

**OUT OF HOURS MEDICAL EMERGENCY**  
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"He must increase, I must decrease"

**Administrator**  
Fr. Timothy Raj M.S.F.S.

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Raelene Spithill, Johnson Mani, Triona Meagher.

**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**  
Cnr Blackwall and Victoria Roads, Woy Woy  
**Ethel Cox Parish Centre**  
100 Blackwall Road Woy Woy  
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Lord, when your glo - ry ap - pears, my joy will be full.

**Gospel Acclamation**  
*Alleluia, alleluia!* Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; glory and kingship be his for ever and ever. *Alleluia!*

Readings: 17<sup>th</sup> November 2019  
Mal 3:19-20; 2 Thess 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19

**Keep Us In Your Prayers** OF YOUR CHARITY PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF:  
**Recently Deceased:** Sister Elizabeth Carr SGS, Ashlinn Lalor, Phil Cawthorne, Kerry Baldwin,  
**Anniversaries:** Josefina Vasquez Escobar, Kath Spear, Peter John Grima, Joseph Bugeja, Maureen Catania, Megan Manning, Francis Miller, Val & Ellen Cubis, Beverley McMahan.  
**Remembrances:** Peter White.  
**Sick:** Kathleen Bezzina, 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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## 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



**32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**10<sup>th</sup> November, 2019, Year C (Psalter Week 4)**  
**Gospel Reflection - © Fr Michael Tate**



Billy Elliott was a boy brought up in a grimy, decaying, strife-torn mining town in the north of England. He discovered a passion for dancing and would tap dance through the alleyways surrounding the decrepit housing in which the families of miners lived. Eventually, (I can't give you the whole wonderful film), he ended up at an interview at the Royal Ballet School in London. It went badly: he was unpolished and nervous. As he was leaving the room, one of the panellists asked: 'What do you feel when you are dancing?'  
'I've got fire in my body! I've got fire in my body!'  
And he got the scholarship. Why? I think because the panel realised that when he danced he became 'fully alive'. His bodysoul life force was totally as one, utterly integrated, completely focused bodymindspirit. When Billy danced, everything that Billy was, was dancing. Really, that is what the Resurrection is all about. Our whole human personality will be dancing with Divine Fire coursing through our bodysoul.  
We have to break with the Greek idea that we are souls who are unfortunately imprisoned in a body for a time. Thomas Aquinas taught: 'I am not my soul.' I am an embodied soul or ensouled body.  
In fact, bodymindspirit should be written like an email address: all one word, no gaps.  
When we are feeling well we instinctively know this: 'I am my body.' It is when we are ill, or carrying a painful injury, that a gap seems to open up between body and soul. We even change our language from 'I am my body' to 'I have a body'.  
In today's Gospel, which is hard to follow, a group of Jews called the Sadducees ridiculed the idea of life after death, let alone resurrection. They painted a ridiculous scenario about a woman with seven husbands (in succession). Jesus takes the opportunity to affirm that God knows and loves human beings beyond their apparent death. They will 'rise again' as bodysouls, their being human enhanced beyond measure.  
We cannot imagine the how. We cannot imagine the whatness, as James Joyce would say.  
But, we do know that our resurrection will fulfil the promise heard at our baptism.  
At our baptism we experienced in the depths of our hearts the same words which Jesus heard in the depths of His heart at His baptism:  
'You are my beloved child, my favour rests on you.'  
At Baptism our bodysouls are adopted and adapted to receive the promise that we can share in the resurrection life of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We can share in Christ's victory over death.  
You and I will be bodies transfigured, translucent to divine light and energy.  
You and I will be bodies which, like Billy Elliott's,  
will dance with fire  
will dance with Divine fire  
will dance, enflamed with Divine Love.

## Parish News

### Masses for next week:

Tuesday 12th November - Morning Prayer at 7.30 am followed by mass at 07.45 am.

All other masses as normal.

**Candidates for Reconciliation:** Please note that the date for the Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation has changed from 29th November to **22nd November**.

**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.

**Dedication of St John the Baptist Church:** The Feast of the Dedication of the Church will be celebrated during 9.15am mass on Sunday 17th November. There will be a morning tea following mass.

**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting** will be held on Tuesday, 12th November at 7.00 pm.

**Parish Finance Committee Meeting** will be held on Wednesday 13th November at 7.00 pm.

**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 7/8 December.

**Accommodation Needed:** Lady requires a granny flat, cabin or studio in any of the following areas; Point Clare, Tascott, Koolewong, Woy Woy, Umina, Ettalong, Empire Bay or Kincumber. Please call Lilly on 0422 524 436 if you know of anything suitable.

