



WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



26th May 2024
The Most Holy Trinity

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FEASTS & MEMORIALS

26 May—St Philip Neri

29 May—St Paul VI

**31 May—The Visitation of the Blessed
Virgin Mary**

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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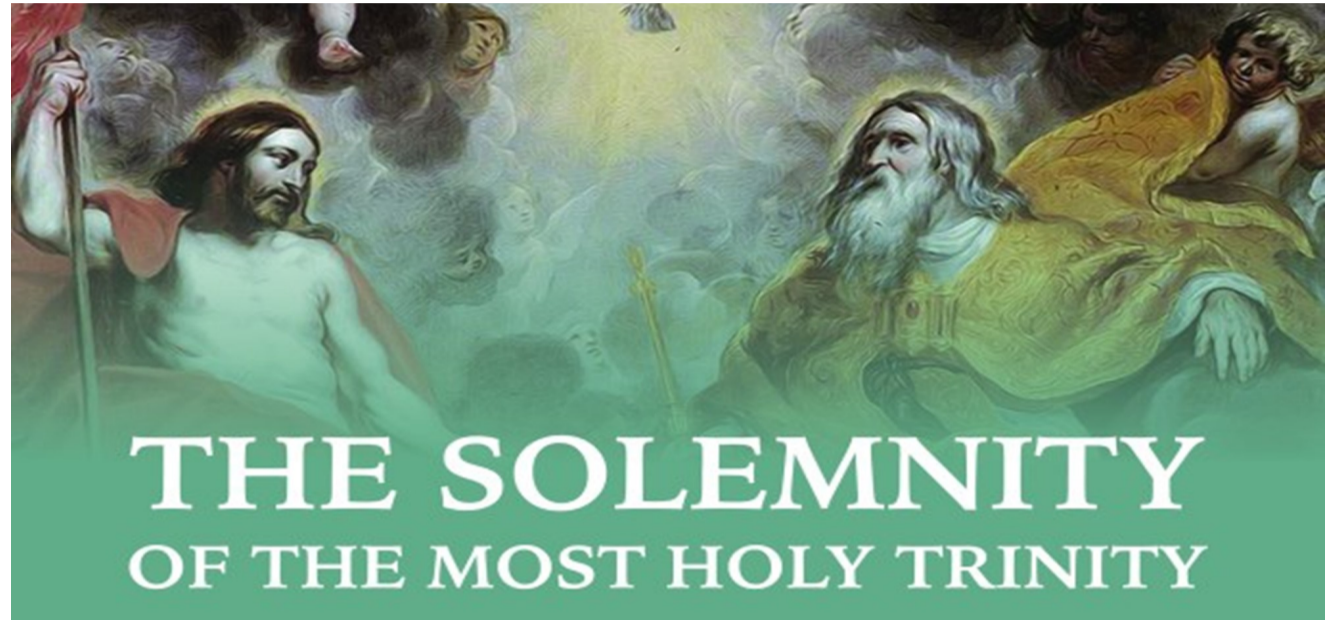
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This week we return to the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. This Sunday and next Sunday, however, are designated as solemnities, special days that call our attention to the central mysteries of our faith. Today, on the first Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. This feast invites us to consider what we believe about God, who has revealed himself to us in the Trinity, one God in three Persons. The Gospel for this Solemnity is taken from the Gospel of Matthew. In its conclusion, Matthew's Gospel quickly moves from the disciples' discovery of Jesus' empty tomb and Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to the commission that Jesus gives to his disciples in today's Gospel.

The final commission, as this part of Matthew's Gospel is sometimes called, is given on the mountaintop. Throughout Scripture, many of the most important events happen on a mountaintop, and Matthew used this motif often. Peter, James, and John saw Jesus transfigured on the mountaintop, and Jesus taught the crowds from the mountaintop in the Sermon on the Mount. In today's Gospel, the eleven disciples go the mountaintop in Galilee, as Jesus had instructed them through Mary Magdalene and the other Mary. They see Jesus, and they worship and doubt at the same time. Jesus approaches them and commissions them to baptise and teach. It is a task for which Jesus had previously prepared his disciples; recall that Jesus had already sent the twelve apostles to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal. Yet earlier, the Twelve were sent only to the House of Israel; in this final commission, the eleven are told to go to all nations. The mission of Jesus is now to be taken to all people, and the task is to baptise and to teach.

Jesus commissions his disciples to baptise in the name of the Trinity; this is one of the clearest attestations for Baptism in the name of the Holy Trinity found in Scripture. Other New Testament references to Baptism describe it as being celebrated in the name of Jesus. As we read this Gospel on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, we are reminded that this central mystery of faith is meant to be lived. As baptised Christians, we share in the life of the blessed Trinity and seek to invite others to share in God's love.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/most-holy-trinity-cycle-b-sunday-connection/>

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: There will be a soup night after 5.00pm Mass on Sunday, 26th May. All welcome. Many thanks to Joe and Rose from Bakers Delight Umina for donating all the bread supplies.

Morning Tea: There will be a morning tea after 9.15am Mass on Sunday, 2nd June. This will be organised by St John the Baptist School. All welcome.

