



WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



5th May 2024
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Under the Pastoral Care of
The Fransalians since 2016

FEASTS & MEMORIALS

10 May—St John De Avila

12 May—The Ascension of the Lord

13 May—Our Lady of Fatima

14 May—St Matthias

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

Christian Meditation

Monday evenings - 6.00pm - 7.00pm

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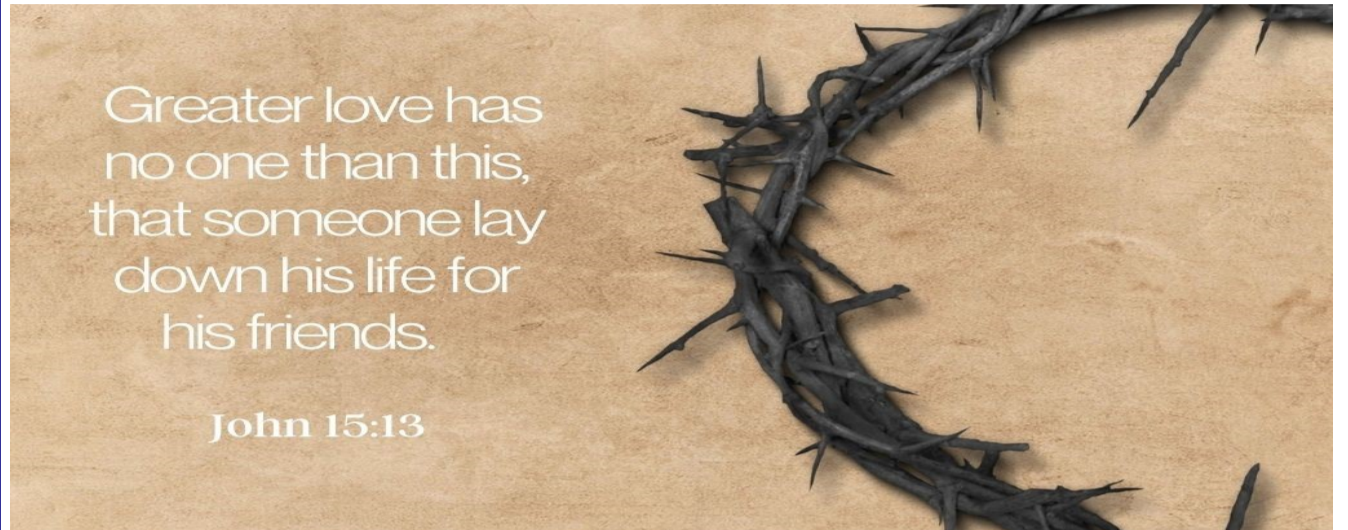
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In our popular language, the word "love" is so often used and misused, that it has almost become devoid of meaning. Love that is only words, devoid of actions, is of little value. On the other hand, love put into action is finer than gold, more precious than diamonds, and a force that can move the world.

We firmly believe that God, who is love, so loved the world that he sent his only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, who gave himself in love, even to the extent of death on the cross, for the salvation of the human race.

In the Gospel today, from the Evangelist Saint John, we hear Jesus say, "May my joy be in you and may your joy be complete." Many today have an incorrect notion of Christianity, thinking that it is a sad religion, without happiness or joy. The Lord is constantly assuring us that he has come into the world precisely to bring us happiness, but not a superficial one that is shallow or fleeting, something that only makes us "feel good."

Rather, the happiness or joy offered to us by God is something that transcends feelings, is eternal and to be sought with all one's heart, on good days and bad. Such happiness doesn't begin or end in this life but is from eternity and intended to last beyond this life, without limits in its origin, expression and endurance.

God's grace, according to Sacred Scripture, is life and light itself. We are called to share in that same light and life, without fear, regret or limit. When we do so, we are truly joyful persons, for we possess all that we need in this life and the next.

Love that comes from God is without cost, of course, but to really possess such a great thing as God's love, we are asked to fulfill God's commandments, which are summed up in the beautiful words of our Lord, "Love one another as I have loved you."

"Love one another as I have loved you," is difficult to do, this we cannot deny, but it is not beyond our abilities. It is a challenge, to be sure, but is not an impossibility. We call God "Father" because God is a person, not an idea, but one who acts in tenderness toward his children.

Our love for one another, asked of us by Christ, is an extension of God's great love which in fact calls us into being, sustains us and brings us everlasting life. When we love we are carrying on God's creative work.

The Eucharist celebrated at every Mass is the commemoration of the Lord's great act of love for us. In order for us to possess true life, God has poured out love for us in the suffering and death of Jesus Christ, the Beloved, in whom we are redeemed. By our love for one another, here and now, we extend the love we have received in Jesus Christ, to all those we meet. May the Body and Blood of the Lord be our strength for the pilgrimage through life, however long or short the time remaining be, so that we might be friends of the Lord, who are appointed to bear fruit that will remain, believing that what we ask in the Father's name may be given to us.

<https://christdesert.org/2024/04/sixth-sunday-of-easter-year-b-2/>

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:

Soup Night 27th April: Many thanks to all who were involved in organising the soup night after the Vigil Mass last weekend. Thanks to Bakers Delight Umina for donating all the baked items.



Acolytes Mass: 9.15am Mass on Sunday, 5th May will be an Acolytes & Servers Mass. There will be a morning tea afterwards. All welcome.

Vigil Mass, 18th May: Mass for four Voices by William Byrd (1543-1623) will be sung by the a capella choir Ebb&Flow at the 5.00pm Vigil Mass on Saturday, 18th May for the Feast of Pentecost.

