

**OUT OF HOURS MEDICAL EMERGENCY**  
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"He must increase, I must decrease"

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Administrator

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**SUNDAY MASS TIMES**  
Vigil Saturday 5pm;  
Sunday 7.30am, 9.15am, 6pm.

**WEEKDAY MASS TIMES**  
Monday-Friday 7.45am (Monday &  
Tuesday with Lauds)  
Saturday and Public Holidays 9am

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**  
First Friday 4pm Mass

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**  
Friday after morning Mass;  
First Friday 3.30pm;  
Saturday 11.30am & 4.30pm;  
Sunday 7.00am.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**  
Baptism Preparation - 9.30am second  
and fourth Sunday of the month  
Sacrament of Baptism - 11.00am first  
and third Sunday of the month . Please  
contact the parish office for more  
information.

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED  
SACRAMENT**  
Saturday after 9am Mass until 10am  
Monday until 9am (Public Holidays  
10.15am)  
Thursday 7.30pm-8.30pm for the  
needs of the Parish.

**PARISH CHOIR**  
Enquiries: 4341 3367  
Practice Wednesday nights in the  
church @ 7pm

**St John the Baptist Church**  
Cnr Blackwall and Victoria Roads, Woy Woy  
**Ethel Cox Parish Centre**  
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Psalm Response

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**Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia, alleluia!* My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;  
I know them, and they follow me. *Alleluia!*

Readings can be found at [www.usccb.org/bible/](http://www.usccb.org/bible/)

**Keep Us In Your Prayers** OF YOUR CHARITY PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF

**Recently deceased:** Nellie Brown.

**Anniversaries:** Jack Busby, Milagros Farthing, Florencia Potestas,  
Veronica Moloney, Amy Moloney, Shielah Carroll Walsh,  
Lorraine Von Nida, Terence Curtis.

**Remembrances:** Rogelio Perez Jnr.

**Sick:** Val Simpson, Patricia Dwyer, Donna Vella, Donna Briemer,  
Oscar James Morreti, Joy Ball, Betty Fraser, Luis Emilio Garrido,  
Audrey Kirkman, Malin Tugaga, Pamela Power, Mary Scarf,  
Louis Aloisio, Olive Brittliff, Leon de Pradines, Margaret Davin,  
Helen Taylor, Amanda Sheridan, Karen Pearson, Margrate Sofie,  
Thambu George, Marta Panczyna, Sue James, Mary Wood,  
Vicki Pirie, Therese Horner, Jack Dummett, Jo Farrelle,  
Yvonne Beattie, John Buatava, Paul Hennessy, Sue Rose,  
Anne Singleton, Tina Cohen, Ron Goodwin, Janice Green,  
Elaine Finlayson, Louisa Dunne, Peter Brunty.

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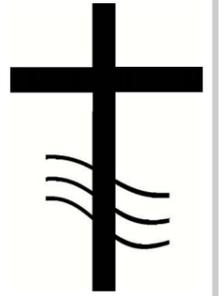


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### St John the Baptist Catholic Church

Mission and Vision

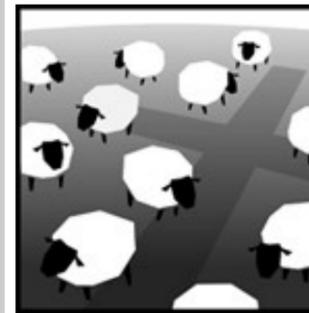
Bringing Jesus Christ to ALL, through:  
Worship and Liturgy  
Outreach  
Our Parish School  
Hospitality  
Adult & Child Faith Formation



**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B**

**22nd July, 2018, Year B (Psalter Week 4)**

**Gospel Reflection © Richard Leonard SJ**



I know very few people these days who work from 9.00am to 5.00pm. The eight-hour day seems to be a thing of the past. Where priests regularly encounter these new work patterns is when we see young people who are preparing for marriage in the Church. Sometimes to arrange a meeting we have to resort to a 6.30am or 10.00pm meeting. Some young people are working sixty hours a week. They take work home and work on the weekends. We know from surveys that they eat out most of the time, they party hard when they get the chance, and that Sunday is

spent on the home front, going to the gym or sleeping. Then on Monday they start the process again. Two things drive this obsessive work practice: competition in the job market, and the financial bonuses offered to the employees. The problem is that this practice cannot be a long-term strategy. At the other end of the scale we all know people, only in their 30s and 40s, who are burnt out and feel used by a ruthless commercial market-place.

