



WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



29th September 2024

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Under the Pastoral Care of
The Fransalians since 2016

FEASTS & MEMORIALS

30 September — Founder's Day, Fr Peter Marie Mermier

30 September — St Jerome

1 October — St Therese of the Child Jesus

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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Today we continue to read from the Gospel of Mark. Recall that last week we heard Jesus chastise his disciples for their argument about who among them was the greatest. Jesus taught them that the greatest among them will be those who serve the least ones. In today's Gospel, the disciple John questions Jesus about an unknown exorcist who was driving out demons in Jesus' name. John's question might have been motivated by jealousy. Previously in Mark's Gospel, Jesus healed a boy whom the disciples had been unable to heal. John's question is further evidence that the disciples have not yet grasped Jesus' words to them. They continue to compare themselves to others who seem to have greater healing powers, and they do not want to share the power of Jesus' name with others.

Today the demon possession described in the Gospels might be seen as a form of mental illness, but the need for healing these syndromes was as real then as it is now. Exorcism was a common practice in first-century Palestine. Some people had the power to heal the symptoms of possession. One of the strategies used was to invoke the name of a person or figure who was believed to have the power to heal.

The disciples observed that the unknown exorcist invoked Jesus' name and was successful in his healing efforts. This unknown healer recognized the power of Jesus' name, yet he was not a follower of Jesus. In his reply to his disciples, Jesus acknowledges that deeds of faith can precede the words of faith. He also teaches that the disciples should not be reluctant to share Jesus' healing powers with others.

Later in this Gospel, Jesus teaches us not to create obstacles for those who are just beginning to have faith but to encourage even the smallest signs of faith. The Greek word used here for sin also connotes "stumbling" or "causing scandal." In vivid terms Jesus teaches his disciples the consequences to those who would put obstacles before people who are on the road to faith.

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Parish News:

Thanks: A grateful thanks to all who contributed to the recent CatholicCare's Homelessness Week Fundraiser. A total of \$3,040 was raised by our Parish which will allow them to continue supporting some of the most vulnerable in our Diocese.

Sit n Chat: A group of seniors meet every 3rd Monday of the month in the Leo Mahon Room from 1.00pm to 2.30pm. October's meeting is out of sequence and is scheduled for the 14th. Please contact Jane for further information on 0419 233 284. Transport can be provided if necessary.

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.

Children's Liturgy: Children's liturgy is on a break now for school holidays and will resume 20th October.

Thanks: Thanks to Rae Busby who has retired from her Senior Server duties after 22 years. We thank Rae for all the time and hard work she has generously given to our Church family. Rae will continue to help with the Piety Stall.

Building Refreshment and Maintenance Programme: The building refreshment and maintenance work is ongoing.

Cleaners for 4th October: Gay Tiansay, Tom French, Maria Wickens, Laila Dawe.

Readers for 5th & 6th October:

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

Sunday 7.30am—Phoebe Glacken, Isaak Giunta, Dorothy Fulton

Sunday 9.15am—Don Matheson, Mayo Tripolone, Emma Baker

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

Servers for 5th & 6th October:

Saturday 5.00pm—Paul Cavanagh, Vincent Cavanagh

Sunday 7.30am—Jose Torres, Paul Nolan

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

Sunday 5.00pm—Laurie Jarvis

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

Spirituality in the Pub: The next meeting of Spirituality in the Pub is 7.30pm-9.00pm on Tuesday 1st October at the Grange Hotel, Wyoming. Guest speakers are Margaret

Allen who is a retired high school English teacher with a strong diverse Christian background and Paul Corkeron a member of a religious order for nearly 40 years, a teacher and coordinator of a social welfare program. Hotel bistro opens at 5.30pm. SIP enquiries: 0415 129250 or 0439 678608.

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Mary Mac's Fundraiser:



HOW ELSE CAN YOU GET INVOLVED? We Need Donations! Vouchers, experiences, products, services, gifts. When Do We Need Them By? Friday 4th October. Experiences & services need to be in writing on letterhead of business donating. Vouchers, products & gifts need to be given to Wiseberry Peninsula. For further information please contact Casey Williams casey@wiseberrypeninsula.com.au.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1: Num 11:25-29

The LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to Moses. Taking some of the spirit that was on Moses, the LORD bestowed it on the seventy elders; and as the spirit came to rest on them, they prophesied. Now two men, one named Eldad and the other Medad, were not in the gathering but had been left in the camp. They too had been on the list, but had not gone out to the tent; yet the spirit came to rest on them also, and they prophesied in the camp. So, when a young man quickly told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp," Joshua, son of Nun, who from his youth had been Moses' aide, said, "Moses, my lord, stop them." But Moses answered him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets! Would that the LORD might bestow his spirit on them all!"

Responsorial Psalm:

R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple.

R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding forever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just.

R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

So in them your servant finds instruction; great reward is in their keeping. But can we discern all our errors? From hidden faults, acquit us.

R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

From presumption restrain your servant and let it not rule me. Then I shall be blameless, and clean from grave sin.

R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

Reading 2: James 5:1-6

Come now, you rich, weep and wail over your impending miseries. Your wealth has rotted away, your clothes have become moth-eaten, your gold and silver have corroded, and that corrosion will be a testimony against you; it will devour your flesh like a fire. You have stored up treasure for the last days. Behold, the wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud; and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. You have lived on earth in luxury and pleasure; you have fattened your hearts for the day of slaughter. You have condemned; you have murdered the righteous one; he offers you no resistance.

Alleluia:

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Your word, O Lord, is truth; consecrate us in the truth.

R. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us. Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward. "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life crippled than with two feet to be thrown into Gehenna. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. Better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into Gehenna, where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched."

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday, 30th September: Job 1:6-22/Ps 16:1-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday, 1st October: Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Ps 87:2-8/Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday, 2nd October: Ex 23:20-23/Ps 90:1-6, 10-11/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Thursday, 3rd October: Job 19:21-27/Ps 26:7-9, 13-14/Lk 10:1-12

Friday, 4th October: Job 38:1, 12-21, 40:3-5/Ps 138:1-3, 7-10, 13-14/Lk 10:13-16

Saturday, 5th October: Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 118:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130/
Lk 10:17-24

Sunday, 6th October: Gen 2:18-24/ Ps 127/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16



Let us keep in our prayers:

Recently deceased:

Anniversary: James Casey, Jack Dunne, Pat Fitzgerald, Thomas Ochea, Sara Selim

Remembrance: Molly Dunne

Sick: Margaret Ayres, Alan Ball, Lorraine Blandford, Anne-Marie Dixon, Ken Dixon, Marie Dixon, Aline Fauvette, Dympha Fitzpatrick, Bill Hunt, Joseph King, Betty & Sean McDermott, Oscar James Moretti, Ada-Primrose Murphy, Marta Panczyna, Kenneth John Reddacliff, Charlotte Stenson, 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

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