Diocesan Count of Mass Attendance: The 2024 Diocesan Count of Mass Attendance begins this weekend and will take place over the #4 weekends of May: 4th & 5th, 11th and 12th, 18th & 19th and 25th and 26th.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2024:

Confirmation:

13/05—Information Night

18/05 & 19/05—Presentation of candidates

20/05—Week 1 lessons

27/05—Week 2 lessons

03/06—Week 3 lessons

10/06—Break for a week

17/06—Week 4 lessons

30/06—Celebration of Sacrament at 11.00am.

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

Cleaners for 10th May: Andrew Hopkins, Reg Harrington, Linda Potestas, Jo Salter.

Readers for 11th & 12th May:

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

Sunday 7.30am—Veronica Jordan, Isaak Giunta, Mabel Torres

Sunday 9.15am—Don Matheson, Therese Carroll, Violetta Chol

Sunday 5.00pm—Sherrisse Collard, Lorena Lalor, Pio Savea

Copies of the new Readers' roster are now available in the Sacristy.

Servers for 11th & 12th May:

Saturday 5.00pm—Jeff Freeman & Joel Bajo

Sunday 7.30am—Peter French & Bernie French

Sunday 9.15am—Bob Wilson & Hanaa El-Khatib

Sunday 5.00pm—Allan Moore

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.

Pastoral Works Broken Bay: We have launched our Pastoral Works Broken Bay (PWBB) May Appeal. The quota set for our Parish is \$28,759. Our shortfall stands at \$18,138.10. The May appeal is the last one for the financial year 2023/2024 and all donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Please give generously.

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MAY APPEAL

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Volunteer Bus Drivers needed for 7.30am Sunday Mass. There would be a roster in place so the requirement would be for once a month depending on the amount of drivers that we have. A Light Rigid license is required. For more information please call Jim Dixon 0417021675.

St John the Baptist Men's Group: Meetings to be held the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month from 7.00pm-8.00pm in the Leo Mahon Room. Next meeting 6th May. Contact Allan Moore 0492 988 168.

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

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and, falling at his feet, paid him homage. Peter, however, raised him up, saying, "Get up. I myself am also a human being." Then Peter proceeded to speak and said, "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him." While Peter was still speaking these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the word. The circumcised believers who had accompanied Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit should have been poured out on the Gentiles also, for they could hear them speaking in tongues and glorifying God. Then Peter responded, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptising these people, who have received the Holy Spirit even as we have?" He ordered them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation.

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

The Lord has made known his salvation; he has shown justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel.

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy.

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Reading 2: 1 Jn 4:7-10

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him. In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.

Alleluia:

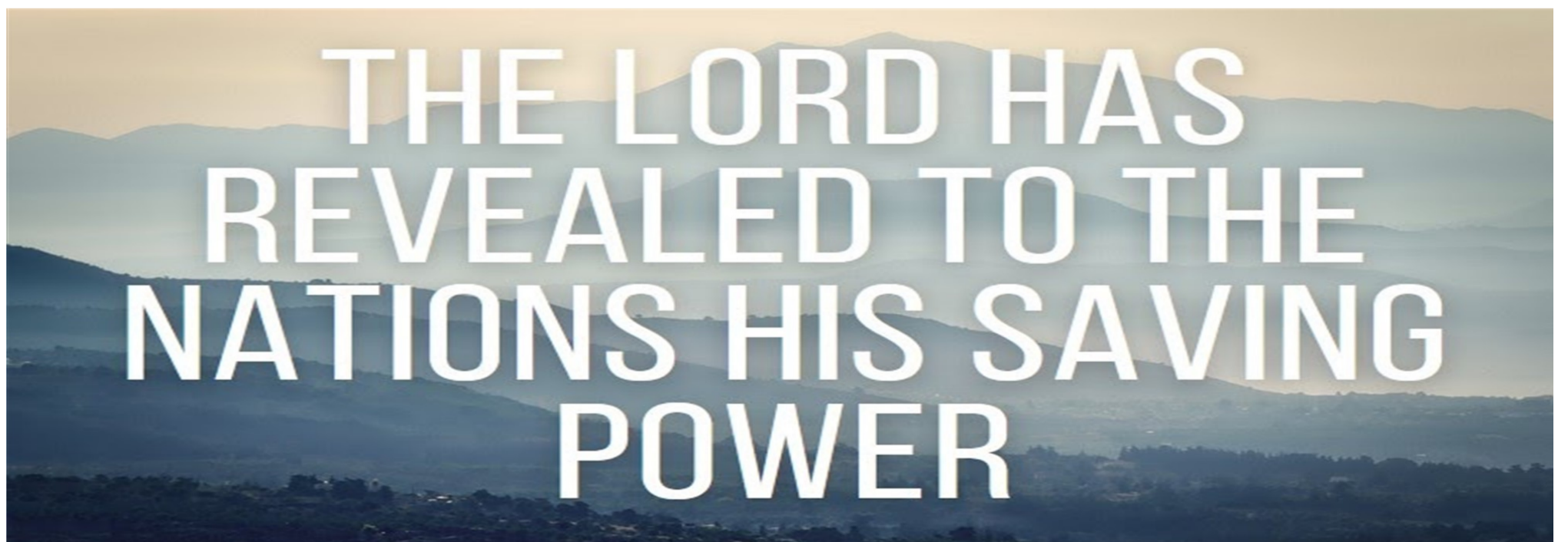
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

R. Alleluia!

Gospel: Jn 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another."



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

Recently deceased:

Anniversary: Fred Bugeja, Leo Bugeja, Gregory Glanz, Jemmy Sulla

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, 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, Dr Richard Scolyer, Trevor Hailey, Joss Mitchell, Marie Day, Oakley Mitchell, Jessie Mitchell, Olive Drewett

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for May

For the formation of religious and seminarians

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.



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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