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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.

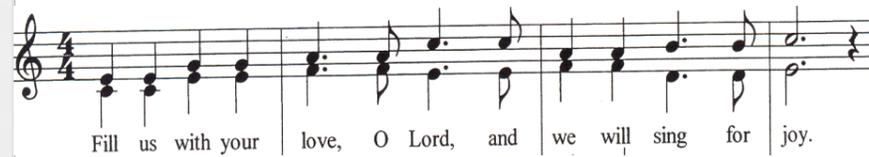
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
Baptism Preparation - 9.30am second and fourth Sunday of the month
Sacrament of Baptism - 11.00am first and third Sunday of the month . Please contact the parish office for more information.

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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Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! *Alleluia!*

Readings: 21st October 2018
Is 53:10-11; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45.
Readings can be found at www.usccb.org/bible/

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

Recently Deceased: Joy Ball, Ivan Dempsey, Joseph Arahill.

Anniversaries: Thomas Wolfe, Sharyn Gapps.

Remembrances: Daniel Hennessy, Mary & George Hilliard, Hilliard Brothers, Kevin Mills, the Mills family, Bernie Hanna, Leslie Denning, Valerie Price.

Sick: Patricia Dwyer, Donna Vella, Donna Briemer, Oscar James Morreti, 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, 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, Janice Green, Elaine Finlayson, Louisa Dunne, Robert Parker, Maureen Wardrop, Ros Harbig, Karen Chorazyczewska, Sheila Rogan.

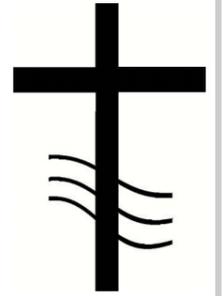
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St John the Baptist Catholic Church



Mission and Vision

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

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B
14th October, 2018, Year B (Psalter Week 4)

Gospel Reflection © Fr Michael Tate



The Loving Gaze

Let's go straight to the protagonist in this story who at the end is called a man of great wealth. In that society this meant a landowner with extensive holdings. But this wealth had corrupted his whole personality and way of thinking. There was no deep down hunger because whenever he craved anything, he knew he could buy it or use his status or power to bend others to his will. The man boasts about all the commandments he has kept but Jesus is not satisfied with that minimum. Jesus is not a minimalist. Jesus tunes into the man's wavelength and says: 'There is one thing you lack.' That would have got the rich man's attention: the suggestion that he was missing something.

But to his shock he was to hear that what he was lacking was a big heart, a very big heart: 'Go, sell everything you own and give everything to the poor.' He had to get rid of his possessions and the security and status they bought because they were shrivelling up his heart.

Jesus is saying to you and to me: 'Yes, you keep the commandments, more or less. At least you try. Okay. But that is really the bare minimum. The real question is: What do you have to do to expand your heart: to become big hearted enough to allow my heartbeat to become your heartbeat?'

We each know what is holding us back from being one heart with Jesus Christ.

For some, to be a true follower will require giving up all possessions, as with St Francis of Assisi. For others, a real hurting redistribution of wealth is required. Our taxes do a fair bit of that, and then our voluntary response to need and injustice on top of that.

But at some stage in our lives, we have known, or know now, or will know what it is we are hanging on to: the one thing we cannot or will not give up. The one thing that is so much part of our personality we cannot imagine what it would be like to get up and get rid of it.

There is only one factor that can give us, give you, give me, the courage and trust that is needed.

Note in the Gospel story, and the only time in Mark, it says: 'Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him.'

St John of the Cross, the Spanish mystic, says that: 'With God, to gaze at is to love', desiring to imprint grace on the one held in the loving gaze (*The Spiritual Canticle*, stanzas 32, 33).

'Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him.'

Those eyes, that gaze, is directed at you, and at me personally, totally, directly, but most of all lovingly. It is not the glare of the critical eye but the look full of the possibility of who you could be as a follower of Jesus Christ.

That, and only that, can give you the courage.

So close your eyes and envisage our Lord Jesus Christ gazing steadily on you and say:

'Lord, I know there is something you want me to do to enlarge my heart.'

'Lord, I know there is something I must give up to enable this to happen.'

'Lord, give me courage and trust.'

'Lord, look steadily at me and love me.' 'Amen.'

Parish News...

It is with great sadness that the Dempsey family wish to advise all his friends in the parish community that Ivan passed away Wednesday morning peacefully at home in the love and care of his family. Your prayers and thoughts during his illness were gratefully appreciated.

Cuppa and a Chat: A group of seniors meet every third Monday in the Leo Mahon room, due 15th October, 1.00pm-2.30pm. If you would like to join us phone Bernard 4341 6343. Transport provided.

