



WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



14th April 2024
Third Sunday of Easter

Under the Pastoral Care of
The Fransalians since 2016

FEASTS & MEMORIALS

23 April—St George

25 April—Anzac Day

26 April—St Mark

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

Divine Will Cenacle

Thursdays - 9.15am -10.45am

Christian Meditation

Monday evenings - 6.00pm - 7.00pm

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Today we have another account of Jesus appearing to his disciples on Easter Sunday. As today's Gospel opens, the disciples, gathered in 'the room', are hearing the account of the two disciples who have just returned from Emmaus after the powerful experience of meeting the Risen Jesus. The room is not named, and it could be any room where his followers gather – even now.

All of a sudden, there is Jesus among them. He gives them the conventional greeting, "Peace to you!" (*Shalom!*). The disciples' first reaction, however, is one of fear and alarm. As any

normal person of the day would have reasoned, Jesus is dead and so this must be his ghost. But Jesus reassures them: he points to the solidity of his body. He invites them to touch his hands and feet. Ghosts do not have flesh and bones. In one sense, this is not the Jesus who died on the cross (he can appear through closed doors and in widely scattered locations), but it is still fully the same person they had always known.

Now their feelings turn to inexpressible joy. As they look on him with a mixture of happiness and wonder, he pushes them a bit further and asks for food to eat. Ghosts don't eat. Jesus is truly risen; he is still fully in our world and part of it, although in a very different way from before Good Friday. He now, as he did with the disciples going to Emmaus, explained how what had happened to him was all foretold clearly in the Scriptures. His suffering and death were no tragedies; his resurrection was no surprise. It was all part of God's plan.

But it does not stop there. In the name of that Jesus who suffered, died and rose, forgiveness of sin – that is, total reconciliation with God – was to be proclaimed to the whole world. This is put in other words in the First Letter of John today. We see this mission being carried out as Peter speaks to the people in today's First Reading. He explains the real meaning of what Jesus did for us, and how they are to respond to his message. Obviously, this mission and mandate is also for us. We also, through our baptism and incorporation into the Church as the Body of Christ, have received the same mission. Without our co-operating with Jesus, the message of reconciliation and forgiveness will not be heard. It is not enough for us just to hear the message and implement it in our own lives, even if we sometimes seem to think that is all that is required of us.

It is clear that to "obey his commandments", he means that above all, there is the need to follow the commandment of unconditional love – to love others as Jesus has loved us. It is for each one of us today to ask how, given the circumstances of our own lives, we can most effectively get that message across to the people around us. It means proclaiming the coming of the Kingdom among us. All round us, there are people who have never heard this message at all. Others have never heard it in all its clarity and power. And many others may have heard it, but only in a distorted form (and that can include many Christians). We all need to hear that greeting: "Peace with you" and to experience the peace that only Jesus can give. Will I be the one to carry that message today to even one other person? If we all did just that, we would reach a very large number of people.

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We, The Woy Woy Catholic Parish acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

Parish News:

Fr Timothy's Installation Mass: Bishop Anthony will visit the Parish on Sunday, 21st April at 9.15am to celebrate Fr Timothy's Installation Mass as Parish Priest of Woy Woy. There will be morning tea afterwards which the Parish Pastoral Council will help to co-ordinate. Please feel free to bring a plate and kindly let Jane Rutherford know in advance what you plan to bring so we don't have duplicate items. Jane's number is 0419 233 284.

Sacramental Programme 2024: Please continue to include the children in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of First Communion this weekend.

Confirmation: Sunday, 30th June at 11.00am.

First Reconciliation: Friday, 15th November at 4.00pm.

Cleaners for 19th April: Mabel Torres, Jo MacMillan, Christine French, Anne-Marie Young.

Readers for 20th & 21st April:

Saturday 5.00pm—Jane Somerville & Leonie King

Sunday 7.30am—Veronica Jordan & Phoebe Glacken

Sunday 9.15am—Michael Dixon & Therese Carroll

Sunday 5.00pm—Pio Savea & Peter Smith

Servers for 20th & 21st April:

Saturday 5.00pm—Paul Cavanagh & Vincent Cavanagh

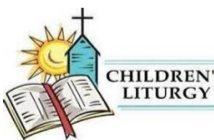
Sunday 7.30am—Bernie French & Paul Nolan

Sunday 9.15am—Hanaa El-Khatib & Joesie Cameron

Sunday 5.00pm—Darrin Patterson

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.

