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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 9:30am (after
morning Mass) & 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

Christian Meditation Thursday
afternoons from 2-3pm and Monday
evenings 6-7pm, in the Leo Mahon
room. All welcome!

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Psalm Response

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: You know not when the Son of Man is coming. *Alleluia!*

Readings: 18th August 2019

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

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

Recently Deceased: Mary Dolan, Virginia Hadson, Pauline Azzopardi, Sr Margaret Purcell S.M, Brian Jordan, Francis Morrison

Anniversaries: Teresa Lee Min-Yong, Faeala Casey Noel Palmer

Remembrances: Mary, Katerina & Frank Justic, Mary & George Hilliard, Hilliard Brothers, Kevin Mills, the Mills family, Bernie Hanna, Leslie Denning, Valerie Price. Nora ,Eli, Kevin & Paul Houghton

Sick: Vicki Pirie, Patricia Dwyer, Donna Vella, Donna Briemer, Oscar James Morreti, Betty Fraser, Luis Emilio Garrido, Pam Player, Audrey Kirkman, Malin Tugaga, Pamela Power, Mary Scarf, Louis Aloisio, Olive Brittliff, Amanda Sheridan, Audey Barsenbach, Marta Panczyna, Sue James, Mary Wood, Therese Horner, Jack Dummett, Jo Farrelle, Paul Hennessy, Anne Singleton, Tina Cohen, Janice Green, Robert Parker, Maureen Wardrop, Ros Harbig, Sheila Rogan, Karen Chorazyczewska, Ian Wilks, Michael Hourigan, John Horrigan, Ed Hyland, Daphne McNab, Shirley Crotty, Tim Parker, Lorraine Smith, Ken Joyce, Alison Richmond, June Townsend, Josie Weate, Andrew Muggs, Sheila Houghton, Chrissy Toms Frank Levy, Dorothy Fulton, Larry Cresswell.

Quotes from Amoris Laetitia... 'The Joy of Love'

Pope Francis

We can appreciate the suffering created by unemployment and the lack of steady work. Sadly, these realities are present in many countries today, where the lack of employment opportunities takes its toll on the serenity of family life



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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



19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11th August, 2019, Year C (Psalter Week 3) ©

Gospel Reflection - Richard Leonard SJ ©



As offensive as the Monty Python film, *The Life of Brian* was to some Christians, the scene in which several competing messiahs try to convince the market-place crowd that they are the real thing, brilliantly and humorously captures Jewish expectations in 1st century Palestine. Not unlike the fervour at the end of the last millennium, some religious people believed the end of time was close at hand. Far from selling his messianic wares at the market, however, Jesus crept in beside us and lived, suffered, died and was raised from the tomb in a way no one anticipated. Even after his resurrection the earliest Christians believed Jesus would return very soon, so they could afford to live as if they were, literally, in the last days. When this didn't happen there was crisis in the community. The earliest disciples, to whom much had been entrusted, had to hand on a faith in a more unpredictable God who does not fulfil all our expectations or run to our timetable.

Luke points out that the greatest gift we Christians have received is knowing that Jesus is the Messiah, the Christ. What a relief to know we do not have to shop around any more. From everyone to whom much has been given, however, much will be required and so knowing who Jesus is only goes halfway. Living out the reality of the Christian life is the other half. Today's Gospel teaches us that our Christian life should be marked by five characteristics, that we: willingly share with those in need; are ready to act justly; stay alert to the presence of God in the world; guard against those people or things that can rob us of our faith; not abuse others but live in peace. With or without a sense that Jesus is due back at any minute, the Christian life is meant to focus on the essentials. Two thousand years later we are still waiting for Jesus' return and many of us live complicated lives that rob us of true happiness. Sadly, it often takes a tragedy for us to reassess what we have been given. A student at the Columbine High School, who was injured in the shooting, wrote this sombre reappraisal of how he sees the world and what he thinks we should be passing on to the next generation:

'The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings, but shorter tempers; wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints; we spend more, but have less; we buy more, but enjoy less.

'We have bigger houses and smaller families; more conveniences, but less time; we have more degrees, but less sense; more knowledge, but less judgment; more experts, but less solutions; more medicine, but less health.

'We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our value; we talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often. We've learned how to make a living, but not a life; we've added years to life, not life to years.

'We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet our neighbour. We've conquered outer space; not inner space, we've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul; we've split the atom, but not our prejudice. We have higher incomes, but lower morale; we've become long on quantity, but short on quality.

'These are the times of tall men (sic), and short character; steep profits, and shallow relationships. These are the times of world peace, but domestic violence; more leisure, but less fun; more kinds of food, but less nutrition.

'These are the days of two incomes, but more divorce; of fancier houses, but broken homes. It is a time when there is so much in the showroom window and nothing in the stockroom.'

We all know the world is not quite so neat, not so either/or, but these words focus the question well enough: what are the essentials of our life, or as Jesus puts it, what is our treasure and where is our heart?

