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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



Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia! The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all. *Alleluia!*

Readings: 28th October 2018
Jer 31:7-9; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52.
Readings can be found at www.usccb.org/bible/

Keep Us In Your Prayers OF YOUR CHARITY PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF
Recently Deceased: Ivan Dempsey, Joseph Arahill, Ella Filby, Cody Jordan, Maura Demetria, Yvonne Beattie, Richard Montgomery
Anniversaries: Leila Speer, Maria Barawai, Laura Bautava, Jim McNamee.
Remembrances: Saviour Grima.
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, John Buatava, Paul Hennessy, Sue Rose, Anne Singleton, Tina Cohen, Janice Green, Elaine Finlayson, Louisa Dunne, Robert Parker, Maureen Wardrop, Ros Harbig, Sheila Rogan, Karen Chorazyczewska, Leo Fry.

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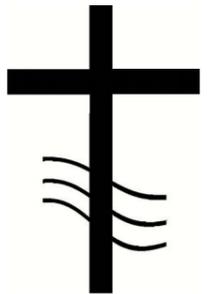
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St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B
21st October, 2018, Year B (Psalter Week 1)
Gospel Reflection © Richard Leonard SJ.



One Sunday morning during Mass, the congregation was surprised to see two men enter, both covered from head to toe in black and carrying submachine guns. One of the men proclaimed, 'Anyone willing to take a bullet for Christ remain where you are!' Immediately, the choir fled, altar servers fled, and most of the congregation fled. Within a few minutes, out of the two hundred strong congregation only ten people remained where they were. The man who had spoken took off his hood, looked at the priest and said, 'OK Father, I got rid of all the fence sitters, how about we make a start'. It's nice to see the priest in the story remained in the Church! I would like to think that faced with such an extreme moment like this I would have the courage of my convictions, but I must admit I have my doubts.

Each Sunday by coming and celebrating the Eucharist we implicitly, and explicitly, state that we want to become like Christ. As the Gospels repeatedly tell us if we follow him in his saving love for the world then, like him, we must confront injustice, defend the rights of the poor and the oppressed to dignity, give and forgive, heal and reconcile. By saying this, we are clearly not looking for a smooth ride through life. In concert with the whole Church what most of us have done is domesticate the hard edges of Jesus' teachings to suit our comfortable existences. And then we get a Gospel like today's. The sons of Zebedee want the best seats in the house without knowing what the admission price is going to cost. They want the glory without the gore. Jesus teaches them, and later all the other apostles, that for his Kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven, requires of us to drink a cup of suffering and be baptised in a river of sacrificial love. We can't dress this teaching up, or put a good spin on it. There is no resurrection without the cross. No gain without the pain. For most of us this challenge means doing whatever we can politically and socially to bring the values of the Gospel to bear on our different spheres of influence. But Jesus also links this challenge to the act of service. And in this regard some leaders in the Church give us mixed messages and let us off the hook. Whatever of the patrimony of the past, today's Gospel reminds us that bishops, priests and deacons should be excellent models of the humility of service. The leadership Jesus advocates is not monarchical or tyrannical, it is being the least, and being a servant. The Second Vatican Council taught that leaders in the Church should be outstanding in humility, charity and simplicity of lifestyle. Some leaders are just this. Others have domesticated the hard edge of the Gospel. Let's pray in this Eucharist that we recover a love for the hard teachings of Jesus, even though they demand so much of us, and that we have the courage to call our leaders to do likewise. These teachings are, after all, what makes us different from the Gentiles, and sort out who is actually sitting on the fence.

Parish News...

HSC students: Please keep these students in your prayers during the exam period 18 October to 9 November.

Parent Information Night for the parents of children making their First Reconciliation in December—7.30 p.m., Monday, 22nd October in the Walter Baker Hall. This is the only opportunity to collect our enrolment form and register your child in a group for preparation for the sacrament.

Melbourne Cup Trifecta: Ladies of the Rosary Group will be selling Melbourne cup trifecta tickets this weekend. 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.

SVdP Clothing Appeal: Will be held next weekend 27/28 October 2018. Collection bags in the gathering area.

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.

Catechist's Monthly meeting: Thursday, October 25th, 9:00am in the Leo Mahon Room. Please do your best to attend.

Church Cleaning Roster 26/10/18: Kevin Glacken, Laurie Jarvis, Rano Spiteri & Bev Whackett.

Children's Liturgy 28/10/18: Christine French, Shadeeqh Quoi Hoi, Ingrid Stevens.

Morning Tea Roster 28/10/18: School P&F.

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).

November Mass Envelopes are available in the gathering area. All Masses during November will be for November Mass intentions. Normal intentions will resume in December.

All Souls Memorial Mass: Parishioners are warmly invited to celebrate this special Mass on all Souls Day, Friday, 2nd November, 7.00pm. Together as a Parish community, we will remember our deceased family and friends and all those who have experienced the loss of a loved one this year.

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.

Plenary Herald

Responsibility for the life of the church rests with all the People of God, laity and clergy. It has been said that, in the past, the clergy were happy for the laity to be docile and pious and to organise their faith life around devotional practices and deference to the clergy. This situation is now the focus of a monumental reform going on in the church throughout the world. Pope Francis has implored the clergy and laity to behave like co-responsible partners and to speak boldly about what they believe and how they live their faith.

The Plenary Council of the Australian church is in its first phase: preparation. Now is the time for the laity to speak boldly about their life in the church. Co-responsibility between laity and clergy is grounded in shared baptismal faith. This means that the mission of the church is the responsibility of all people who are baptised. In baptism, all the People of God are consecrated into the priesthood of Christ in its priestly, prophetic and royal dimensions. We are all builders of the community and culture of the church; we are all teachers; we are all rulers.

The word that the church uses to express this shared responsibility, this mutuality of exchange between laity and clergy is Synodality. The Plenary Council is the vehicle by which synodality will return to the church in Australia. This is the sign that the Holy Spirit is calling the laity of Australia to exercise their right and duty, as co-responsible partners, in regrounding the church in Australia in synodality.

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

The Australian Church Women invites everyone to World Community Day, Friday 26th October at 10 am followed by Morning tea. St. David's Presbyterian Church Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy.

Theme: Women Serving Open Heartedly— Listen, Care, Love, Assist.

Central Coast Philharmonia presents Haydn's Lord Nelson Mass: in our church Saturday, 10 November at 7:30 p.m.



Charitable Works Fund Appeal

Weekend of 3/4 November 2018.

Envelopes available in the church.

When you make your donation to the Charitable Works Fund, **your donation helps 5 charities** that help the people in the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay.

The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD). Donations go towards training catechists and developing authorised curriculum materials for up to 21,000 Catholic students in public schools in the Diocese.

CatholicCare Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Program. Donations provide training and Pastoral Care Practitioners to support staff, patients and their families in seven hospitals in our Diocese.

St Lucy's School. Donations go to providing resources for primary school students with special needs.

St Edmund's College. Donations go to providing resources for high school students with special needs.

Ephpheta Centre. Donations go to support advocacy and sacramental programs for deaf and hard of hearing people. Every dollar helps and 100% of your donation is tax deductible.

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 21 October

This year's Appeal invites us to help 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 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. Sealed Appeal Envelopes may be placed in either church collection bag.

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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