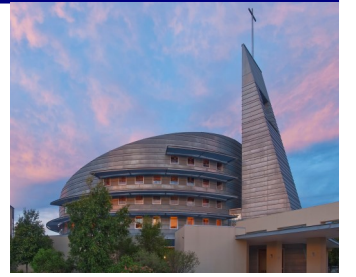




WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



24th November 2024

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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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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On the last Sunday of each liturgical year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, or Christ the King. Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 with his encyclical *Quas primas* ("In the first") to respond to growing secularism and atheism. He recognised that attempting to "thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law" out of public life would result in continuing discord among people and nations. This solemnity reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever. During the early twentieth century, in Mexico, Russia, and some parts of Europe, militantly secularistic regimes threatened not just the Catholic Church and its faithful but civilisation itself. Pope Pius XI's encyclical gave Catholics hope and—while governments around them crumbled—the assurance that Christ the King shall reign forever. Jesus Christ "is very truth, and it is from him that truth must be obediently received by all mankind" (*Quas primas*, 7).

Christ's kingship is rooted in the Church's teaching on the Incarnation. Jesus is fully God and fully man. He is both the divine Lord and the man who suffered and died on the Cross. One person of the Trinity unites himself to human nature and reigns over all creation as the Incarnate Son of God. "From this it follows not only that Christ is to be adored by angels and men, but that to him as man angels and men are subject, and must recognise his empire; by reason of the hypostatic union Christ has power over all creatures". (*Quas primas*, 13)

The Church calls us to acknowledge Christ's kingship with our whole lives:

He must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ. He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things, and cleave to him alone. He must reign in our bodies and in our members, which should serve as instruments for the interior sanctification of our souls, or to use the words of the Apostle Paul, 'as instruments of justice unto God.' (*Quas primas*, 33)

Today, religious freedom for many people means that we can believe whatever we want in private, but when we enter the public square or the marketplace, we may not speak of anything that relates to our faith. However, the Church acknowledges the reign of Christ, not only privately, but publicly. "Thus by sermons preached at meetings and in Churches, by public adoration of the Blessed Sacrament exposed and by solemn processions, men unite in paying homage to Christ, whom God has given them for their King". (*Quas primas*, 26) For Christians, when our faith is repeatedly marginalised in public life, we can fall into the habit of compartmentalising our lives. We love Jesus in our private lives, but we shrink from acknowledging the kingship of Christ in social life. When we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, we declare to the world and remind ourselves that Jesus is the Lord of the Church and of the entire universe.

Parish News:

Thanks: Thanks to all who were involved in the organisation of the bbq and morning tea in celebration of the anniversary of the Dedication of our Church.



Grounds Working Bee: We will have a working bee to tidy up the grounds next Saturday, 30th November at 8.00am. Please record your name on the list in the gathering area if you can assist.

Christmas Decoration Working Bee: There will be a Christmas decoration working bee after 9.15am Mass next Sunday, 1st December. Please record your name on the list in the gathering area if you can assist.

Volunteer Church cleaners: We are in need of volunteer Church cleaners. If you can spare some time, please contact Christine French on 0431 765 401.

Vinnies Christmas Appeal: A total of \$6,542 was collected last weekend for the Vinnies Christmas Appeal. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Sit n Chat: A group of seniors meet every 3rd Monday of the month in the Leo Mahon Room from 1.00pm to 2.30pm. December's meeting is scheduled for the 9th. Please contact Jane for further information 0419 233 284. Transport can be provided if necessary.

Blessing: There will be a blessing of the Jesse Tree after 9.15am Mass on Sunday, 1st December.

Diocesan Count of Mass Attendance: The second Diocesan Count of Mass Attendance for 2024 concludes this weekend. Many thanks to the volunteers who assisted with the head counts.

Piety Stall: Columban and Josephite calendars are now available for sale in the piety stall.

Vinnies Christmas Cards: Vinnies Christmas cards are now on sale in the Piety Stall. \$2 for a pack of #10 cards plus envelopes.