This culture of exhaustion is not confined to the young corporate raiders. Most people in our country have never worked as hard, with so many claims on our time and energies. Excessive demands on one's time, no matter how great the needs and rewards, were issues for Jesus and the Apostles as well. The best translation of the Greek text for today's gospel says that after the apostles returned from their missionary journeys 'there were many coming and going and they had no leisure, even to eat'. Jesus' call to 'come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while' is not just about good work practises and ethical employment policy. It is about humanising our work, making sense of what we do and seeing our work as means to an end, not an end in itself.

The social teaching of the Church, especially in Pope John Paul's statements about labour and the rights of workers, repeatedly stresses three aspects to work:

- it gives us dignity. Governments and employers must not allow a work culture to develop where we lose our sense of personal importance, where we are treated like just another cog in the wheel;
- work enables us to improve the standard of living for us and our families;
- through working we develop our talents and gifts which builds up society as a whole.

Rest from work is a key factor in the success of all three aspects being achieved in any community. A culture of exhaustion militates against them. The bottom line in all this is appropriate boundaries. Mark tells us today that though Jesus was moved to compassion by the needs of the crowd, he also knew that their needs were not the only ones that had to be met. Jesus teaches his disciples and us that the balance between work and rest is an obligation of faith. This applies equally to work inside and outside the family home.

So this Sunday's Gospel carries a critical message for the modern world. Rest, recreation and leisure are not indulgences about which we should feel guilty. They are rights defended by Christ and protect our human dignity. I hope today you have a well-earned break.

## Parish News...

### Candidates for Confirmation :

Candidates are preparing for Confirmation on 3 August. Please keep the children in your prayers.

### Most Rev Peter A Comensoli's Farewell Mass:

All are invited to a Farewell Mass with all the faithful of the Diocese. Sunday 22 July 2018 at 2:00 p.m., Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara. Followed by Thanksgiving Gathering at The Light of Christ Centre (light refreshments).

### Volunteer Church Cleaning Roster 27/7/18:

Kevin Glacken, Laurie Jarvis, Jo McMillan, Christina Thorson.

**SVdP Volunteers Mass:** Saturday, 28th July, 9am.

**Children's Liturgy 29/7/18:** Christine French, Lisa Hutchinson, Emma Baker.

**Bus Trip:** to Newtown/Sydney surrounds 1st August, leaving 8:45am, morning tea supplied, cost \$20. Contact Susie Casey 0403 417 639.

**Tax Receipts** for Charitable Works Fund (CWF) for last financial year are available in the gathering area this weekend.

**The Live, Pray, Love, Project:** Save the Date: Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 September 2018 Sr Margaret Scully will be speaking on "Healing in the Family Tree". Sr Margaret Scully spoke on this topic back in March. The 2 hour session was well attended and many have expressed she return to deliver the complete program which is delivered over 2 days. For more information contact Gladys Leger 0421 312 362. Cost \$10.

**14th National eConference:** Synodality in Practice: Listening to the Spirit and Leading Change. To be held in the Leo Mahon room on Wednesday 8th August. Commencing at 10.00am and closing at 3.00pm. Please bring a plate for sharing at lunch time. List of speakers available on the notice board. If attending please write your name on the list in the gathering. Michael Tebbutt will again be facilitating this event for us.

**Pilgrimage with Fr Timothy:** to Fatima, Spain, Lourdes & Medjugorje. 16 days, 17 May –1 June 2019. \$6,950. More detailed information is available on the gathering area table. Those interested may leave their names with the Parish Office.

