

**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**  
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The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

**Gospel Acclamation**  
*Alleluia, alleluia!* God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Readings: 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2019  
Wis 11:22 - 12:2; 2 Thess 1:11 - 2:2; Lk 19:1-10

**Keep Us In Your Prayers** OF YOUR CHARITY PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF:  
**Recently Deceased:** Winfred Lujas, Phil Cawthorne, Madge Fahy..  
**Anniversaries:** Eunice Gaffney, Fr Leonard Busuttill, Doris Galea.  
**Sick:** Geoff Floyd, Elaine Finlayson, Tom Searle, Bill Seton, Joan Kelleher, Kerry Baldwin, Brian Smith, Jason Simon, 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 & Rose 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, Dorothy Fulton, Roger Mitchell.

Quotes from *Amoris Laetitia*... "The Joy of Love"  
Pope Francis  
We also find it hard to make room for the consciences of the faithful, who very often respond as best they can to the Gospel amid their limitations, and are capable of carrying out their own discernment in complex situations. We have been called to form consciences, not to replace them.

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**30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**27<sup>th</sup> October, 2019, Year C (Psalter Week 2)**  
**Gospel Reflection - © Fr Richard Leonard SJ**



A well-known multi-millionaire once had a near fatal heart attack. After he recovered he was invited to appear on a national television chat show to reflect on the experience. At one stage the interviewer asked him, 'Did you have a near-death experience after your heart attack?' The multi-millionaire pulled himself up to his full height and exclaimed, 'I was clinically dead. I went to the other side, and I am here to tell you there's nothing there!' In his case, of course, there might not be anything there, but his response reminds me of the Pharisee in today's Gospel.

One of the pitfalls of personal success is the arrogance that sometimes comes with it. The Pharisee was, no doubt, a very good-living, devout man, but he made himself feel important by putting others down. He even did this in his prayer, reminding God of just how good he was in comparison to others. It's a wonder he went to the Temple at all because he does not seem to need God. Like the multi-millionaire, he trusts too much in his own righteousness.

On the other hand, it is a wonder that the tax collector turned up at the Temple too, but for very different reasons. Tax collectors were despised in Palestine. They were Jewish functionaries used by the Roman occupying army to extort the ferocious Imperial taxes from the local community. No wonder he stays close to the back door of the Temple. He might have to beat a hasty retreat. But here he is in prayer recognising the brokenness of his life and his need for God. This tax collector becomes the model of right behaviour for Luke's community. There is nothing wrong with being devout and successful. Conversely, there are plenty of dangers in doing a job that demands constant moral compromises, like being a tax collector for the Romans. What Jesus notices is what the life situations of both these men do to them. Hence the social outcast's humility shows up the haughty Pharisee.

For far too long we have thought humility meant putting ourselves down, pretending we were nobodies, worthy of nothing. This is not Christian humility. Being humble does not mean we hide or minimise our God-given gifts, talents or resources. It means we honour others by sharing them, enabling them to benefit from the goodness of God. Humility comes from the Latin word, humus, meaning 'close to the earth'. The tax collector lived close to the earth and so he was open to conversion, to being lifted up by God. The Pharisee was so successful at being religious he was closed to it. He had altitude sickness from taking the high moral ground.

Most of us find ourselves in between these extremes. May this weekly Eucharist ground us enough that we open ourselves to being converted again to put all our gifts and talents at the service of Christ's Kingdom. In doing so, we can go home justified that we are truly humble and that after we die we can see the abundant life that awaits us on the other side.

## Parish News

**HSC students:** Please keep these students in your prayers during the exam period 17<sup>th</sup> October to 11<sup>th</sup> November.

**Candidates for Reconciliation** Please keep these children in your prayers as they commence information classes this week.

**The Book of the Names of the Dead** will be in the church during November. You are invited to write the names of the faithful departed in it. A lamp will be lit at all Masses.

**November Envelopes:** Available from the gathering table.

**All Soul's Day cemetery visits:** Point Clare: Prayers start in the Green Hut 11.15am, Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Palmdale: Prayers start 12.45pm at the undercover area to the East of the Chapels (next to the Native Gardens).

**All Soul's Memorial Mass:** Parishioners are warmly invited to celebrate All Souls Day during the 5pm Mass Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. 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. Supper will follow in the Leo Mahon Room.

**Thanks:** Many thanks to Greg Lalor, Bernie O'Keeffe and Bernie French for all their hard work in replacing the LED lights in the car park.

