on earth.

Jesus illustrates his teaching about greatness by calling a small child to himself, placing this child in front of them and then identifying himself with those whom the child represents: *'Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me'* (Mk 9:37). For Jesus, children are to be seen, heard, welcomed and imitated. They are the gateway to the kingdom. The values of the kingdom are most clearly manifest in children who are small, vulnerable, trusting and defenceless. When we welcome them and learn from them, and from all the little ones of our world; when we enter the world they inhabit, letting go of our desire to be big and important, we become servants and agents of God's kingdom. And thus we become great in God's eyes. Such service is not drudgery or slavery, but liberating and joyful, for it makes us children of the kingdom.

<https://sma.ie/homily-for-the-25th-sunday-of-ordinary-time-year-b/>

Parish News:

Safeguarding: If young children need to use the bathroom during Mass or events in the Church, please ensure that a parent or guardian accompanies the child. Should a parishioner have any safeguarding concerns please contact our Safeguarding Team Members: Jenny Dempsey 0438 423 293 or Margaret Dixon 0422 277 548.

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 7th October. For further information contact Allan Moore 0492 988 168.

Sicklist: We are updating our newsletter sicklist. If you would like your name or a loved one's name to continue to be included, please either put a note in the collection bag or contact the Parish office on 4341 1073 or woywoyparish@bbcatholic.org.au. Thanks.

Children's Liturgy: Children's Liturgy occurs during the Sunday 9.15am Mass throughout the school term excluding the 1st Sunday of the month. It is for children between the ages of 4 and 12. Children younger than this are welcome however they would need to be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Further enquiries contact Christine French 0431 765 401 or Frances Giunta 0414 274 402.

Building Refreshment and Maintenance Programme:

We have commenced painting and we are starting to identify the extent of the maintenance and rectification required. As part of the process, we will need to identify and fix water leaks which will require roofing repairs and new plumbing works. Once the leaks are fixed, we will need to repair/replace gyprock and finish with painting. The plan includes all parish buildings on both sides of the road including the Church, Mary Macs, Walter Baker Hall and presbytery. Other secondary works we are considering include: Plumbing works – bore water supply for gardens, Security – CCTV system and camera upgrade, general electrical – lighting (to reduce energy costs), air conditioning service – filters for ducting, tiling – fix repair tiles outside of Church, outside window cleaning, replace auto system for Church windows on level 1, renovation of meditation garden courtyard – timber deck renovation, upholstery for kneelers and seat cushions, kneeler repairs - stop brackets replaced and fixed where needed, general rubbish removal and tree removal. As you can see, we need a variety of talents including handyman skills to refresh our Church and buildings. For those of you who have put your name down (thank you) we will contact you soon to figure out your availability and determine how we can best use your talents. Also, we are happy to receive quality advice from qualified professionals in the parish who can assist with any of these works.

Cleaners for 27th September: Reg Harrington, Andrew Hopkins, Jo MacMillan, Rose Kissing.

Readers for 28th & 29th September:

Saturday 5.00pm—Dawn Torrens, Jane Rutherford, Marie Andrews

Sunday 7.30am—Joel Bajo, Phoebe Glacken, Veronica Jordan

Sunday 9.15am—Violetta Chol, Maryrose Barlow, Michael Dixon

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

Servers for 28th & 29th September:

Saturday 5.00pm—Joel Bajo, Darrin Patterson

Sunday 7.30am—Bernie French, Jenny Fitzgerald

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

Sunday 5.00pm—Laurie Jarvis

El Shaddai Prayer Group: The next El Shaddai meeting is scheduled for Saturday, 28th September from 12-4 in the Walter Baker Hall.

