



WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



19th May 2024
Pentecost Sunday

**Under the Pastoral Care of
The Fransalians since 2016**

FEASTS & MEMORIALS

19 May—Pentecost Sunday
22 May—St Rita of Cascia
25 May—St Mary Magdalene de Pazzi &
Bede
26 May—St Philip Neri

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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On the Solemnity of Pentecost, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit, who breaks into the lives of the Apostles and who shakes them out of their fearful period of waiting and inspires in them a new and courageous way to live their faith and to be witnesses to the Risen Christ. The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles describes how the disciples were gathered together in one place – waiting, hoping, but still without the vision and the conviction that would shake them out of their fearful reluctance to go out to others and proclaim the Gospel. The signs of the Spirit that the readings suggest to us are wind, tongues of fire in the Acts of the Apostles, and in the Gospel, the breathing of the Risen Lord upon the Apostles, giving them the authority to forgive sins, to be the living expression of God's pardon and mercy. The feast of Pentecost is vital to us as believers in the Risen Lord. We too, gathered together, really need to be awoken and surprised by the Spirit, who encourages us, just as with the Apostles on the first Pentecost, to give witness to the Good News that Jesus Christ has brought to us.

On his first trip outside of Rome after he was elected, Pope Francis went to a town in southern Italy, called Lampedusa. This is a town where many immigrants land after making the dangerous crossing of the Mediterranean Sea from the northern part of Africa. Pope Francis' words at that time still ring true today: "How many of us, myself included, have lost our bearings; we are no longer attentive to the world in which we live; we don't care; we don't protect what God created for everyone, and we end up unable even to care for one another! And when humanity as a whole loses its bearings, it results in tragedies like the one we have witnessed. We beg forgiveness for our indifference to so many of our brothers and sisters. Father, we ask your pardon for those who are complacent and closed amid comforts which have deadened their hearts; we beg your forgiveness for those who by their decisions on the global level have created situations that lead to these tragedies. Forgive us, Lord!"

As today's Gospel reminds us, on the day when the risen Jesus appeared to his disciples, he said to them "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them; and whose sins you shall retain, they are retained." The Holy Spirit comes once again to awaken us from our indifference, to give us the power to forgive, to reconcile, and also to give witness through our welcoming of those who are outcast, through our efforts to help the poor and hungry, to speak the truth in places where so many lies continue to promote hatred and exclusion. We celebrate today the presence of the Holy Spirit among us, who is awakening in the Church, in all believers, the enthusiasm and conviction we need to break out of the silent complacency that holds us back, and to give witness to the Spirit of love that gives true life. "As the Father sends me, now I send you."

<https://augustinian.org/pentecost-sunday-year-b/>

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.

Berrima Bus Trip: Many thanks to Rosie for taking a group to visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy at Penrose Park on Monday last. We are planning on setting up a Committee for bus trips and outings. If you are interested in getting involved please contact the Parish office on 4341 1073 or woywoyparish@bbcatholic.org.au.



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.

Soup Night: There will be a soup night after 5.00pm Mass on Sunday, 26th May. All welcome.

Diocesan Count of Mass Attendance: The 2024 Diocesan Count of Mass Attendance for the month of May continues this weekend and will continue on 25/05 & 26/05.

Sacramental Programme 2024:

Confirmation:

Please keep the Confirmation candidates in your prayers as they are presented to the Parish community this weekend.

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 24th May: Rose Kissing, Jo MacMillan, Mimi Lambert, Brian Nairn

Readers for 25th & 26th May:

Saturday 5.00pm—Jane Rutherford, Mabel Torres, Kate Bravo

Sunday 7.30am—Ann Hall, Isaak Giunta, Joel Bajo

Sunday 9.15am—Don Matheson, Michael Dixon, Emma Baker

Sunday 5.00pm—Marian Bowyer, Kris Aitken, Pio Savea

Servers for 25th & 26th May:

Saturday 5.00pm—Jeff Freeman & Joel Bajo

Sunday 7.30am—Rae Busby & Jose Torres

Sunday 9.15am—Bob Wilson & Jenny Fitzgerald

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.

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.

PASTORAL WORKS Broken Bay

“Connecting to the Mission of Jesus Christ!”

MAY APPEAL

“Your generosity with our Pastoral Works appeal helps us go further and wider in helping our community of Broken Bay, and more deeply connect us to our vision and the Mission of Jesus Christ. I am deeply grateful for your support.”

MOST REV ANTHONY RANDAZZO DD JCL BISHOP OF BROKEN BAY

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Brown Scapulars: Fr Timothy will present brown scapulars at 9.15am Mass on Sunday, 26th May. Contact Emma 0404 339 668 or Christine 0431 765 401.

Attention all Catechists and those wishing to know more about this fabulous Ministry. The Catechists are meeting on Thursday, 23rd May at 9.15am in the Boardroom after Mass. If you ever wondered what catechists do, or who are the catechists who teach Catholic children about Jesus and the Gospel message, you are invited to come to this meeting. Please call Michael Tebbutt on 0437 440 169 if you would like to attend the meeting. Blessings from the Woy Woy Catechists.

El Shaddai: The next El Shaddai meeting is scheduled for Saturday, 25th May from 12-4 in the Walter Baker Hall.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1: Acts 2:1-11

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were astounded, and in amazement they asked, "Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his native language? We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travellers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God."

Responsorial Psalm:

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord O my soul! Lord, God, how great you are, clothed in great glory and majesty, wrapped in light as in a robe.

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

How great are your works, O Lord! In your wisdom you have made them all. The earth is full of your riches. O bless the Lord, O my soul.

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your Spirit they are created; and you renew the face of the earth.

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Reading 2: Gal 5:16-25

Brothers and sisters, live by the Spirit and you will certainly not gratify the desire of the flesh. For the flesh has desires against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; these are opposed to each other, so that you may not do what you want. But if you are guided by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: immorality, impurity, lust, idolatry, sorcery, hatreds, rivalry, jealousy, outbursts of fury, acts of selfishness, dissensions, factions, occasions of envy, drinking bouts, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. In contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified their flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also follow the Spirit.

Alleluia:

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Come, holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

R. Alleluia!

Gospel: Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth that proceeds from the Father, he will testify to me. And you also testify, because you have been with me from the beginning. "I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming. He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you. Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you."



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

Recently deceased: Barbara Carson, John Tavares, Patricia Urquhart

Anniversary: Reg Hogan, Larry Sheil

Remembrance: Charlie Grima, Patricia Hogan

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

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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