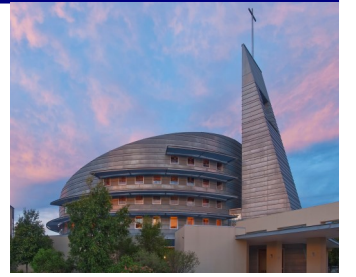




WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



27th October 2024

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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The Fransalians since 2016

FEASTS & MEMORIALS

28 October — Sts Simon & Jude

1 November — All Saints Day

2 November — All Souls Day

4 November — St Charles Borromeo

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 Responsorial Psalm for this Sunday's readings reminds us all of the great and wonderful things that God has done for us and continues to do for us. Our response to the Lord's works is to be in a stance of joy! The first reading today from the book of the prophet Jeremiah and our Gospel reading from Mark point to the restoration and healing that God brings to us.

Jeremiah speaks to the people about a time of restoration. They are experiencing captivity in Babylon as a result of their infidelity to God's Covenant of love. The Lord will deliver His people from the bondage of the Babylonians and restore them to their former dignity in the new city of Jerusalem! All those who have suffered will be brought back to the Lord's holy city, Jerusalem, and once again take on the mantle of becoming a light to all the nations.

In our gospel today, Jesus brings healing and restoration to the blind man, Bartimaeus. Bartimaeus cries out for healing, for the pity and compassion of the Son of David. Jesus hears his cry, and through the voice of a messenger, tells Bartimaeus that Jesus is calling him to "Come forward!" Bartimaeus comes forward in faith and it is this faith that is his salvation. He receives his sight and in praise and thanksgiving, filled with joy, he follows the Lord on his way.

Sometimes you and I are Bartimaeus. We need to see; we want to see. The circumstances of life and the darkness of the world can seem to envelop us and we find it difficult to see the light of Christ. We long for Christ's peace, His joy, His love. We call out in faith for Jesus to have pity on us, to help us to see. The Lord is ready to open our eyes to His presence and His love. Thanks be to God for the messengers in our lives that help us to respond to the Lord.

It may be that it is our parents, family members, friends, co-workers, fellow parishioners who show us the way to Jesus. With the love and healing we receive from Jesus, we are sent forth to share with others. We can be those messengers who walk with those who struggle to see the Lord present in their lives. We can be the voice that tells those who struggle in faith to "get up, Jesus is calling you." We can help them to throw off the cloak of sin and sadness so that they, too, can experience the great things the Lord will do for them. We and they can be filled with joy!

<https://www.augustinian.org/thirtieth-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-b/>

Parish News:

All Souls Day 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. If you are able to donate a plate of food to share, please contact Jane on 0419 233 284.

All Souls Day Point Clare Cemetery: Prayers will start in the Green Hut at Point Clare Cemetery at 11.00am on Saturday, 2nd November.

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

Thanks: Thanks to Joe and Rose from Bakers Delight Umina for donating the bread and pastries for the MSFS Superior General's morning tea on Wednesday.

St John the Baptist School: St John the Baptist School will host a Morning Tea after 9.15am Mass on Sunday, 3rd November. All welcome.

Diocesan Count of Mass Attendance: The second Diocesan Count of Mass Attendance for 2024 will begin the weekend of 2nd/3rd November and continue for #4 weekends.

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.

“Connecting to the Mission of Jesus Christ!”
NOVEMBER 2024 APPEAL



PASTORAL WORKS Broken Bay

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) **Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care**

Reconciliation Programme 2024: The children will be presented to the Church community at all Masses this weekend. Lessons will begin on Monday, 28th 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.

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

Cleaners for 1st November: Gay Tiansay, Linda Potestas, Rano Spiteri, Veronica Jordan.

Readers for 2nd & 3rd November:

Saturday 5.00pm—Paul Rutherford, Jane Rutherford, Kate Bravo

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

Sunday 9.15am—Christine French, Jacqui Scholte, Violetta Chol

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

Servers for 2nd & 3rd November:

