



WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



20th October 2024

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Under the Pastoral Care of
The Fransalians since 2016

FEASTS & MEMORIALS

20 October — World Mission Sunday

22 October — St John Paul II

23 October — St John of Capistrano

24 October — St Anthony Claret

28 October — Sts Simon & Jude

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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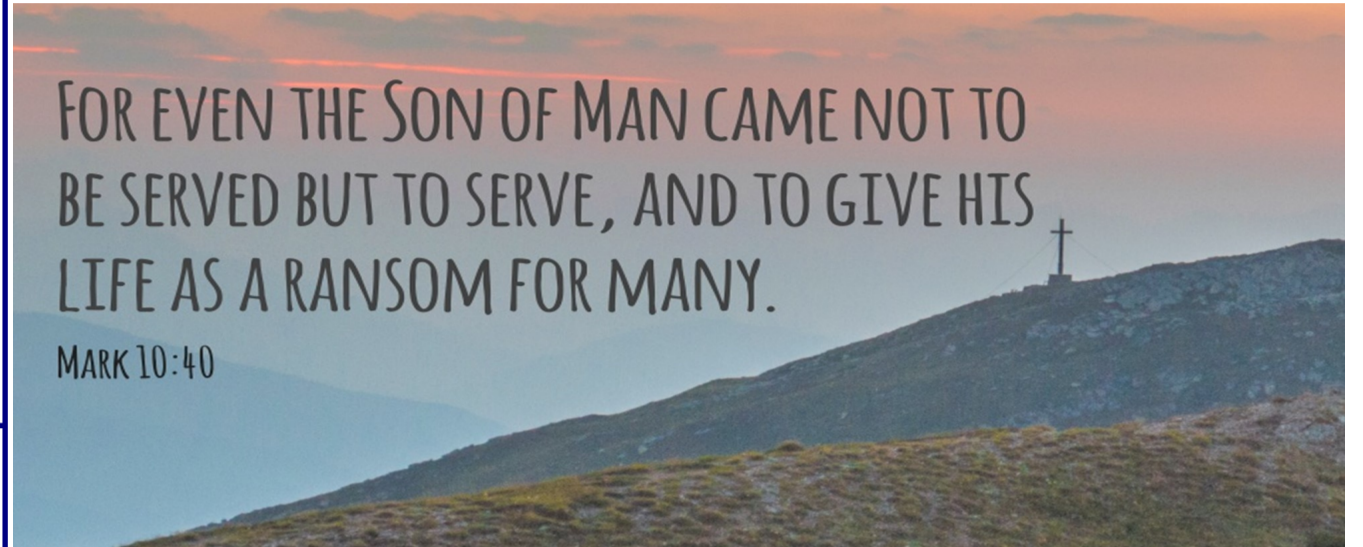
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The Gospel of today's Liturgy narrates that two disciples, James and John, ask the Lord to one day sit beside him in glory, as if they were "prime ministers", or something like that. But the other disciples hear it and become indignant. At that point, Jesus patiently offers them a great teaching. It is this: true glory is not obtained by rising over others, but by experiencing the same baptism that He, Jesus, would receive just a little later in Jerusalem, that is, the cross.

We are in front of two different types of logic: the disciples want to rise up and Jesus wants to immerse Himself. Let us spend a few moments on these two verbs. The first is to rise up. It expresses that worldly mentality to which we are always tempted: to experience everything, including relationships, in order to feed our ambition, to climb the ladder of success, to reach important positions. How many times, we Christians – who should be servants – try to climb up, to get ahead! We therefore always need to evaluate our heart's real intentions, to ask ourselves: "Why am I carrying out this work, this responsibility? To offer service or rather to be recognised, praised and to receive compliments?" Jesus contrasts this worldly logic with his own: instead of exalting yourself over others, get off your pedestal to serve them; instead of rising above others, to be immersed in others' lives.