Diocesan Count of Mass Attendance: The 2024 Diocesan Count of Mass Attendance for the month of May will conclude this weekend.

Sacramental Programme 2024:

Confirmation:

Please keep the candidates in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, 30th June at 11.00am.

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

Readers for 1st & 2nd June:

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

Sunday 7.30am—Mabel Torres, Phoebe Glacken, Veronica Jordan

Sunday 9.15am—St John the Baptist School

Sunday 5.00pm—Pio Savea, Lorena Lalor, Armella Dogillo

Servers for 1st & 2nd June:

Saturday 5.00pm—Paul Cavanagh & Vincent Cavanagh

Sunday 7.30am—Jose Torres & Paul Nolan

Sunday 9.15am—Hanaa El-Khatib & Bernie French

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.

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.

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

Spirituality in the Pub: The next meeting of Spirituality in the Pub is 7.30pm-9.00pm on Tuesday 4th June at the Grange Hotel, Wyoming. Guest speakers are Lea Carswell who is a communicator, keen to build people up and to help them appreciate their place in God's world; and Fr Peter de Souza who has served many parishes on the Central Coast and has been the Parish Priest at Wyoming for the last two years. SIP enquiries: 0415 129250 or 0439 678608.

When praying the Rosary, you might (SFS)

St Francis de Sales is known for his gentle and accessible spirituality. He deeply valued devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and encouraged the practice of the Rosary among the faithful. His teachings on prayer and devotion can certainly guide us in how we approach this traditional Catholic prayer. He emphasised the importance of

humility, simplicity, and sincerity in prayer. When praying the Rosary, you might:

Begin with humility: Approach the prayer with a humble and contrite heart, recognising your need for God's grace and the intercession of Mary.

Invoke the Holy Spirit: Before starting the Rosary, invite the Holy Spirit to guide your prayer and open your heart to receive the graces offered through this devotion.

Meditate on the mysteries: Reflect deeply on the mysteries of the Rosary, allowing them to speak to your life and deepen your relationship with God.

Pray with simplicity: Offer your prayers with childlike simplicity, trusting in the love and mercy of God. St Francis de Sales often spoke of the importance of simplicity in prayer, avoiding overly complicated formulas or distractions.

Cultivate devotion: Approach the Rosary with devotion and love, recognising it as a privileged means of drawing closer to Jesus through the intercession of his Blessed Mother.

These reflections reflect the spirit of his teachings on prayer and devotion. Praying the Rosary in this manner can help us experience its transformative power in our spiritual life.

Annual Global Rosary Relay 2024, Friday June 7 - Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara.

Join us on the 7th of June 2024, for the Annual Global Rosary Relay to pray for the sanctification of priests. Last year, over 3.5 million Hail Marys were prayed worldwide. Join us in person at Hornsby Cathedral Parish or via our live stream. Spread the invitation to your community and help us unite in prayer for the sanctification of priests. #GlobalRosaryRelay #PrayForPriests. Join our live-stream at

<https://www.facebook.com/BrokenBayVocationsMinistry>

or join us in person at Hornsby Cathedral Parish.



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Worldpriest Annual Global Rosary Relay
for the Sanctification of Priests
Friday 7 June 2024

Country: Australia

Time: 10:30 am *Local prayer time*

Lead Location: Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara - Diocese of Broken Bay, Sydney

Mysteries: Glorious

Please use all live streaming, video and Facebook Live facilities you may have access to - and help extend your prayer participation to an even greater audience worldwide.

Pray the Rosary, unite with your country and help encircle the world in prayer

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1: Deut 4:32-34, 39-40

Moses said to the people: "Ask now of the days of old, before your time, ever since God created man upon the earth; ask from one end of the sky to the other: Did anything so great ever happen before? Was it ever heard of? Did a people ever hear the voice of God speaking from the midst of fire, as you did, and live? Or did any God venture to go and take a nation for himself from the midst of another nation, by testings, by signs and wonders, by war, with strong hand and outstretched arm, and by great terrors, all of which the LORD, your God, did for you in Egypt before your very eyes? This is why you must now know, and fix in your heart, that the LORD is God in the heavens above and on earth below, and that there is no other. You must keep his statutes and commandments that I enjoin on you today, that you and your children after you may prosper, and that you may have long life on the land which the LORD, your God, is giving you forever."

Responsorial Psalm:

R. Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

The word of the Lord is faithful, and all of his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right, and fills the earth with his love.

R. Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

By God's word the heavens were made, by the breath of his mouth all the stars. He spoke and they came to be. God commanded and they sprang to life.

R. Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love; to rescue their souls from death to keep them alive in famine.

R. Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord; the Lord is our help and our shield; may your love be upon us, Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Reading 2: Rom 8:14-17

Brothers and sisters: For those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a Spirit of adoption, through whom we cry, "Abba, Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Alleluia:

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

R. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mt 28:16-20

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they all saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."



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

Recently deceased: Barbara Carson, John Tavares, Patricia Urquhart

Anniversary: Charles Lawson

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 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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