Parish News...

Fr Timothy: Fr Timothy will be taking his well earned leave from 10th August - 22nd August.
Please Note: There will be no adoration Monday & Saturday mornings and no morning prayer on Mondays and Tuesdays. May God protect, guide, and be with you as you travel. Have a safe trip.

Meeting: Acolytes, Senior Servers and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to be held Sunday 18th August at 10.30am in the Leo Mahon Room. All enquiries to Bernie French 0407 214 699.

LED Lighting: If you would like to donate, envelopes are on the gathering table. We are thankful for your kind and generous support towards this project.

Justice of the Peace: Jeff Freeman is a registered J.P. If you are requiring his service. He will be available before 5pm Mass every Saturday.

NEXT MONTH (SEPTEMBER) IS SAFEGUARDING MONTH IN THE DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

This year the Diocese of Broken Bay is celebrating the theme; *A safe community is one in which all experience a sense of belonging.*

All clergy, parishioners and the wider community are invited to the Diocesan **Liturgy** which signifies the start of SAFEGUARDING MONTH.

LITURGY OF INCLUSION AND CARE, Tuesday 3 September 2019, Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara, 7.00pm.

Do not look forward to the changes and chances of this life in fear; rather look to them with full hope that, as they arise, God, whose you are, will deliver you out of them. He is your keeper. He has kept you hitherto. Do you but hold fast to his dear hand, and he will lead you safely through all things; and, when you cannot stand, he will bear you in his arms. Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow. Our Father will either shield you from suffering, or he will give you strength to bear it.

Saint Francis de Sales

R.I.P. Mary Dolan - 8th August 2019



It is with an overwhelming sense of grief we advise God's calling of our dear friend, Mrs Mary Dolan. Mary was a long standing parishioner here at Woy Woy and was heavily involved in many Ministries.

Her warm and welcoming presence was felt by everybody she encountered and she will be greatly missed; we know there is a special place for her in heaven and in our hearts.

Please keep Mary and her family in your prayers as she is once again united with her husband Patrick.

Mary's funeral will be held here on Wednesday 14th August at 2pm.

Our Lady of Mercy College, Parramatta, 1964-1969 Golden Reunion, Saturday 21st September 2019:

Did you attend Year 7 at OLMC in 1964, or thereafter? Did you SC in '67 or your HSC in '69? If you left before your exams, you're still welcome at our 50th Reunion!

Contact Jennifer Newton: email fiftyyearsonolmc64-69@hotmail.com or Facebook page OLMC Parramatta 1964-1969 50th Reunion (September 2019).

70 Game Mini Marathon - Sat 17th August 2019

Book 1 7.30pm 16x\$100 4x\$150	Book 2 8.40pm 16x\$100 4x\$150	20 game books \$2.50 Jackpot books \$3 Mary Macs \$2 sheet 6 all night = \$65
Book 3 JACKPOT 9.50pm 1x\$50/\$150 9x\$200 1x\$2000 unlimited	Book 4 BONUS 10.30pm 16x\$100 4x\$150 11.30pm finish	
		Free Tea and Coffee
		Free freshly baked party pies & sausage rolls
		9.40pm break

Parish Safeguarding Presentation

All Parish Staff, Volunteers and those interested in learning more about Safeguarding are invited to attend.

The Diocese seeks to ensure children and vulnerable people are provided with the fundamental right to be kept safe and respected. This right is held sacred in our Gospel, international and local laws and within our Church policy and practice.

Topics covered in the presentation include:

- Introduction to Safeguarding
- What we learnt from the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse
- Our Commitment to Safeguarding
- Introduction to the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards
- Best Practice for Safeguarding in the Parish

Please register via email safeguarding@bbcatholic.org.au or contact Anita on 02 8379 1605

A culture of Safeguarding values WISDOM... "Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom." - James 3:13

Saturday 10 August 2019
10.00am to 12 noon

Our Lady Star of the Sea
Parish Hall, 165
Serpentine Rd, Terrigal

These two sessions will have the same content; therefore, you will only need to attend once.

Wednesday 14 August 2019
12 noon to 2.00pm

Our Lady Star of the Sea
Parish Hall
165 Serpentine Rd, Terrigal

Rosters

Volunteer Church Cleaning 16/8/19: Kevin Glacken, Kathleen Cullen, Pam Hickey, Elena Egan.

Children's Liturgy 18/8/19: Mary Wood, Christine French, Hannah El Khatib.

Our Parish Music Ministry will present a Songs of Praise concert in honour of Our Lady, celebrating the Feast of The Assumption and The Queenship of Mary. Sunday 18th August 2019 at 2.00pm followed by afternoon tea. Mark your diary and come and raise your voice in song and join us in this Parish event.



If you are able to bring something to the Leo Mahon Room before the concert, for the afternoon tea, it would be greatly appreciated.

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 the Parish. Enquiries Rob: 0427 990 818.

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.

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 Ken 0400 335 351 or Pat 0403 672 077.

"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.

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