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"He must increase, I must decrease"

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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

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Psalm Response © Colin D. Smith cfc



The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. *Alleluia!*

Readings: 5th August 2018
Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35,
Readings can be found at www.usccb.org/bible/

Keep Us In Your Prayers OF YOUR CHARITY PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF
Recently deceased: Ralph Weate, Kevin Brien, Naomi Dumbrell.
Anniversaries: Eileen Floor, Sergei de Souza, Fae Casey, Sr Patricia Snell, Albert Snell, Diana Whittington.
Remembrances: Rogelio Perez Jnr, Imelda Hartman, Elsie Woodbridge, Carr family, Umiliano Menezes.
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, Robert Parker.

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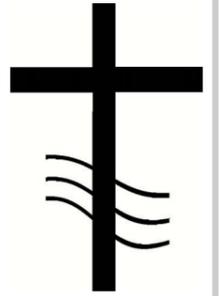


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St John the Baptist Catholic Church

Mission and Vision

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



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

29th July, 2018, Year B (Psalter Week 1)

Gospel Reflection © Richard Leonard SJ



Recently I was invited to a relative's home for dinner. This family has been having more than a little trouble with their 13-year-old daughter, who is going through a particularly defiant and rebellious stage. The young girl was not happy with the vegetables her mother served at dinner and so she refused to eat them. The uneaten vegetables became the staging ground for an adolescent conflict. Trying to coax the girl into eating, her mother calmly used some lines I'd heard before. 'Wasting food is a sin' and 'There are starving people in the world who would be grateful for what you don't want'. With that the girl jumped up and left the dining room. A few minutes later she returned with an oversized envelope and a marker pen. She began to stuff the food into the envelope and as she did she angrily asked, 'What starving people do you want me to send these vegetables to?' _Who said being a parent was easy? Celibacy had never looked better!

In today's Gospel, after the 5,000 have been fed, Jesus says, 'Gather the pieces together that are left over. Let nothing be wasted'. Some of us have never truly been hungry, so it can be hard to fully appreciate how wasteful our developed world must appear to those who watch their families die of starvation. People who lived through the Depression or have lived through wars often carry the scars of being hungry. To this day some of them are on guard against waste. Others try to numb the memory of want by overindulging. For most of us in the developed world, especially 13-year-old middle-class kids, hunger has only ever been fleeting, and we are presently eating ourselves into obesity.

Some people would prefer to think of the story of the feeding of the five thousand exclusively in spiritual terms. There is no question that today's Gospel refers to the Eucharist where all are spiritually nourished by Christ our host. It also refers to the eternal banquet where hunger will be no more. But this Gospel asks us to look at our world through the eyes of Christ's kingdom where the mighty will be cast down from their thrones, the poor will be raised up, and the rich who will not share will be sent away.

There is such a thing as healthy guilt. It's where we become aware of what we have done or failed to do to bring about Christ's Kingdom in our world. Given that it is entirely unnecessary for 29,000 people, on average, to die each day because of lack of food and water and the diseases this brings, guilt on our part seems a reasonable response. It becomes a healthy moment in our lives when we decide to change our priorities, and call for similar changes in a nation's priorities which spends more on bombs than starving babies.

I often wonder what God thinks when he hears wealthy nations say that the reason they refuse to share more with the poor is because these poorer nations often have unelected despots who divert their country's wealth into Swiss bank accounts or nuclear and conventional weaponry programmes. Even in the face of these complex issues we could find a way to feed the hungry who might, one day, be empowered to take charge of their nations.

'What starving people do you want me to send these vegetables to?', the 13 year old asked. To which I wanted to reply, 'Put your own name on the envelope because your own comfort makes you the neediest person in the world'. May this Eucharist enable us to do on earth what is done in heaven, where the hungry are welcomed and fed, the leftovers are gathered together and nothing is wasted.

Parish News...

Candidates for Confirmation :

Candidates will receive The Sacrament of Confirmation this Friday, 3 August (5:30pm & 7:30pm). Please keep the children in your prayers.

HSC trial exams start over the next couple of weeks. Everyone's prayers welcome.

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

Ecumenical Service: The Australian church women invite you to a service to be held on Friday, 3 August at 10 am followed by refreshments at St Luke's Anglican Church, Blackwall Road, Woy Woy. Theme: 'Women of Encouragement' Speaker: Rev. Rosemary Gillham.

Anointing of the Sick will be administered during 4pm Mass, Friday 3 August.

Volunteer Church Cleaning Roster 3/8/18: Reg Harrington, Mary McCumstie, Warren Sparrow & Jo Salter.

Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, 31 July 2018.

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.

The Live, Pray, Love, Project:

Healing in the Family with Sister Margaret Scully RSC

When: Weekend 29-30 Sept 2018 (Saturday 10.15am, concluding with Mass at 5pm) (Sunday 11.00am to 2.00pm, preceded by Mass at 9.15am)

Where: Leo Mahon room, Please bring a plate to share

Cost: \$10 registration before 21 Sept 2018: - cash into Woy Woy parish office or - BSB 062784 Acct 12006100 Reference [Initial and Surname] 'LPL'

Information: Please contact Gladys on 0421 312 362 for more information. It is recommended that if you can only attend on one day, it should be the Saturday.

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.

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

Gosford Private Hospital: Wyoming Parish has advised that if you wish to receive Holy Communion on Sunday morning, please ensure that they complete the question on the Admission Form that asks your religion and tick the box that asks "Do you wish to be visited by your church". Alternatively please ask a relative/friend to contact the Wyoming parish office on 4324 3962.



Charitable Works Fund: Thank you to our compassionate and generous parishioners for supporting the Charitable Works Fund. Thanks to you our Parish almost reached its 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 five beneficiaries:

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli's Installation in Melbourne - Live stream

The Liturgical Reception and Solemn Mass for the Ninth Archbishop of Melbourne will be live streamed on Wednesday 1 August 2018 at 7.00pm on the Archdiocese of Melbourne's website.

<https://www.cam.org.au/Live-Reception-Mass>

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. (Petra continued). I had a memorable if somewhat scary donkey ride in Petra. My guide felt that we had to pass every other donkey on the track. This was over very rocky ground and I am sitting unbalanced on the donkey. We did pass several other donkeys and when two camels appeared on the track, we went through the small space between the two. Funny to look back on, but not so at the time.

We visited **Mt Nebo** where Moses looked over the Jordan River and Valley (the promised land). We visited the memorial church of Moses and the presumed site of the prophet's death and burial site. We crossed over the Israeli border at Allenby Bridge and drove down the Jordan Valley to Jericho, the oldest, continuously inhabited city in the world. We saw an example of a Sycamore tree which is the tree that Zacchaeus climbed up to see Jesus. Jesus also healed two blind people here and stayed at the home of Zacchaeus. *(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.**

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