**Housie:** There will be no housie on Saturday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November due to an art exhibition being held at the Community Centre.

### Rosters

**Volunteer Church Cleaning 01/11/19:** Pam Hickey, Linda Potestas, Mary McCumstie, Anisha Burns.

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

### Taking the Good News to the Children

A big part of spreading the Good News which Jesus instructed His apostles and we have inherited through our Baptism, is going into the state schools and helping with Special Religious Education lessons. The catechists in our parish go to 4 primary schools for one 30-minute lesson for each class. Our catechists have been doing a sterling job for many years, but they need help. We are looking for some generous people who would like to donate their time and talent to be assistants for these women and men. Assistants work with the catechist and

are not left in charge of the class on their own. An assistant's main task is to help the students be on the right page and help the students be able to complete the activity they have been given. A more confident assistant may like to undertake helping the catechist by leading the prayer or reading the Scripture passage or story for the lesson. If you are interested in being part of this most enjoyable ministry, call Michael Tebbutt, Regional CCD Co-ordinator, on 0407 218 677. We can meet for a coffee and talk over all that would be entailed in being part of this special ministry in spreading the Good News.



**Sunday November 3rd 2019**

For the people of the Diocese of Broken Bay, charity begins at home.

Rachel and Clare are two catechists who attended a public school in our Diocese and who received a Catholic Special Religious Education through the CCD. Clare even converted to Catholicism thanks to her positive experience with the CCD. Perhaps you or someone you know has benefited from a Catholic Religious Education class in a NSW Public School, made possible through donations of the faithful?

Your donations to the Charitable Works Fund are distributed amongst five Catholic services that assist the people of our Diocese.

**CatholicCare Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Practitioner Program** – where five Pastoral Care Practitioners reach over 3,000 patients, 700 families and over 180 hospital staff each year across seven hospitals in our Diocese.

**Confraternity of Christian Doctrine** – creating and updating teaching materials and training catechists who minister to public school students across the Diocese.

**St Lucy's School** – for primary school students with disabilities.

**St Edmund's College** – for secondary school students with disabilities.

**Ephpheta Centre** – serving the Catholic deaf community. The assessment for our parish for this financial year is **\$35 198**. The third of three appeals will be held this weekend. Envelopes in the church.

### Eastern Europe and Oberammergau Pilgrimage

Fr Paul Finucane from Holy Cross, Kincumber is Chaplain on the Pilgrimage with Harvest Journeys to Eastern Europe and Oberammergau next year from 13/7/2020 - 26/7/2020. To find out more information please find the details on the Gathering table.



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## 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:

- What is Safeguarding?
- Expectations of attitudes and behaviours when engaging with children and young people
- Everyone's role as a Safeguarding Champion
- Reporting and raising concerns

Registration can be made via the list on the gathering table. Alternatively phone Triona on 02 4341 1073 or email [parish@woywoycatholic.org.au](mailto:parish@woywoycatholic.org.au)

*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*

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2019**  
**12pm - 2pm or 6pm - 8pm**

St John the Baptist Parish  
54 Victoria Rd  
Woy Woy

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

LITURGICAL RECEPTION  
AND SOLEMN MASS OF  
INSTALLATION  
of  
*The Most Reverend  
Anthony Randaizzo DD,JCL*  
AS THE FOURTH BISHOP  
OF BROKEN BAY  
ON MONDAY 4  
NOVEMBER 2019 AT 6.45PM

### ALL WELCOME

At The Light of Christ Centre, 28 Yardley Avenue, Waitara  
Followed by Light Supper  
RSVP by Monday 28 October  
Please complete RSVP form online at  
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or  
Email: [events@bbatholic.org.au](mailto:events@bbatholic.org.au) Tel: 02 8379 1621

### Fransalian Quote

"He who is unable to do everything let him do what he can"

**St. Francis de Sales**

### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for October A Missionary "Spring" in the Church

That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary "spring" in the Church.

### Pastoral Plan – Vision and Mission on Hospitality

*Where are we with the Hospitality Plan?*

Beginning on Sunday 27/10 at the 9.15 mass and moving through all the weekend masses in the next few weeks the hospitality team will be sharing with you the work that has been happening behind the scenes on how we can build upon the hospitality culture we provide here at SJB. Bringing Jesus Christ to ALL through hospitality is for everyone and that includes those who do not attend our church. What will hospitality look like here at SJB? We are very excited with this new initiative and we ask for your prayers, your ideas, your gifts and your talents. If you have any questions please contact the Parish Office 4341 1073.



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