**Charitable Works Fund:** The assessment for our parish for this financial year is \$35 198. The first of three appeals will be held 4/5 August 2018. Envelopes in the church.



**Charitable Works Fund:** Thank you to our compassionate and generous parishioners for supporting the Charitable Works Fund. Thanks to you our Parish almost reached it's target of \$36 147 in the last financial year. The August CWF Appeal focuses on two brave young families sharing their experience of the CatholicCare Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Practitioner Program (one of the charities supported by the CWF) You can read more about their stories in the August edition of *Broken Bay News*. The Charitable Works Fund is 100% tax deductible and 98.25 cents of every dollar goes to the following five beneficiaries:  
**CatholicCare Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Practitioner Program** – where five Pastoral Care Practitioners reach over 3,000 patients, 700 families and over 180 hospital staff each year across seven hospitals in our Diocese.  
**Confraternity of Christian Doctrine** – creating and updating the curriculum and training catechists who minister to public school students across the Diocese.  
**St Lucy's School** – for primary school students with disabilities.  
**St Edmund's School** – for secondary school students with disabilities.  
**Ephpheta Centre** – serving the Catholic deaf community.  
 If you or a loved one is admitted to hospital, please ensure that you write **Catholic** as your religion on admissions paperwork so that you can receive Catholic services during your stay.

**Cash Housie** every Saturday night at Peninsula Community Centre, Cnr Ocean Beach Rd & McMasters Rd, Woy Woy. Games start at 7.30pm and finish 10.20pm, cash prizes. Ticket sales from 6pm. Proceeds benefit Parish. Enquiries Rob: 0427 990 818.

**St Vincent de Paul Society** on the Peninsula assist and give a hand up to people in need. We have two Conferences with volunteers sharing the visiting or office work. We always welcome new Volunteers to our Conference. Please ring Peter 0425 358 376 or Joan 0422 272 339.

**"Mary Mac's Place" Hospitality:** volunteers provide nutritious, freshly cooked meals and information and referrals to appropriate community services. Open Monday to Friday, 11am-1pm, at the Ethel Cox Parish Centre. For more information, please contact 4341 0584.

### 15 Days Pilgrimage of a Lifetime to Jordan and Israel, May 2018

By Phil Curtis.  
 Ten people from St John the Baptist Woy Woy Parish teamed up with twenty people from Perth to make this journey. We flew via Dubai to Amman, Jordan. Amman, with a population of two million, became the capital of Jordan in 1946. **Petra (Jordan)** is one of the world's most impressive archaeological sites and is Jordan's crown jewel. The treasury (formally temple) is a massive monument hewn out of rock hundreds of years ago and still stands intact today. There are also Royal tombs carved out of rock. The Sig is the narrow gorge that leads you through the craggy, massive sandstone outcrops, to the Treasury. The landscape in Jordan is semi-desert and desert and there are still some Bedouin nomadic tribes living there. Jordan itself is a young country but the land itself is ancient. *(to be continued next week)*

### St John the Baptist Youth Group:

Held once a fortnight during school terms for high school students (Years 7-12), in the Leo Mahon Room. For more information, contact Matthew French on 0411 792 587.

**Catechist Helpers:** We have temporarily lost two valuable teachers and one helper and we are finding that our class numbers, particularly in composite classes, is putting an extra burden on teachers. In an ideal world every class would have a teacher and a helper, a **valuable member of the ministry** who is there to assist individual children with activities, help the children focus, lead them in prayers and help with reading. It's a lovely role and you can be as involved in the lesson as you want. **We'd love to have more helpers, so if you have an hour a week, please call me and learn more. Susie 0411 566 622.**

**RISE UP**  
*Catholic Youth Group*

**Dates:**  
 Jul 22  
 Aug 05  
 Aug 19  
 Sep 02  
 Sep 16

7PM SUNDAYS | HIGH SCHOOL (YRS 7-12) | WOY WOY CHURCH FELLOWSHIP | PIZZA & DRINKS | GAMES | DANK MEMES

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