

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 11.30am & 4.30pm;
Sunday 7.00am.

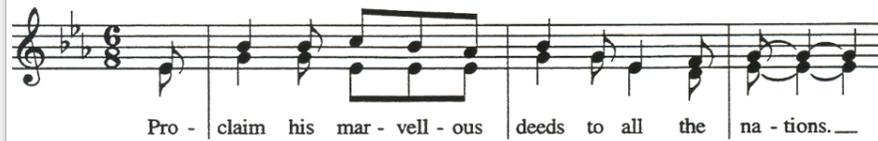
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
Baptism Preparation - 9.30am second
and fourth Sunday of the month
Sacrament of Baptism - 11.00am first
and third Sunday of the month . Please
contact the parish office for more
information.

**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! God has called us with the gospel to
share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Alleluia!*

Readings: 27th January 2019
Neh 8:2-6, 8-10; 1 Cor 12:12-30; Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21.
Readings can be found at www.usccb.org/bible/

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

Recently Deceased: Angela Taylor, Ray Conneeley.

Anniversaries: Patrick Wedesweiler, Stefania Bellinska,
Agnes Arahill, Edward Luxford.

Remembrances: William & Joseph Arahill.

Sick: Vicki Pirie, 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, Therese Horner, Jack Dummett, Jo Farrelle,
Paul Hennessy, Sue Rose, Anne Singleton, Tina Cohen,
Janice Green, Robert Parker, Maureen Wardrop, Ros Harbig,
Sheila Rogan, Leo Fry, Karen Chorazyczewska, Joan Kelleher,
Carolynn Jupp, Lynette Durie, Ed Hyland, Carmel Diorio,
Maureen Frost, Paul Smith.

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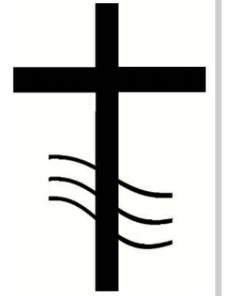
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St John the Baptist Catholic Church

Mission and Vision

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



2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

20 January 2019, Year C (Psalter Week 2)
Gospel Reflection © Richard Leonard SJ.



Church architecture often tells in stone the story of theology. By the ninth century as Christian Churches in Europe became longer and higher, a shift was occurring in theology as well. Coinciding with the engineering abilities of the builders, theologians reinstated a more severe and distant theology about God. God was 'immortal, invisible, in light inaccessible, hid from our eyes'. Jesus had ascended his regal home in the tabernacle which over the centuries got further and further away from where the people stood or sat. One of the extraordinary things that occurs in the layout of Churches of this time is that as the tabernacle goes back, the Marian altar comes forward, often half way down the church where people could have easy access to it.

Today's Gospel was used as the justification for this theological and architectural movement. Mary is seen to intercede on behalf of the bride and groom and ask Jesus to do what he can. This is the first sign in the Gospel of John and Jesus is reluctant to perform it, but because his mother asks, he does it. The changing of the water into wine is not just a sign that Mary and Jesus like a good party! It is a sign of the Kingdom of God where joy and life are in abundance, where shame ends and all tears are wiped away. It is no accident that in John's gospel the mother of Jesus is present at this first sign and remains faithful until the end, right up to the culmination of all the signs: his being lifted up on the cross. Mary not only asks for a sign, she understands that it will cost something for Jesus to give it and for her to witness it. So for us, the wedding feast at Cana is a taste of the fullness of life we celebrate here every Sunday. The Eucharist is always and everywhere a first course in the eternal banquet of heaven. But it is also an invitation to see beyond the signs, to the faithful relationships that require sacrificial love and years of fidelity. All parents who sacrifice so much for their children, all spouses who remain faithful and good to their wife or husband, all friends who attend to their companions with devotion and care, share in the Kingdom of God and are the signs of Christ's presence in our world. Every time we are kind, Cana occurs again. Sometimes these actions can be very lonely and the cost can be high. Today's Gospel, and the traditions of the Church that flow from it, tell us we are not alone, especially when the going gets tough. What I like best about our belief in intercessory prayer, in the healthiest devotions in honour of the Mother of Jesus and in our belief in the martyrs and the saints is that they take seriously the companionship of God's family that transcends time and space. Through our common Christian faith we are connected to millions of believers who have battled with similar, and sometimes greater, struggles than we endure and yet remained faithful to the end. Led by Mary, who never wants us to feel ashamed or embarrassed, they are our cheer squad in the stands of heaven willing us on in the race of life, giving us a few pointers on the best preparation, the pitfalls on the way and how to maximise our performance as we strive to do our best and be our best. Welcome to Cana where one course is richer than the last. And the wine only gets better with age.