Saturday 5.00pm—Paul Cavanagh, Vincent Cavanagh

Sunday 7.30am—Peter French, Paul Nolan

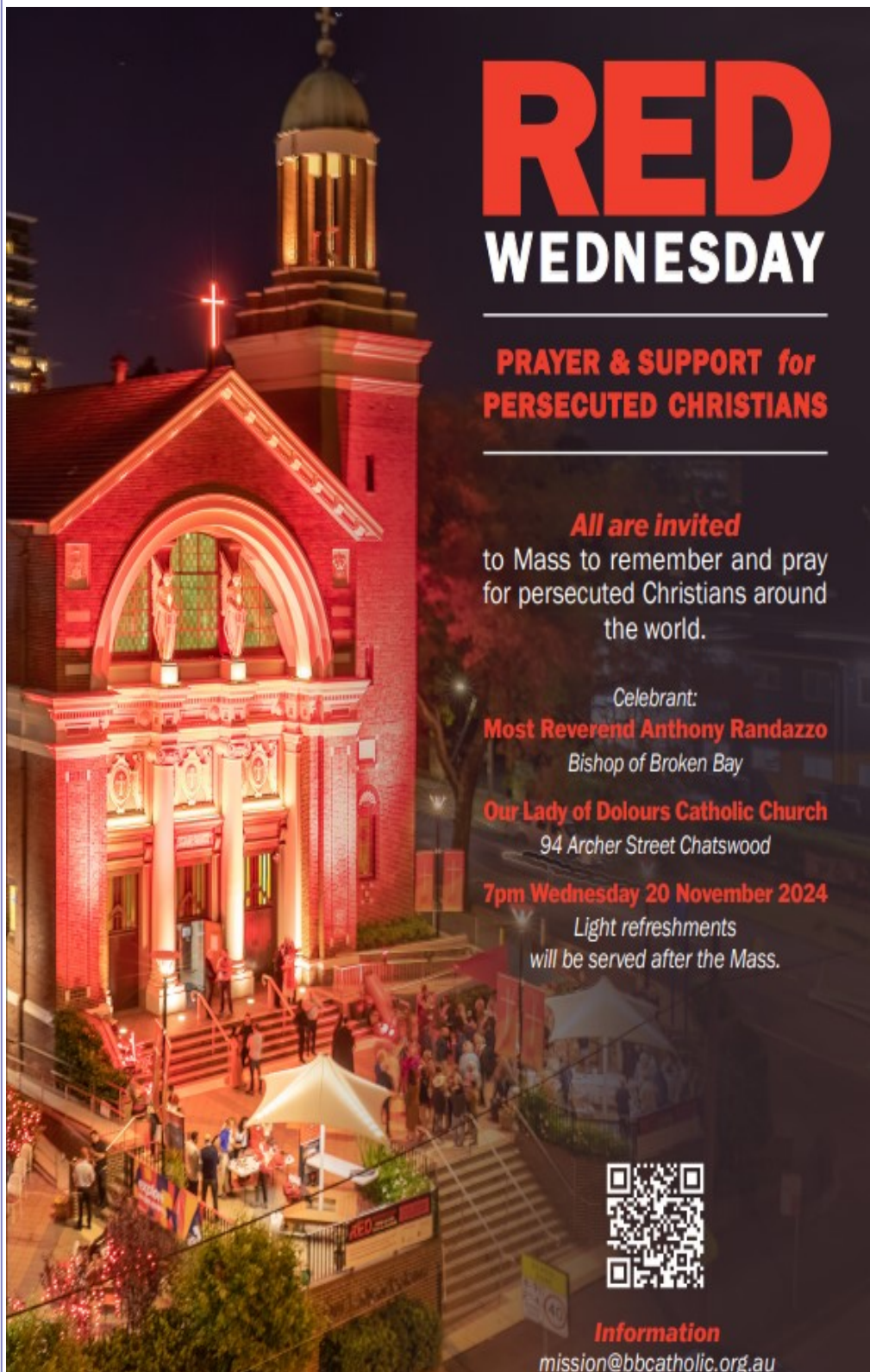
Sunday 9.15am—Bob Wilson, Hanaa El-Khatib, Jenny Fitzgerald

Sunday 5.00pm—Laurie Jarvis

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

XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops:

In these final days of the Synod on Synodality, we pray that Bishop Anthony, Kelly and all the other participants will be strengthened and guided by the Holy Spirit, to help build up the church in Her Synodal mission.



RED WEDNESDAY


PRAYER & SUPPORT for PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

All are invited to Mass to remember and pray for persecuted Christians around the world.

Celebrant:
Most Reverend Anthony Randazzo
 Bishop of Broken Bay

Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church
 94 Archer Street Chatswood

7pm Wednesday 20 November 2024
 Light refreshments will be served after the Mass.



Information
 mission@bbcatholic.org.au

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1: Jer 31:7-9

Thus says the LORD: Shout with joy for Jacob, exult at the head of the nations; proclaim your praise and say: The LORD has delivered his people, the remnant of Israel. Behold, I will bring them back from the land of the north; I will gather them from the ends of the world, with the blind and the lame in their midst, the mothers and those with child; they shall return as an immense throng. They departed in tears, but I will console them and guide them; I will lead them to brooks of water, on a level road, so that none shall stumble. For I am a father to Israel, Ephraim is my first-born.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, to us it seemed a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and on our lips were joyful songs.

R. The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.

The heathens themselves said: "What marvels the Lord worked for them!" What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed our hearts were glad.

R. The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who sow in tears will sing when they reap.

R. The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.

They go out full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing. They come back full of song, carrying their sheaves.

R. The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.

Reading 2: Heb 5:1-6

Brothers and sisters: Every high priest is taken from among men and made their representative before God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal patiently with the ignorant and erring, for he himself is beset by weakness and so, for this reason, must make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour upon himself but only when called by God, just as Aaron was. In the same way, it was not Christ who glorified himself in becoming high priest, but rather the one who said to him: You are my son: this day I have begotten you; just as he says in another place: You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

Alleluia:

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through his Gospel.

R. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mk 10:46-52

As Jesus was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a sizable crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind man, the son of Timaeus, sat by the roadside begging. On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me." And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he kept calling out all the more, "Son of David, have pity on me." Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you." He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus. Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.



Readings for the Week:



Monday, 28th October: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 18:2-5/Lk 6:12-19

Tuesday, 29th October: Eph 5:21-33/Ps 127:1-5/Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday, 30th October: Eph 6:1-9/Ps 144:10-14/Lk 13:22-30

Thursday, 31st October: Eph 6:10-20/Ps 143:1-2, 9-10/Lk 13:31-35

Friday, 1st November: Rev 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 23:1-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12

Saturday, 2nd November: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-6/Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40

Sunday, 3rd November: Deut 6:2-6/Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28-34

Let us keep in our prayers:

Recently deceased: Edward Brick, Shirley Hummelstad, Joseph King, Mary Lucas, Krissie Naidu, Monsignor Vince Redden

Anniversary: Joseph Calleja, Doris Galea

Remembrance:

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, Jason Harwood, 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

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