

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.

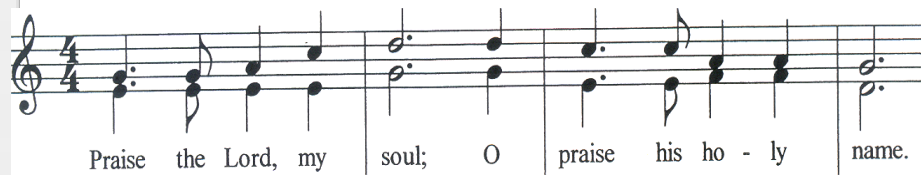
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
Baptism Preparation - 9.30am second
and fourth Sunday of the month
Sacrament of Baptism - 11.00am first
and third Sunday of the month . Please
contact the parish office for more
information.

**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! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of
heaven is theirs! . *Alleluia!*

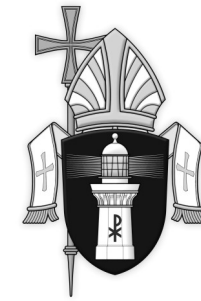
Readings: 25th November 2018
Dedication of the Parish Church.
Readings can be found at www.usccb.org/bible/

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

Recently Deceased: Alan Ford, Ivan Dempsey, Ramos Ochea,
Tess Newman, Evelyn Byrne, Fr Joe Maley.

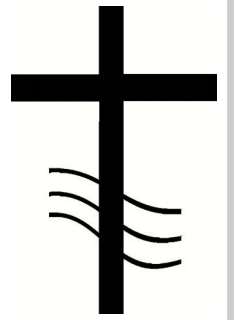
Anniversaries: Janet Dean, Peter Grima, Aubrey Floor,
Patricia Cameron.

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, Joan Kelleher.



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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

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B
11th November, 2018, Year B (Psalter Week 4)

Plenary Herald

The mission of the church in Australia today is to continue the mission of Jesus the Christ expressed in terms that make sense to the people of Australia today. Jesus began his mission in Galilee preaching in the synagogues. At Capernaum he impressed the community so much that "they wanted to prevent him from leaving" (Lk. 4:42).

But he said to them, 'I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other cities also, for I was sent for this purpose' (Lk. 4:43)

The Catholic church in Australia was established to carry on the mission of Jesus the Christ: to proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God. The Plenary Council to be held in 2020/21 is focussed on this same goal: to proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God.

Every baptised Catholic, all followers of Jesus the Christ, has a contribution to make to the proclamation of the gospel of the kingdom of God. This contribution can be made at one of the Listening and Dialogue sessions arranged for Advent. Participation in one of these sessions could be a meaningful and generous way of preparing for the commemoration of the birth of Jesus the Christ. Listening and Dialogue Sessions to be held in the Leo Mahon Room.

Tuesday, December 4th from 10:00AM to 12 Noon.

Wednesday, December 12th from 11:00AM to 1:00PM

Saturday, December 15th from 10:00AM-12:00Noon.

Please address enquiries to Bernie Edwards: 0422-292-759.

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Parish News...

Candidates for Reconciliation Please keep these children in your prayers as they attend information classes. The sacrament will be celebrated on 3rd & 5th December.

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.

Sunday 18th November 2018 at 2.00pm: To celebrate the 11th Anniversary of the Dedication of our Church the Music Ministry present: **Songs of Praise Anniversary Concert.** Time: **2pm** followed by afternoon tea. Join us in singing favourite hymns at St John The Baptist Church, Woy Woy. **Free concert:** Donations appreciated for Church Maintenance. Afternoon tea items gratefully received in the Leo Mahon room from 1.30pm. Enq: Del 4341 4160.

Feast Day of Christ the King on Sunday 25th November. The Parish Pastoral Council would like to invite all parishioners to participate in a whole-of- Parish Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, during the Feast of Christ the King on Sunday, 25th November. You are invited to "watch and wait" and remain "silent" in His Presence and open yourself to His Graces which flow from the Eucharist, the source of life for our Church. The Eucharistic Adoration, God and Man reaching out for each other at the same time, will be after the 9.15 Mass and continue throughout the day until closing after Benediction at 4.30 pm. We envisage many Ministries, groups and individuals will take up our invitation to attend for a half-hour or hour of Adoration and contemplation. If you are able to attend please write your name on a timetable in the gathering area.

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.

Church Cleaning Roster 16/11/18: Christina Thorson, Kathleen Cullen, Cheryl Sillick & Jo McMillan.

Volunteer Church cleaners: More people are needed to support this ministry. You would be rostered once a month on Friday mornings following morning Mass. Please contact Christine French on 4342 4548 if you can assist.

Children's Liturgy 18/11/18: Christine French, Hanna El Khatib & Ingrid Stevens.

Melbourne Cup Winner: Many thanks to those who supported the Rosary Ladies' Melbourne Cup Trifecta. The lucky winner was Pat Savage.

Christmas Cards are available in the Piety Stall for \$5. Columban calendars also on sale for \$9.

Parish Family Ministry Christmas Hampers: List of various types of hampers needed are on display this weekend. Hampers to be returned by the weekend of 8/9 December.



C W F A p p e a l

We are deeply grateful to our Parish community for supporting our Charitable Works Fund. The donations you generously share with us are helping our families, our friends and our neighbours in the Diocese of Broken Bay.

Last weekend's appeal raised \$7 481. The total raised from 2 out of the 3 appeals this financial year is now \$16 907 (Quota \$35 198).

When you support the CWF, your generosity extends across five charities/agencies that receive these funds - The **Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD)**, **Catholic Care Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Practitioners**, **St Lucy's School**, **St Edmund's College** and the **Ephpheta Centre**. For more information on the beneficiaries please visit the Diocese of Broken Bay website <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/give/charitable-works-fund>

Give and it shall be given to you. Luke 6:38

Reflection by © Fr Michael Tate

This is the most commonly misunderstood passage in the Gospels. It is usually read in a 'pat on the back' tone of voice, commending the widow for her generosity. But it should be read with the tone of white hot anger which Jesus had displayed against the money dealers whom he expelled from the temple only days earlier.

This vulnerable widow was exploited and brainwashed by the scribes and temple authorities so that she gave 'all she had to live on'. She was left destitute, unable to afford the necessities of life.

On the contrary, Jesus wanted to create a band of followers who would look after widows and orphans. Look at Acts 4:32-37 to see that in operation. In fact, deacons were created in the early Church precisely to care for non-Jewish widows.

The message for the Church from this Gospel story is that it must never exploit the religious fervour of the poor to build up its own resources. Pope Francis is emphasising that the flow must be the other way if we are to be authentic Christians.

We could pause a moment to pray that, imitating the earliest Christian communities, our parish practises true concern for the marginalised and vulnerable, ensuring that they have all the necessities of life in all its dimensions.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for November

In the service of peace -
That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

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.

Christmas Concert Saturday, December 8, 2018.

Conspirito Community Flute Ensemble will be showcasing the music they have explored during the year in a special Christmas Concert in our church on Saturday, December 8, from 2.30 pm to 4 pm. Music performed will include works from Bach as well as modern composers including incredible local talent Jennifer Hankin. The Concert would not be complete with some wonderful Christmas carols for you to sing along with. Entry is by donation at the door and all proceeds will be donated to Mary Macs Place. Enquiries conspiritoce@gmail.com.

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 Students in all Scripture classes in State school across the Peninsula are studying the birth of Christ. Please pray their faith grows with their understanding of this joyous event.

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