Here is the second verb: to be immersed. Jesus asks us to immerse ourselves. And how should we immerse ourselves? Compassionately in the lives of those we meet. We were considering hunger: but do we think compassionately about the hunger of so many people? When we have a meal before us, which is a grace from God that we can eat, there are people who do not have enough food for the entire month. Let's think about that. And immerse ourselves compassionately, to have compassion, is not a statistic in an encyclopedia... Let us look at the Crucified Lord, completely immersed in our wounded history, and we will discover God's way of doing things. We see that he did not remain up above in heaven to look down on us from up there, but he lowered himself to wash our feet. God is love and love is humble, it does not exalt itself, but comes down like the rain that falls to the earth and brings life. It is the strength of Baptism, of that immersion in Jesus that all of us have already received through grace that directs us, moving us to follow him instead of seeking our interests, but to put ourselves at the service of others. It is a grace, a fire that the Spirit has kindled in us that needs to be nurtured. Today, let us ask the Holy Spirit to renew the grace of Baptism in us, that immersion in Jesus, in his way of being, to be more like servants, to be servants like he has been with us.

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2021/documents/papa-francesco_angelus_20211017.html

Parish News:

Superior General's Visit: We welcome Fr Abraham Vettuvellil, Superior General, MSFS, from Rome who will be visiting Woy Woy and will celebrate Mass at 8.30am on Wednesday, 23rd October. Fr Abraham will be joined by Fr Antony Swamy and Fr Salvador Fernandes who are MSFS Fathers from Toowoomba. There will be a morning tea after Mass. All welcome.

Fr Timothy: We are delighted to welcome Fr Timothy back to the Parish as he has returned safely from his travels.

All Souls Mass: There will be Mass at 9.00am and 5.00pm on All Souls Day, 2nd November. At 5.00pm Mass we will remember the lives of loved family and friends who have been called from this life, in particular those in the past year. There will be a light supper afterwards. All welcome.

November Envelopes: November envelopes are available in the Church and gathering area.

World Mission Sunday—20th October 2024: Pope Francis has chosen this year's theme for the day "Go and invite everyone to the Banquet." Join us in this universal mission to spread the Gospel and invite all to experience the joy of Christ's message. There will be a special collection this weekend in the Parish. Envelopes will be available in the Church and gathering area. For further information

https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2024/02/02/240202a.html?mc_cid=a08c64d011&mc_eid=a6f3aca816

Diocesan Count of Mass Attendance: The second Diocesan Count of Mass Attendance for 2024 will take place over the 1st #4 weekends in November.

Pastoral Works Broken Bay Appeal: There will be a Pastoral Works Broken Bay Appeal on the weekend of 9th and 10th November. Our quota for the year is set at \$32,416.

Baptism: We warmly welcome Aoife McGregor who will be Baptised this weekend.

Reconciliation Programme 2024: There will be a Reconciliation information night for parents and carers on Monday, 21st October at 7.00pm in the Walter Baker Hall, 100 Blackwall Road. Lessons will begin in the week starting on Monday, 28th October. Children will be welcomed into the Parish community during any of the Masses held the weekend of 26th and 27th October. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on Friday, 15th November at 4.00pm at St John the Baptist Church.

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.

National Children's Week commences on October 19th 2024. The event is celebrated with a theme that is based on an Article from United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). The theme is focusing in on the right of children to a clean and safe environment. National Children's Week highlights that all children and young people can participate in and make a valuable contribution to their society. For further information please access: https://childrens-week.org.au/?mc_cid=033db51c8b&mc_eid=a6f3aca816

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 21st October. For further information contact Allan Moore 0492 988 168.

Children's Liturgy: Children's liturgy will resume this Sunday during 9.15am Mass.

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

Cleaners for 25th October: Mabel Torres, Mimi Lambert, Andrew Hopkins, Brian Nairn.

