



WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



12th May 2024

The Ascension of the Lord & Mother's Day

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FEASTS & MEMORIALS

12 May—The Ascension of the Lord

13 May—Our Lady of Fatima

14 May—St Matthias

19 May—Pentecost Sunday

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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A couple were married for over 50 years when the husband died after a short illness. Like many others in such a situation, I wonder how the wife felt; probably terribly alone, abandoned, desolate, maybe orphaned. Perhaps, some of us may have had similar feelings at the loss of a loved one. Certainly, the apostles and disciples felt the same at the death of Jesus. Did they recall his promise when he had said to them 'I shall see you again and your hearts will be full of joy'. This is rather unlikely if we read some of the post-resurrection accounts. The Feast of the Ascension is not a commemoration of his departure from this world but of his presence in a new way. The Ascension meant three things for the Apostles;

- 1) **It was an ending.**
- 2) **It was a beginning.**
- 3) It gave them the assurance that **they had a friend not only on earth but also in heaven.** That self-same Jesus who was so marvellously kind, compassionate and forgiving to them is now waiting for them in heaven (and for us too!) To die is not to go out into the dark. It is to go to him.

Thus, the Ascension is not a farewell feast; it does not lament the absence of Jesus. Rather it celebrates the new way Christ became present to his people through the gift of his Spirit. When Jesus was on earth he was limited like us in space and time. This is no longer true of him. He is, so to speak, out and about. He is present to us in an equally powerful but different manner. We can turn to him in any place, in any situation knowing he is there for us. It is important to realise that the apostles and disciples never regretted the departure of Jesus after his Resurrection and Ascension.

We must face here on earth what God asks us to do and keep our feet firmly on the ground. We must set out to bring his gospel, his Good News to the ends of the earth, no matter how we may be ridiculed or made little of. Rather than seeing the Ascension just as the departure of Jesus, we should see it as the sending of the Church on mission (in place of Jesus).

<https://sma.ie/ascension-of-the-lord-2021-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.



Mother's Day Blessing Prayer

There is but one and only one,
Whose love will fail you never.
One who lives from sun to sun,
With constant fond endeavour.
There is but one and only one
On earth there is no other.
In heaven a noble work was done
When God gave us a Mother.

Mother's Day: We wish all our mothers, grandmothers, great grandmothers and mother figures, a very Happy Mother's Day. Be assured of our prayers as you, and your family, celebrate the wonderful gift you are to them.

Rite of Confirmation for Adults: Please keep Kaine and Charlotte in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday.

Acolytes Morning Tea: The acolytes and servers provided a wonderful morning tea last weekend. We greatly appreciate what they, and all our Ministry volunteers, do for the Parish.



Sit n Chat: Sit n Chat for May has been cancelled. The next Sit n Chat will be on 17th June.

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 for the month of May continues this weekend and will continue on 18/05, 19/05, 25/05 & 26/05.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2024:

Confirmation:

- 13/05—Information Night, 7.00pm Walter Baker Hall
- 18/05 & 19/05—Presentation of candidates at Mass
- 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 17th May: Mabel Torres, Elena Egan, Maria Owen, Veronica Jordan.

Readers for 18th & 19th May:

Saturday 5.00pm—Olga Mhilli, Mayo Tripolone, Dawn Torrens
Sunday 7.30am—Phoebe Glacken, Dorothy Fulton, Veronica Jordan

Sunday 9.15am—Christine French, Joesie Cameron, Therese Carroll

Sunday 5.00pm—Lorena Lalor, Armella Dogillo, Kris Aitken

Servers for 18th & 19th May:

Saturday 5.00pm—Paul Cavanagh & Vincent Cavanagh

Sunday 7.30am—Paul Nolan & Jenny Fitzgerald

Sunday 9.15am—Bernie French & Joesie Cameron

Sunday 5.00pm—Darrin Patterson

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 will have our Pastoral Works Broken Bay (PWBB) May Appeal this weekend. 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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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.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1: Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for “the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptised with water, but in a few days you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.” When they had gathered together they asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” He answered them, “It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.”

Responsorial Psalm:

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy; a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All peoples clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, Most High, we must fear, Great King over all the earth.

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy; a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise.

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy; a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill. God is king over all the nations; God reigns on his holy throne.

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy; a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Reading 2: Eph 1:17-23

Brothers and sisters: May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of his power for us who believe, in accord with the exercise of his great might, which he worked in Christ, raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens, far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion, and every name that is named not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things beneath his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.

Alleluia:

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Go and teach all people my Gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world.

R. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mk 16:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: “Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned. These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages. They will pick up serpents with their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.” So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.



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

Recently deceased: Kelera Buatava, Bishop Peter Ingham

Anniversary:

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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