### Rosters

**Volunteer Church Cleaning 15/11/19:** Christina Thorson, Kathleen Cullen, Cheryl Sillick, Christine French.  
*More Church Cleaners are required. If interested please call Christine French on 4342 4548.*

**Childrens' Liturgy 17/11/19:** Celeste Boonaerts, Hanna El Khatib, Mimi Lambert.

The Annual Lourdes Day Mass of the Order of Malta will be celebrated by Archbishop Anthony Fisher and the Chaplains of the Order on Saturday, 7 December at 10.00am in St Mary's Cathedral. For any enquiries or should you need assistance please contact the Order at [:info@smom.org.au](mailto:info@smom.org.au)

[macolmi@bigpond.net.au](mailto:macolmi@bigpond.net.au) or phone 9331- 8477.

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Ph 0422 561 439

## Retreat Day

**Saturday November 30th, 9 am to 3.30pm**  
**St John the Baptist Church**

"Living in the Divine Will" with Fr. Hugh Thomas C.Ss.R. Fr. Hugh Thomas is a Redemptorist missionary priest who worked in the Philippines for over 22 years and has given retreats and missions in all the States of Australia.

Jesus came only to do the Will of the Father. He taught us to pray that God's Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Come and hear of the new movement to help us live in the Divine Will, a movement inspired by the Italian mystic, Luisa Piccarreta, an extraordinary person who lived only on Holy Communion for 60 years.

This retreat can truly be a life-changing experience. The retreat will begin with the Mass at 9 am, followed by Adoration until 10 am, during which confessions will be heard. A short break for Morning tea will follow and the talks will follow in the Leo Mahon Room. The retreat will conclude at 3.30 pm.

### FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

Pilgrim Walk - Sun 24 Nov @ 2.00pm.

Starting from Our Lady Star of the Sea, Terrigal to St Patrick's Church, East Gosford.

**EACH INDIVIDUAL MUST TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR OWN WELLBEING AND SAFETY**

Enquires: Parish Office: 4367 4610  
0407234002/ 0404844300 /43811255 / 0404214459

### 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.

### Fransalian Quote

"Whoever is really pleased with God desires to please God faithfully. In order to please Him, we grow in his likeness."

**St. Francis de Sales**

### Our Pope's call to all Catholics

**"Every Christian is challenged, here and now, to be actively engaged in evangelization"**  
*(Apostolic Exhortation : Evangelii Gaudium)*

There is no better way to be actively engaged in evangelization than to be a catechist teaching the catholic students of our parish who attend the state schools. If you are interested in finding out more about this ministry, ring the Parish Office on 4341 1073.

You are invited to the Annual Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay MASS OF INCLUSION

**When:** Sunday 1 December 2019

**Time:** 9.30am

**Where:** Our lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Yardley Ave, Waitara

**Enquiries:** Colleen Smith Phone: 8379 1642 or Email: [colleen.smith@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:colleen.smith@bbcatholic.org.au)

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### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for November Dialogue and Reconciliation in the Near East

That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

### Women's Advent Retreat Day - 2019

Notre Dame Chaplaincy warmly invites women of all ages to join us for our annual Women's Advent Retreat Day on Tuesday, December 3, 9am to 4:30pm.

The day will include three inspiring spiritual talks, Holy Mass, time for reflection, opportunity for Reconciliation, and Holy Hour. Morning tea and lunch are provided. The retreat day is free of charge, but registration is essential. Please visit [www.trybooking.com/563903](http://www.trybooking.com/563903) call 02 8204 4189 or e-mail [sydney.chaplaincy@nd.edu.au](mailto:sydney.chaplaincy@nd.edu.au)

### LOCATION

The University of Notre Dame Australia  
104 Broadway, Corner Abercrombie Street and Broadway, Chippendale, NSW 2008

### Bishop Anthony Randazzo installed as fourth Bishop of Broken Bay

What a truly beautiful night it was on Monday night at the Solemn Mass of Installation of Bishop Anthony Randazzo. If you missed out, you can watch the video on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L6mLEgtXmI0>

### DROUGHT

The Catholic Bishops of Australia have announced a National Prayer Campaign for Drought to take place during November. People across the country are encouraged to pray for the gift of rain, for people affected by the drought and to provide practical support, where possible. The Bishops note that large parts of the country are directly affected by the drought, but the impact is national – and so should the response be national. Access resources and find out more at: [www.catholic.org.au/drought](http://www.catholic.org.au/drought)

### Pastoral Plan – Vision and Mission on Hospitality

*Where are we with the Hospitality Plan?*

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.