Founder's Day:

162nd Death Anniversary of Fr Peter Marie Mermier, Servant of God—30th September 2024:



The **Missionaries of St Francis de Sales (MSFS)**, also known as 'Fransalians', was founded on October 24, 1838, by Father Peter Marie Mermier. His early life was marked by the turmoil of the French Revolution, which deeply affected the Church in Savoy. Despite these challenges, his parents, fervent and devoted Christians, provided him with a strong foundation in faith, even hosting secret Masses at home. This made him join the seminary and he was ordained a priest in 1813. As a priest he had a great zeal for pastoral work and mission. "My resolution is unshakable as also my desire **"I WANT MISSIONS"**. This is the saying of Fr Peter Memier during the time of challenges and agony as his early companions in the Congregation began to leave. But his unshakable hope, passion, and vision led him to expand his missionary activities, including taking up pastoral work in Visakhapatnam, India in 1846. Fr Memier was patient, loyal and totally dedicated to the pursuit of his vocation and mission. Until the end, he made himself completely available to God and His will and offered himself to the people filled with zeal for the salvation of souls.

Become a Catechist: Share the Good News of Jesus and your love of the Catholic faith with the children in our public schools. Please contact Michael Tebbutt 0437 440 169 or Email woywoyparish@bbcatholic.org.au.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1: Wis 2:12, 17-20

The wicked say: Let us beset the just one, because he is obnoxious to us; he sets himself against our doings, reproaches us for transgressions of the law and charges us with violations of our training. Let us see whether his words be true; let us find out what will happen to him. For if the just one be the son of God, God will defend him and deliver him from the hand of his foes. With revilement and torture let us put the just one to the test that we may have proof of his gentleness and try his patience. Let us condemn him to a shameful death; for according to his own words, God will take care of him.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. The Lord; the Lord upholds my life.

O God, save me by your name; by your power, uphold my cause. O God, hear my prayer; and listen to the words of my mouth.

R. The Lord; the Lord upholds my life.

For the proud have risen up against me, and ruthless foes seek my life. They have no regard for God, but I shall call on his name.

R. The Lord; the Lord upholds my life.

But I have my God for my help. The Lord upholds my life. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart and praise your name for it is good

R. The Lord; the Lord upholds my life.

Reading 2: James 3:16-4:3

Beloved: Where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every foul practice. But the wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits, without inconstancy or insincerity. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace. Where do the wars and where do the conflicts among you come from? Is it not from your passions that make war within your members? You covet but do not possess. You kill and envy but you cannot obtain; you fight and wage war. You do not possess because you do not ask. You ask but do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

Alleluia:

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

God has called us through the Gospel to possess the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

R. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mk 9:30-37

Jesus and his disciples left from there and began a journey through Galilee, but he did not wish anyone to know about it. He was teaching his disciples and telling them, "The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise." But they did not understand the saying, and they were afraid to question him. They came to Capernaum and, once inside the house, he began to ask them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they remained silent. They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest. Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."



READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon, 23rd September: Prov 3:27-34/Ps 14:2-5/Lk 8:16-18

Tues, 24th September: Prov 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 118:1, 27, 30, 34-35, 44/Lk 8:19-21

Wed, 25th September: Prov 30:5-9/Ps 118:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163/Lk 9:1-6

Thurs, 26th September: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17/Lk 9:7-9

Fri, 27th September: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 143:1-4/Lk 9:18-22

Sat, 28th September: Eccl 11:9-12:8/Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17/Lk 9:43-45

Sun, 29th September: Num 1:25-29/Ps 18:8, 10, 12-14/James 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Let us keep in our prayers:

Recently deceased: Loyola Boyle, Miklos Kosztyo, Alain Perrigault

Anniversary: Hugo John Cutrone, Ron Dixon

Remembrance: Cuddahy & Cuddihy families, Charlie Grima, Peter Grima, Noëlle Davidovic Martins, Sara Selim, Peter William Starr

Sick: Lorraine Blandford, Anne-Marie Dixon, Ken Dixon, Marie Dixon, Aline Fauvette, Dympna Fitzpatrick, Bill Hunt, Joseph King, Betty & Sean McDermott, Oscar James Moretti, Ada-Primrose Murphy, Marta Panczyna, Kenneth John Reddacliff, Donna Vella, Paulene White, Willy Woods, Jonathon Zdilar



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September

For the cry of the Earth

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climatic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

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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