Readers for 26th & 27th October:
Saturday 5.00pm—Kate Bravo, Dawn Torrens, Leonie King
Sunday 7.30am—Isaak Giunta, Veronica Jordan, Dorothy Fulton


Sunday 9.15am—Michael Dixon, Don Matheson, Joesie Cameron

Sunday 5.00pm—Lorena Lalor, Kris Aitken, Mayo Tripolone


Servers for 26th & 27th October:
Saturday 5.00pm—Jeff Freeman, Joel Bajo
Sunday 7.30am—Peter French, Jose Torres
Sunday 9.15am—Bernie French, Jenny Fitzgerald, Joseph French

Sunday 5.00pm—Charles Kivunja

El Shaddai Prayer Group: The next El Shaddai meeting is scheduled for Saturday, 26th October from 12pm-4pm in the Walter Baker Hall.

 **Cash Housie** at Peninsula Community Centre, Saturdays 7.00pm, 93 McMasters Road, Woy Woy. Proceeds benefit the Parish.

XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops: We keep Bishop Anthony and Kelly Paget, Chancellor and Director of Mission Broken Bay, in our prayer as the Second Session of the XVI General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops continues in Rome.

 **Funeral Announcement:** Joseph King's life will be celebrated at St John the Baptist Church on Friday, 25th October at 10.30am. We offer our sincere condolences to Joseph's family and friends.

Urgent—Accommodation Needed: 2 bedroom unit needed for rent in the Woy Woy area. Please contact the Parish office if you can help on 4341 1073.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1: Is 53:10-11

The LORD was pleased to crush him in infirmity. If he gives his life as an offering for sin, he shall see his descendants in a long life, and the will of the LORD shall be accomplished through him. Because of his affliction he shall see the light in fullness of days; through his suffering, my servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. Lord, let your mercy be upon us, as we place our trust in you.

The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love.

R. Lord, let your mercy be upon us, as we place our trust in you.

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

R. Lord, let your mercy be upon us, as we place our trust in you.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

R. Lord, let your mercy be upon us, as we place our trust in you.

Reading 2: Heb 4:14-16

Brothers and sisters: Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathise with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin. So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help.

Alleluia:

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.

R. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mk 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." He replied, "What do you wish me to do for you?" They answered him, "Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left." Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I drink or be baptised with the baptism with which I am baptised?" They said to him, "We can." Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink, you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptised, you will be baptised; but to sit at my right or at my left is not mine to give but is for those for whom it has been prepared." When the ten heard this, they became indignant at James and John. Jesus summoned them and said to them, "You know that those who are recognised as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."



Readings for the Week:



Monday, 21st October: Eph 2:1-10/Ps 99/Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday, 22nd October: Eph 2:12-22/Ps 84:9-14/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday, 23rd October: Eph 3:2-12/Ps Is 12:2-6/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday, 24th October: Eph 3:14-21/Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19/Lk 12:49-53

Friday, 25th October: Eph 4:1-6/Ps 23:1-6/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday, 26th October: Eph 4:7-16/Ps 121:1-5/Lk 13:1-9

Sunday, 27th October: Jer 31:7-9, Ps 125/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

Let us keep in our prayers:

Recently deceased: Richard Davies, Ibrahim Emseis, Joseph King, Krzysztof Panczyna

Anniversary: Sharyn Gapps, Peter Whiteman, Vincenzo Zappavigna

Remembrance: Charlie Grima, Joseph Kasunic, Adam Meany

Sick: John Aarts, Margaret Ayres, Alan Ball, Lorraine Blandford, Anne-Marie Dixon, Ken Dixon, Marie Dixon, Hanaa El-Khatib, Aline Fauvette, Dympna Fitzpatrick, Frances Glanz, Bill Hunt, Kay McCormack, Betty & Sean McDermott, Oscar James Moretti, Ada-Primrose Murphy, Marta Panczyna, Kenneth John Reddacliff, Jacqui Scholte, Charlotte Stenson, Donna Vella, Pauline White, Willy Woods, Jonathon Zdilar



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for October

For a shared mission

We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

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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