Working Bee: Next Saturday, 20th October from 10am-2pm. Lunch supplied.

Melbourne Cup Trifecta: Ladies of the Rosary Group will be selling Melbourne cup trifecta tickets next weekend, 20/21 October. Your support would be appreciated.

St Vincent de Paul Society Gosford Region Festival Mass: will be said on Saturday, 27 October at 10.30am in our Church. All parishioners are welcome.

Piano Concert: French Classics On Sunday the 28th October, at 10.30am the Woy Woy Youth Group will be hosting an event. Gerard Nicholls will perform a concert of solo piano music by Chopin, Debussy, Ravel, Messiaen, as well as a World Premiere. Gerard is an exceptionally talented musician and composer. We welcome Gerard to the parish, and invite both parishioners and the public to attend what will be a real spectacle. The event will be free and open to the public, although donations for the Youth Group would be appreciated. All are welcome to attend Mass at 9.15am prior to the concert.

Church Cleaning Roster 19/10/18: Judith Easterbrook, Anisha Burns, Elena Egan, Jo Salter.

Children's Liturgy 21/10/18: Celeste Boonaerts, Lisa Hutchinson, Mimi Lambert.

A Date for your Diary: Sunday 18th November 2018 at 2.00pm: To celebrate the Dedication of St John the Baptist Church, the Music Ministry of Woy Woy Parish will present a **Songs of Praise concert** of favourite hymns as sung at St John The Baptist Church. Time: 2pm followed by afternoon tea at 3pm. Mark your diary and come and raise your voice in song. More information closer to the date.

LED upgrade update: funds raised will now be used to purchase a new LED sign for the front of the church.

Plenary Herald

Today, our parish begins preparation for the Plenary Council of the Australian church to be held in 2020. Our task over the next two months is to advise those preparing the agenda for the Plenary Council of what the people of our parish think God is asking of us in Australia at this time.

This raises the question: how does God communicate with God's people? In the first place, God speaks to us through God the redeemer, Jesus Christ, and God the sanctifier, the Holy Spirit. God spoke in all the scriptures but, particularly, in the gospels. In the second place, God speaks to us through the teachings, the life and the prayer of the People of God. Finally, God speaks to us through the realities of our lives and the lives of all the People of God.

Being Christian means, therefore, being catholic; it means being in tune with the whole People of God; it means making sense, in the context of the world in which we live, of what Jesus preached to the people in his world; it means listening to the Holy Spirit who lives in all of us.

It is imperative, therefore, that each person contributes her or his response to that question: what is God saying to us to enliven our faith in Australia at this time?

Save the Date: Feast Day of Christ the King on Sunday 25th November. Special events to be organised during the day. Details to follow.

All Soul's Day cemetery visits:

Point Clare: Prayers start in the Green Hut 10.30am, Friday 2nd November. Palmdale: Prayers start 12.00pm at the undercover area to the East of the Chapels (next to the Native Gardens).

Baptismal Preparation: Parents seeking to have their baby baptized are required to attend a talk about the significance of the ceremony. Important issues are raised and the participants view a brief film, which complements the talk which has been given. The meeting take less than an hour and occurs on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Parishioners who would like to be part of the group that presents the preparation talks are asked to contact the Parish office 4341 1073.

Courtesy Bus Service: URGENT

The Courtesy Bus Service has been serving our parishioners for about ten years. Over that time many people have given their time to drive the bus. Age & impairment of one sort or another have taken their toll and we no longer have sufficient drivers to continue to provide the service at the same level. Women and men who have a licence to drive a car are invited to share in this invaluable ministry. Please call Vince (0418 485 417) or Bernard (0422 292 759) for more information.

The Order Of Mass cards: Copies now available in the gathering area. Please ensure these remain in the church.

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 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.

Catholic Mission Sunday: Next weekend our parish will be holding the annual Catholic Mission Church Appeal. This year we are invited to help to heal a nation through education in Myanmar. Led by Cardinal Charles Maung Bo, the Church is developing an alternative system of quality education, with comprehensive teacher training programs and the establishment of new schools, especially in remote areas. It has been called an "education revolution", and the potential impact is far-reaching. Please come prepared next weekend and give generously to this important work. You will have an opportunity to become an integral part of this inspiring work by joining as a monthly giving partner. This regular contribution will directly support education in Myanmar. Envelopes in the church this weekend.

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 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.

Catechists conduct special religious education classes at the four Primary State Schools in our Parish. Experience isn't necessary—but Volunteers are always needed—to teach and help. Details: Susie 0411 566 622 without any obligation.

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