Safeguarding Awareness 2024: This week the Diocese released a video with Bishop Anthony addressing the serious and increasing issue of domestic family violence. The theme for Safeguarding Awareness 2024 is The Voice of the Vulnerable and Bishop Anthony wanted a particular focus on domestic family violence, which affects women, children and men across our communities. The video is called "A Catholic Response to Violence". It can be viewed on the Diocese website at [A Catholic Response to Domestic Violence - Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay \(bbcatholic.org.au\)](https://www.bbcatholic.org.au) where other resources, including a booklet, are also available.

 **Children's Liturgy:** Children's liturgy is on a break for school holidays and will resume 12th May.

Meetings: The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 16th April at 7.00pm. The next Parish Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 18th April at 7.00pm.

House Blessings: Please contact the Parish Office on 4341 1073 if you would like to have your house blessed.

Bus Trip: Bus trip to the Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy, Berrima is on Monday, 13th May. The bus will leave the Church carpark at 7.30am. Please register your name on

the list in the Gathering Area. Numbers limited.

El Shaddai: The next El Shaddai meeting is scheduled for Saturday, 27th April from 12-4 in the Walter Baker Hall.

Pilgrimage: ON THE TRAIL OF POLISH SAINTS PILGRIMAGE to Poland with Fr Bogdan Skupien (Holy Cross Parish). Date: 4 - 25 September 2024. We will be visiting places of St John Paul II and St Faustina along with other historic places including Warsaw and surrounds, Krakow, Lutz, Auschwitz and many more. For further information please call the Holy Cross Parish Office on 4369 1211 or email kincumber.parish@bbcatholic.org.au. Registrations close 29th April.



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Gentleness in the words of St Francis de Sales:

According to St Francis de Sales, gentleness involves several key aspects:

Patience: Gentleness requires patience in dealing with others, especially during moments of difficulty or conflict. Instead of reacting impulsively or harshly, the gentle person exercises patience and understanding.

Kindness: Gentleness is expressed through acts of kindness and compassion towards others. It involves showing genuine concern for the well-being of others and treating them with warmth and affection.

Meekness: St Francis de Sales believed that gentleness is closely linked to meekness, which he described as a humble and gentle attitude towards others. Meekness involves restraining one's own desires and impulses in order to act with humility.

Respect: Gentleness involves treating others with respect and dignity, regardless of their status or background. It means recognising the inherent worth and value of every person and treating them with love and respect.

Forgiveness: Gentleness includes the willingness to forgive others for their mistakes and offenses. Instead of holding onto grudges or seeking revenge, the gentle person chooses to forgive and move forward with a spirit of reconciliation.

Thoughtfulness: Gentleness involves being thoughtful and considerate in one's words and actions. It means being mindful of how one's behaviour might affect others and making an effort to communicate with sensitivity and empathy.

Thus, for St Francis de Sales, gentleness was not a sign of weakness but rather a mark of true strength and virtue. He believed that cultivating gentleness in our interactions with others could lead to greater harmony, understanding, and love in the world.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Peter said to the people: "The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and denied in Pilate's presence when he had decided to release him. You denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses. Now I know, brothers, that you acted out of ignorance, just as your leaders did; but God has thus brought to fulfillment what he had announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer. Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away."

Responsorial Psalm:

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.

When I call, answer me, O God of justice; from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me!

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.

It is the Lord who grants favours to those he loves; the Lord hears me whenever I call him.

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.

Many say: "What can bring us happiness? Lift up the light of your face on us, Lord.

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.

Reading 2: 1 Jn 2:1-5

My children, I am writing this to you so that you may not commit sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one. He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world. The way we may be sure that we know him is to keep his commandments. Those who say, "I know him," but do not keep his commandments are liars, and the truth is not in them. But whoever keeps his word, the love of God is truly perfected in him.

Alleluia:

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us; make our hearts burn while you speak to us.

R. Alleluia!

Gospel: Lk 24:35-48

The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread. While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them. He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."



**LORD, LET
YOUR FACE
SHINE ON US**

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

Recently deceased: Damian Gapps, Ann Hoglund, Kara Quinn

Anniversary: Charlie Gauci, Raelene Pitt

Remembrance: Proceso Aguirre II

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, Rose Aloisio, 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, Saxon Smith, 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, Dympna Fitzpatrick, Van Mitchell, Chris Burt, Brian Searle, Sean McDermott, Gemma Tracey, Mark Richmond, Jai Kurt, Jodie Fleming, Alana Rose, Michael Juelg, Anne Kew



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April

For the role of women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognised in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience.

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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