

OUT OF HOURS MEDICAL EMERGENCY
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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.

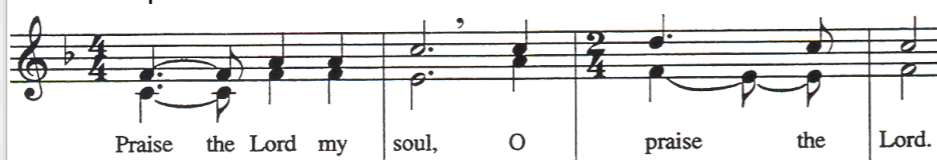
**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT** Saturday after 9am Mass
until 10am Monday until 9am (Public
Holidays 10.15am) Thursday 7.30pm-
8.30pm for the needs of the Parish.

PARISH CHOIR Enquiries: 0417 659
526. Practice Wed nights in the church
@ 7pm. New members welcome.

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

St John the Baptist Church
Cnr Blackwall and Victoria Roads, Woy Woy
Ethel Cox Parish Centre
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Psalm Response © Colin D. Smith cfc



Praise the Lord my soul, O praise the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. *Alleluia!*

Readings: 6th October 2019
Hab 1:2-3, 2:2-4; 2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-9

Keep Us In Your Prayers *OF YOUR CHARITY PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF:*
Recently Deceased: Pam Player, Val Simpson.
Anniversaries: Lou & Norrie Glacken, Denis & Joyce Glacken, Ted & Kathleen Ellison, James Casey, Jerry Wingo, Allan Cairns, Val & Ellen Cubis, James & Elizabeth Carr, Jim Palmer, Stanley Walsh, Mons Vince Malley.

Remembrances: Bianca Tignani, Ellen & David O'Regan, Barbara Cooper, Cathy Carrol.
Sick: Joan Kelleher, Irene Beck, Kerry Baldwin, Brian Smith, Jason Simon, 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, Amanda Sheridan, Audey Barsenbach, Marta Panczyna, Sue James, Mary Wood, Therese Horner, Jack Dummett, Jo Farrelle, 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, Ada-Primrose Murphy, Tim Parker, Lorraine Smith, Larry Cresswell, Ken Joyce, Alison Richmond, June Townsend, Josie Weate, Andrew Muggs, Sheila Houghton, Chrissy Toms, Frank Levy,

Quotes from Amoris Laetitia... "The Joy of Love"
Pope Francis

What we need is a more responsible and generous effort to present the reasons and motivations for choosing marriage and the family, and in this way to help men and women better to respond to the grace that God offers them.

ADVERTISING SPACE AVAILABLE



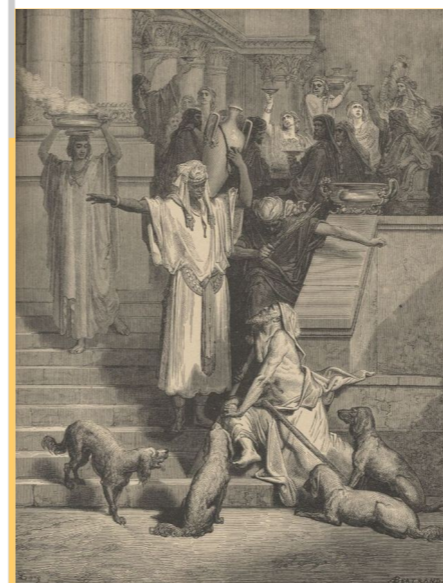
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St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
29th September, 2019, Year C (Psalter Week 2)
Gospel Reflection - © Fr Richard Leonard SJ



Maybe the reason this Gospel-story has become so famous is its extraordinary attention to detail; the regal colours of Dives' clothes, his exquisite tableware and fine dining. It all conjures up a vivid picture. At the same time Lazarus' world is equally well described. Begging at the gate, Lazarus' only companions are the dogs and his sores. Even giving names to both these characters adds to the power of the parable. These people are not just a rich man and a beggar. They are Dives and Lazarus, well-known to everyone in the village. All these years later they are well known to us too. Not the actual characters, of course, upon whom the story could be based, but all the Lazarus' and Dives' in our own villages. It is an important task for us to decide which one of these characters we think we are.

Recently the United Nations published a paper which creatively described the world as a village of 100 people. Staying consistent with the international statistics the United Nations tells us that our global village looks like this. There are 57 Asians, 21 Europeans, 14 North Americans, 8 Africans, 4 South Americans and an assortment fills up the final four places. There are 52 women and 48 men of whom only 30 are fair-skinned and 70 are dark-skinned. 91 are heterosexual while nine are gay. Only one of us has a University education and yet six people in our village own 64% of our town's wealth and all of them are Americans. 80 people live in substandard housing without electricity, clean water and sewerage. 70 of us cannot read and 50 suffer from malnutrition.

