



WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



31st March 2024
Sunday of the Resurrection

Under the Pastoral Care of
The Fransalians since 2016



**Happy
Easter**

Celebrate the
resurrection of
our Lord!

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

Marian Bowyer - 0432 882 776

PARISH CONTACTS

Parish Priest

Fr. Timothy Raj M.S.F.S.

Assistant Priest

Fr. Alex Peter M.S.F.S.

Parish Secretary

Triona Meagher

P: 02 4341 1073

Emergency contact No. 0438 631 327

E:woywoyparish@bbcatholic.org.au



Dear Parishioners, well-wishers and benefactors,

I greet you on this auspicious season of Easter. Christ is Risen, Alleluia Alleluia is our song.

Every cloud has a silver lining. The Story of Easter gives us an example that even in the darkest moments, there is light. The Tomb of Jesus would not withhold Him and He emerged triumphant over death. The resurrection of Jesus brings us hope in the midst of despair and signifies a new beginning, a promise of redemption and transformation for all who believe.

Today, we are faced with lots of challenges and uncertainties with the current socio-political and economic situation all around the world. Our natural resources are not equally shared and there is a disparity between have and have not. In these unprecedented times, we encounter division, fear and suffering which is dehumanising millions with a lack of basic amenities like food, shelter and clothing. The resurrection of Christ offers us hope, renewal, and strength. The risen Christ calls us to embrace love, compassion, and unity. The virtue lies in inculcating the power of faith to overcome adversity and to stimulate radical changes in society and in our lives.

As we celebrate Easter this year, May the Risen Christ bring forth newness of hope and faith to renew and transform the world. Let us draw strength from the promise of Easter and strive to live as beacons of hope and agents of change in our world today.

Easter gives a *E* mpty Tomb experience

Easter enunciates *A* lleluia Joy

Easter removes *S* tains of Despair Song

Easter brings in new *T* ide/ *T* ime a new season of Mission

Easter enhances *E* ucharistic vision, weren't our hearts burning (Emmaus)

Easter is a gift of *R* isen Christ / *R* esurrection* for ever

Together, let us proclaim with joy and gratitude: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed and joyous Easter. Jesus is Risen Alleluia!

Live Jesus.

Fr Timothy msfs

Parish Priest

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:

Parish Office: The Parish Office will close at 3.00pm on Holy Thursday and re-open at 8.30am on Tuesday, 2nd April.



We warmly welcome Khalen Beetham and Mitchell Stocken into the Catholic Faith.

Divine Mercy Sunday: Prayers and devotions, Sunday 7th April, 2.30pm - 3.30pm at St John the Baptist Church, Woy Woy.

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

First Communion: Sunday, 7th April at 11.00am and Sunday, 14th April at 11.00am.

Confirmation: Sunday, 30th June at 11.00am.

Cleaners for 5th April: Tom French, Linda Potestas, Maria Wickens, Reg Harrington.

Readers for 6th & 7th April:

Saturday 5.00pm—Dawn Torrens & Jacqui Scholte

Sunday 7.30am—Isaak Giunta & Veronica Jordan

Sunday 9.15am—Ingrid Stevens & Mayo Tripolone

Sunday 5.00pm—Sherrisse Collard & Lorena Lalor

The new readers' roster is now available in the servers' sacristy.

Servers for 6th & 7th April:

Saturday 5.00pm—Paul Cavanagh & Vincent Cavanagh

Sunday 7.30am—Jose Torres & Paul Nolan

Sunday 9.15am—Bob Wilson & Hanaa El-Khatib

Sunday 5.00pm—Laurie Jarvis

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.

Children's Liturgy: Children's liturgy is now on a break for Easter and the school holidays. We will be resuming on 12th May.

Divine Will Cenacle: The Divine Will Cenacle meetings continue each Thursday in the Leo Mahon Room at 9.15am. All welcome. Any enquiries please contact Michael McCulloch on 0421 019 135.

Easter Offering Envelopes: Easter offering envelopes are available in the Church. The Easter Offering envelopes are for the welfare of retired priests. This is our way of showing our appreciation and gratitude for their loving Ministry.