Mary Macs Place Hamper Wishlist: During the month of November we will be collecting hamper items in the Church on behalf of Mary Mac's Place. The wishlist contains (but is not limited to) long life milk, coffee, juice poppers, biscuits, pasta, meal base sauce, lollies, tinned fruit, tinned tuna, noodles, chip packets (small bags), shampoo, conditioner, soap, body wash, deodorant, school snacks, small personal gifts, festive food, snack food. All donations will be gratefully received. Thanks for your support.

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.

Readers for 30th November & 1st December:

Saturday 5.00pm—Marie Andrews, Kate Bravo, Jane Somerville

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

Sunday 9.15am—Christine French, Jacqui Scholte, Ingrid Stevens

Sunday 5.00pm—Peter Smith, Sherrisse Collard, Lorena Lalor

Servers for 30th November & 1st December:

Saturday 5.00pm—Paul Cavanagh, Vincent Cavanagh

Sunday 7.30am—Jose Torres, Paul Nolan

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

Sunday 5.00pm—Laurie Jarvis

Funeral Announcement: The life of John Burzynski will be celebrated at St John the Baptist Church on Tuesday, 26th November at 10.30am. We offer our sincere condolences to Marsha and all John's loved ones.

El Shaddai Prayer Group: The next El Shaddai meeting is scheduled for Saturday, 7th December from 12pm-4pm in the Walter Baker Hall.

Central Coast Philharmonia Choir: The Central Coast Philharmonia Choir will perform Mozart's Requiem at St John the Baptist Church Woy Woy on Saturday, 7th December at 7.30pm. Further details to follow.

Jubilee Prayer (Pope Francis):

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity and
the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1: Dan 7:13-14

As the visions during the night continued, I saw one like a Son of man coming, on the clouds of heaven; when he reached the Ancient One and was presented before him, the one like a Son of man received dominion, glory, and kingship; all peoples, nations, and languages serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, his kingship shall not be destroyed.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. The Lord is King! He is robed in majesty.

The Lord is King, with majesty enrobed; the Lord has robed himself with might, he has girded himself with power.

R. The Lord is King! He is robed in majesty.

The world you made firm, not to be moved; your throne has stood firm from of old. From all eternity, O Lord, you are.

R. The Lord is King! He is robed in majesty.

Truly your decrees are to be trusted. Holiness is fitting to your house, O Lord, until the end of time.

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Reading 2: Rev 1:5-8

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, who has made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father, to him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen. Behold, he is coming amid the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him. All the peoples of the earth will lament him. Yes. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega, " says the Lord God, "the one who is and who was and who is to come, the almighty."

Alleluia:

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

R. Alleluia!

Gospel: Jn 18:33-37

Pilate said to Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?" Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here." So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."



Readings for the Week:

Monday, 25th November: St Catherine of Alexandria - Rev 14:1-5/Ps 23:1-6/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday, 26th November: Rev 14:14-19/Ps 95:10-13/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday, 27th November: Rev 15:1-4/Ps 97:1-3, 7-9/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday, 28th November: Rev 18:1-2, 21-23, 19:1-3, 9/Ps 99:2-5/Lk 21:20-28

Friday, 29th November: Rev 20:1-4, 11-21:2/Ps 83:3-6, 8/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday, 30th November: St Andrew - Rom 10:9-18/Ps 18:2-5/Mt 4:18-22

Sunday, 1st December: 1st Sunday of Advent - Jer 33:14-16/Ps 24:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14/1 Thess 3:12-4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Let us keep in our prayers:

Recently deceased: John Burzynski, Peter Cusack, Patricia Fraser, Zac Jordan, Daphne Kearns, Emmanuel Waga

Anniversary: Janice Green, Thomas & Annie Peachey

Remembrance: Charlie Grima

Sick: John Aarts, Margaret Ayres, Robert Baker, Alan Ball, Lorraine Blandford, Rae Busby, Marie Carr, Anne-Marie Dixon, Ken Dixon, Marie Dixon, David Hopkins, Hanaa El-Khatib, Aline Fauvette, Dympna Fitzpatrick, Frances Glanz, Jason Harwood, Janice Hayward, Bill Hunt, Kay McCormack, Betty & Sean McDermott, Oscar James Moretti, Robert Morrisset, 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 November

For anyone who has lost a child

We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.



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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