This village analysis sorts out very quickly who Lazarus and Dives are in our world. As hard as life is for some of us and as much as we struggle financially, we are, comparatively, dressed in purple robes and feasting off fine linen.

The UN report goes on to say that 1.2 billion people live on \$1.50 a day or less. And while we might be personally very generous in assisting the poor in a variety of ways, our Dives-like countries are not. Australia only gives \$98 per person per year to aid third world development. Canada gives \$108, the UK gives \$112 and the USA's third world development budget is just \$67 per person per year. And for all the moral scorn sometimes heaped upon Scandinavia, Denmark is the most generous country in the world, giving \$649 per capita last year.

The point of Jesus' story in today's Gospel is not to remind us that there are poor people at our gate. It is to implore us to listen and learn. Some Catholics want to vigorously uphold dogma and liturgical laws but do not seem to care one iota for the social teaching of the Church which instructs us that our love of God is truly found in deeds not words.

Given the way we keep repeating the sins of the past and we allow the rich to get richer while the poor die before us, it seems we Christians, who have had the benefit of the Law, the Prophets and even a man coming back from the dead, will not change the structures that enshrine global injustice. Why?

There is no way around it. Such a change would involve real sacrifice on our part and we are not prepared to pay the price. Jesus, however, reminds us today of the consequences in both our selective deafness toward Lazarus' cry and our lack of action; our comfortable passivity has implications for this world and the next.

Parish News...

Reconciliation: For those parents who missed the Information Night, please contact the Parish Office to collect your Enrolment Form. Tel 4341 1073.

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.

Rosters

Volunteer Church Cleaning 04/10/19: Pam Hickey, Tom French, Christina Thorson, Mary McCumstie.

* More Church Cleaners are required. If interested please call Christine French on 4342 4548.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September The protection of the oceans

That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans



On the 18th of October Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) is inviting children worldwide to take part in the campaign "One Million Children Praying the Rosary." For more information and for prayer resources visit, www.millionkidspraying.org.

Fransalian Quote

"Inspiration draws us to faith. If it does not meet with any opposition from us, it leads us even to repentance and charity.

St. Francis de Sales



MEGA MARATHON

122 Games, \$100, \$150, \$200 Prizes and a chance of winning \$2,000 jackpot (game 50 reverts to \$1,000 if not won in certain calls, game 100 unlimited).

Saturday 5th Oct 2019

\$50 for 6 tickets in afternoon 51 games

\$65 for 6 tickets in evening 71 games

2.30pm to 11.30pm at Peninsula Community Centre, 93 Mcmasters Rd Woy Woy.

Free Catering during half time break 5.30pm
Free Tea and Coffee all day.

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Bequest, Gift In Wills or Gifts in Memory Booklets
Following requests from Parishes to provide new and updated Gift In Wills (Bequest) booklets, we are pleased to advise that bequest booklets are now available in the gathering area.

For further information please contact Liane via 8379 1664 or liane.giuliano@bbcatholic.org.au

SAFEGUARDING MONTH – inclusion is a planned and intentional activity.

To learn more about the role of the Office of the eSafety Commissioner visit www.esafety.gov.au It is committed to empowering all Australians to have safer, more positive experiences online.

Positions Vacant Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay

1) Retired Priests Care Coordinator -

- Care Coordinator Role – supporting aged or sick Catholic Clergy
- Focus on ageing in place in the community
- Attractive Remuneration
- Part time – 4 days per week

Support retired priests to optimise their independence and maintain their quality of life and dignity, as they age. This role, in collaboration with Catholic HealthCare Community Services NSW, is responsible for supporting retired priests by assisting them with their various needs including to access support services, coordinate service providers, provide access to information about aging and the aged care sector, to advocate on behalf of retired priests and to ensure their access to pastoral and practical support.

Please note this is not a 'hands on' or clinical role.

If you would like more information, please see the full advertisement on Seek <https://www.seek.com.au/job/39950832?searchrequesttoken=5587cccd-2fe4-4a77-92f5-712ec45acbd8&type=standout>
Applications close **5.00pm, Monday, 7 October 2019.**

2) Clergy Development Officer - Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay

- Bring your professional development skills and knowledge of induction and acculturation needs to support our clergy
- Pennant Hills based, with travel around Sydney and the Central Coast
- Attractive remuneration
- Part time - 4 days per week

We are seeking a person to facilitate the ongoing professional development of all clergy, but in particular clergy who are new to the Diocese.

The role provides a program of induction and acculturation for new seminarians and clergy from overseas, and facilitates opportunities for all clergy to develop their pastoral leadership, mentoring and other professional skills.

For more information contact **Kelly Paget** (kelly.paget@bbcatholic.org.au / **8379 1612**).
Applications close **5.00pm, Tuesday, 1 October 2019.**

Please note that the successful candidate will be required to undergo a pre-employment National Police History Check.

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. New Volunteers are always welcome. Please ring Ken 0400 335 351 or Peter 0425 358 376.

"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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