



# WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



**4th February 2024**  
**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Under the Pastoral Care of  
The Fransalians since 2016

## Lenten Programme

**Way of the Cross & Mass:**

**First Friday** at 3.30pm,  
followed by Anointing  
Mass at 4.00pm

**Wednesdays & Fridays:**

6.30pm followed by Mass at 7.00pm



## 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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## PARISH CONTACTS

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### ENACTING THE REIGN OF GOD

'Praise the Lord who heals the brokenhearted.' That's our Psalm response for today. When we pick up the book of Psalms we come face to face with the human condition: beauty and joy, heartache and hate, stress, and peace, praise and even, yes, murderous thoughts. Everything is there. We are not alone in our bleaker thoughts. Countless have been brokenhearted before us. Knowing this doesn't make it any easier, not really. But when we see today's Gospel we can see hope. Christ made his ministerial life into a powerful show of love, of empathy. If any text shows how much we are loved by him, it is today's Gospel. He went from here to there healing those who were sick. And, when he retreated because he was tired, his disciples searched for him. And when they found him he replied: 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' He was selfless. We know that from his death on the Cross. But we know it from his ministry, too. Selfless and full of love to those who were hurting. We don't need a limb hacking off or boils all over our bodies to be candidates for Jesus's healing. Many of us need healing from heartbreak, in one of the countless forms that might take. Many of us will relate to what Job has to say in the first reading:

'Lying in bed I wonder, "When will it be day?"'

Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!'

Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.

Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed,

and vanished, leaving no hope behind.

Remember that my life is but a breath,

and that my eyes will never again see joy.'

So, remember that Christ wants so very much to heal us. It is his dear wish. Healing can take various forms. Sometimes it is a miraculous, inexplicable wiping clean of the slate. Other times it is a coming to terms with grief or trauma, a re-understanding of something that once floored our spirit. It can take time. It can be a process. When we are in those dark times, let us find a quiet place and enter into encounter with God, thanking him for life even when it hurts, giving ourselves to him even when we can barely function properly. We ask for his grace, that we may be healed, and that God may become the peace and the joy of our lives. After all, we are loved by him!

Amen

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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:**

**Sacramental Programme 2024—Important Dates**

**First Communion:**

Information Night: 19<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00pm

Presentation Masses for all First Communion candidates will be celebrated in our Church on:

Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> February at 5.00pm

Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30am, 9.15am & 5.00pm

Lesson 1: Week of 26<sup>th</sup> February

Lesson 2: Week of 4<sup>th</sup> March

Lesson 3: Week of 11<sup>th</sup> March

Lesson 4: Week of 18<sup>th</sup> March

First Communion: Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> April at 11.00am and

Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> April at 11.00am

Confirmation: Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> June at 11.00am

**Lenten Programme 2024**



If anyone has their palms from Palm Sunday 2023, we ask if you could return them to the Church for use this year. There is a basket in the Gathering Area for collection.

**Ash Wednesday:** On Ash Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> of February, there will be Mass in the Church at **7.00am, 8.30am & 7.00pm.**

**Way of the Cross** each Friday at 6.30pm followed by the **Eucharist and Reflection** except on the 1st Friday, 1st March, when Way of the Cross will be at 3.30pm followed by the Eucharist and reflection.

**Lenten groups:** If anyone is interested in setting up a Lenten group please contact the Parish Office on 4341 1073 or [woywoyparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:woywoyparish@bbcatholic.org.au).



**Baptism:** We warmly welcome Matanya Fernandes, Arlo Ginsburg, Austin Jones and Brianna McGarry who will be Baptised this weekend.

**Thanks:** I would like to thank the Parish community for their support and prayers at this difficult time after the passing of my father Serge Fauvette. It is greatly appreciated. God bless, Helene Glennon.

**Cleaners for 9<sup>th</sup> February:** Laila Dawe, Veronica Jordan, Reg Harrington, Pam Hickey.

**Readers for 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> February:**

Saturday 5.00pm—Paul Rutherford & Jane Rutherford

Sunday 7.30am—Phoebe Glacken & Dorothy Fulton

Sunday 9.15am—Colleen McCormack & Christine French

Sunday 5.00pm—Peter Smith & Lorena Lalor

**Servers for 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> February:**

Saturday 5.00pm—Jeff Freeman & Darrin Patterson

Sunday 7.30am—Peter French & Bernie French

Sunday 9.15am—Bob Wilson & Hanaa El-Khatib

Sunday 5.00pm—Charles Kivunja

**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.

**Parish Census:** We are in the process of updating our records. You can now collect a blank Parish Census Form from the Gathering Area of the Church. Please place completed forms in the Census Forms box or email to [woywoyparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:woywoyparish@bbcatholic.org.au). If you have submitted a form in recent times, and your details haven't changed, there is no need to complete another one. Thanks.



Congratulations to Pat Cashin, Ken Hall and Kevin Glacken for having reached 15 Years of Service as Members of the St Vincent de Paul Society.

**The Feast of St Francis de Sales**





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# LITURGY OF THE WORD

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## **Reading 1: Job 7:1-4, 6-7**

Job spoke, saying: Is not man's life on earth a drudgery? Are not his days those of hirelings? He is a slave who longs for the shade, a hireling who waits for his wages. So I have been assigned months of misery, and troubled nights have been allotted to me. If in bed I say, "When shall I arise?" then the night drags on; I am filled with restlessness until the dawn. My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle; they come to an end without hope. Remember that my life is like the wind; I shall not see happiness again.

## **Responsorial Psalm:**

### **R. Praise the Lord who heals the brokenhearted.**

Praise the Lord for he is good; sing to our God for he is loving. The Lord is good and upright, to him our praise is due.

### **R. Praise the Lord who heals the brokenhearted.**

The Lord builds up Jerusalem and brings back Israel's exiles, he heals the brokenhearted, binding up their wounds. He fixes the number of the stars; he calls each one by name.

### **R. Praise the Lord who heals the brokenhearted.**

Our Lord is great and Almighty; his wisdom cannot be measured. The Lord raises up the lowly; he humbles the wicked to the dust.

### **R. Praise the Lord who heals the brokenhearted.**

## **Reading 2: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23**

Brothers and sisters: If I preach the gospel, this is no reason for me to boast, for an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it! If I do so willingly, I have a recompense, but if unwillingly, then I have been entrusted with a stewardship. What then is my recompense? That, when I preach, I offer the gospel free of charge so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel. Although I am free in regard to all, I have made myself a slave to all so as to win over as many as possible. To the weak I became weak, to win over the weak. I have become all things to all, to save at least some. All this I do for the sake of the gospel, so that I too may have a share in it.

## **Alleluia:**

### **R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Christ took away our infirmities and bore our diseases.

### **R. Alleluia.**

## **Gospel: Mk 1:29-39**

On leaving the synagogue Jesus entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John. Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. They immediately told him about her. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them. When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, "Everyone is looking for you." He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.



PRAISE THE LORD  
WHO HEALS THE  
BROKENHEARTED

PSALM 147

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

**Recently deceased:** Fr Bill Aliprandi, Colin Peak

**Anniversary:** John Charles Carr, Richard Alexander Culmer, Bill Parbery

**Remembrance:**

**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, Marie Sourini, David Pragasam, 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



### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February

**For the terminally ill**

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

### 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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