Resurrection in the words of St Francis de Sales:

St. Francis de Sales taught the resurrection of Jesus Christ as the central event in Christian faith and salvation

history. His understanding of the resurrection was deeply rooted in Catholic tradition and scripture, as well as in his personal spirituality characterised by gentleness, love, and devotion.

Victory over Sin and Death: St Francis de Sales says that the resurrection as the ultimate victory of Jesus over sin and death. Through his resurrection, Jesus conquered the powers of darkness and offered humanity the hope of eternal life.

Redemption and Salvation: St Francis de Sales believed that through his death and resurrection, Jesus redeemed humanity and reconciled us with God. The resurrection signifies the fulfilment of God's promise of salvation and the restoration of humanity's relationship with God.

Confirmation of Jesus' Divinity: St Francis de Sales affirmed Jesus' divinity, and the resurrection was a definitive confirmation of his identity as the Son of God. The resurrection demonstrates Jesus' power over life and death, affirming his divine authority and the truth of his teachings.

Source of Joy and Hope: St Francis de Sales emphasised the joy and hope that the resurrection brings to believers. It is a source of comfort in times of trial and a reminder of God's unfailing love and mercy.

Model for Christian Life: St Francis de Sales saw the resurrection as a model for the Christian life. Just as Jesus triumphed over death, Christians are called to live lives transformed by the power of the resurrection, embracing newness of life and sharing the message of hope with others.

Eternal Life: St Francis de Sales taught that believers will be raised to new and glorified bodies to dwell with God forever. The resurrection of Jesus foreshadows this future reality and gives believers confidence in the promise of eternal life.

Thus St Francis de Sales is encouraging believers to contemplate the mystery of the resurrection with reverence and gratitude, allowing its transformative power to shape our lives and deepen our relationship with God.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1: Acts 10:34, 37-43

Peter proceeded to speak and said: "You know what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

Responsorial Psalm:

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, for his love endures forever. Let the House of Israel say, "His love endures forever."

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die. I shall live and recount his deeds.

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in his eyes.

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Reading 2: Col 3:1-4

Brothers and sisters: If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.

Alleluia:

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed; let us then feast with joy in the Lord.

R. Alleluia!

Gospel: Jn 20:1-9

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.



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

Recently deceased: Damian Gapps, Robert McMenamin

Anniversary: Kevin Easterbrook, Dudley Juratowitch, Catherine Joyce Kennedy

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, 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



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

You can also donate via Bpoint, which will take you to our Website for secure online payments. <https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/woywoyparish>

Name: St John the Baptist Parish Woy Woy

BSB: 062 784 Account no: 10000 1742

Thank you for your generous contribution.

Thank
You



SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL BUSINESS



**Aged Care &
Retirement Planning
Free Initial Meeting
1300 661 424
www.tfs.com.au**

Anthony Tanti Pty Ltd trading as Tanti® Financial Services ABN 18 070 533 836 is an Authorised Representative and Credit Representative of AMP Financial Planning Pty Limited ABN 89 051 208 327 AFS Licence No.232706

CALVARY
FUNERALS
LOW COST FUNERAL DIRECTORS

1300 663 753 OUR FAMILY
1/77 Rawson Rd *Caring For*
Woy Woy *Your Family*



Website www.Vipcc.com.au
Mobile 0437 134 161
Phone 1300 847 338

**THE GRAND
PAVILION**
AUTHENTIC INDIAN RESTAURANT

Umina Beach
(closed tuesdays)
241 West Street, Umina Beach, NSW 2257
02 4341 7234 | 02 4343 1179



**Bryan J. Reid
Funeral Services**

1/39 Victoria Road,
Woy Woy.

1800 032 225

100% Australian Owned
Family Operated Company.



Come and enjoy delicious culinary delights that will take you on a journey into the magical world of Indian Cuisine. Our chefs capture the aromatic flavours and present to you the tastiest dishes from the country with great heritage and flamboyant culture.

LUNCH TUESDAY TO SATURDAY (11.00am to 2.30pm)
DINNER TUESDAY TO THURSDAY & SUNDAY (4.30pm to 9.30pm)
FRIDAY & SATURDAY (4.30pm TILL LATE)

34 Blackwall Road, Woy Woy-NSW 2256, Tel: 02 43398225, www.spices29.com.au