Parish News...

The Feast of St. Francis De Sales is celebrated on 24th of January. The Fransalian Associate members will meet on 24th of January (Thursday) at 6.00p.m. Beginning with the Eucharist, adoration followed by fellowship meal at St. John the Baptist Church.

All welcome. Come and be part of this journey and invitation to all for the Feast Mass.

The Live, Pray, Love Project: is a parish ministry which aims to build and foster a sense of belonging to the parish community through faith formation and fun activities.

We are seeking new members and if you are interested or would like to know more about this work, please contact Gladys on 0421 312 362.

Cuppa and a Chat: A group of seniors meet every third Monday in the Leo Mahon room, due 21st January, 1.00pm-2.30pm. If you would like to join us phone Bernard 4341 6343. Transport provided.

Listening to God: Continues 12noon-2pm, Tuesday 22 January, in the Leo Mahon Room. All welcome. "One word from Him changes everything!"

Volunteer Church Cleaning Roster 25/1/19: Warren Sparrow, Bev Whackett, Tom French & Laurie Jarvis.

Thankyou to all leaders, helpers, and participants of Children's liturgy 2018. Children's liturgy resumes during 9:15am Mass 10th February 2019.

What is Fransalian Associates ?

The Fransalian Associates is a spiritual family, is made up of lay Catholics—single, married, or widowed—who choose to live their lives grounded in the Gospel and according to the teachings and virtues. We follow our "Gentleman Saint" along our journey towards God.

The Fransalian spirituality, which offers a simple way of reconciling the often conflicting demands of home, family, career, church and community. And we are assured by St. Francis De Sales that our daily duties in life are the most important tasks we have on our path to holiness. As we walk this path, we will see more and more clearly what God wants us to be and to do.



Fransalian Quote

"Have patience with all things, but chiefly have patience with yourself. Do not lose courage in considering your own imperfections, but instantly set about remedying them - every day begin the task anew."

St. Francis de Sales

Plenary Herald

A Synod of Bishops was held in 1987 to address the subject of the vocation and mission of the lay faithful in the Church and in the modern world. Pope John Paul II issued, at the conclusion of the Synod, a document, *Christifideles laici*, (the lay members of Christ's faithful people), in which he first stressed the missionary nature of the Church.

The Dogmatic Constitution on the Church (*Lumen gentium*) which was first promulgated in 1964 at the Second Vatican Council began by describing the Church as a Mystery. The Church cannot be described or understood entirely because it is part of the plan of an incomprehensible God for God's creation. The greatest expression of God's creation is the human person and the human person is the centrepiece of God's plan.

God's plan is to unite the whole of God's creation with God. The human person is created by God as an instrument to bring this plan to fruition. The Church is the sign that this plan has been put into operation. The union of all creation is nothing less than the kingdom of God. It was this kingdom that Jesus Christ inaugurated on earth. It is this kingdom to which Christ's faithful people are called and it is this kingdom that the whole People of God are commissioned to spread in word, in works, and in presence as followers of Christ (*Lumen gentium* 5).

By far, the majority of people in the Church are lay members of Christ's faithful people. The vocation and mission of the lay faithful and their response to the intimations of the Holy Spirit are critical to the completion of God's plan. The lay faithful are the essence of the Church and being a member of the Church means living out, in the world, our vocation and mission to bring all people into the reign of God.



The Patron of the Missionaries of St. Francis De Sales
The Feast is on 24th of January.

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 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.

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