

OUT OF HOURS MEDICAL EMERGENCY
0438 631 327

"He must increase, I must decrease"

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

Fr. Philip Thottam. M.S.F.S.
Assistant Priest

Office Staff
Helen Cameron & Raelene Spithill

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.

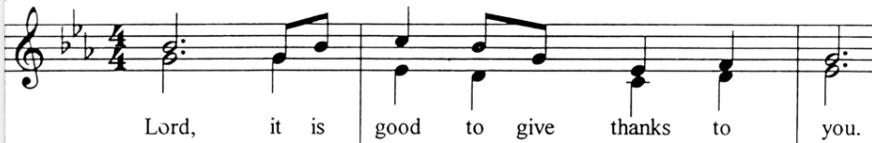
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
Baptism Preparation - 9.30am second
and fourth Sunday of the month
Sacrament of Baptism - 11.00am first
and third Sunday of the month . Please
contact the parish office for more
information.

**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

St John the Baptist Church
Cnr Blackwall and Victoria Roads, Woy Woy
Ethel Cox Parish Centre
100 Blackwall Road Woy Woy
Parish Office: Open Monday to Friday 9.30am to 4.00pm
54 Victoria Road / P.O. Box 264 WOY WOY N.S.W. 2256
Phone: (02) 4341 1073 Fax: (02) 4341 0214
Email: parish@woywoycatholic.org.au
Website: www.woywoycatholic.org.au
St John the Baptist Primary School:
Principal: Nicole Cumming, 21a Dulkara Rd, South Woy Woy
2256. P 024341 0884 www.sjbwoywoy.dbb.org.au

Psalm Response © Colin D. Smith cfc



Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life. *Alleluia!*

Readings: 10th March 2019
Deut 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13.
Readings can be found at www.usccb.org/bible/

Keep Us In Your Prayers OF YOUR CHARITY PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF
Recently Deceased: Veronica Ward, Doris Magro, Leslie Burns,
Janusz Paszkowski, Maria "Ruby" Alvir, Val McLenaghan, Sue Rose.
Anniversaries: Alan French, Kenneth McDonnell.
Remembrances: Leo Bugeja.
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, Anne Singleton, Tina Cohen, Janice Green,
Robert Parker, Maureen Wardrop, Ros Harbig, Sheila Rogan,
Karen Chorazyczewska,Carolynn Jupp, Ed Hyland, Carmel Diorio,
Maureen Frost, Paul Smith, Ian Wilks, Daphne McNab,
Shirley Crotty, Mary Dolan, John Corrigan, Anne Gan,
Hanna El Khatib.

Advertising Space

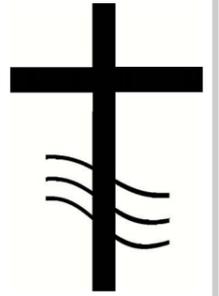
Advertising Space

WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH

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



8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

3 March 2019, Year C (Psalter Week 4)

Gospel Reflection © Richard Leonard SJ.



At Rome, during the 16th Century, the most famous confessor in town was St Philip Neri. Popes and paupers sought his counsel and spiritual direction.

One day a famous Duchess came to him and confessed the sin of gossip. Philip Neri told her to go home and get a feather pillow and return to the steps of the Church. Some time later he met her there and produced a small knife. He told the noblewoman to rip open the pillow. As she did, the swirling wind in the square picked up the loose feathers and they danced around the square and down the lanes.

St Philip and the Duchess watched in silence as the feathers went everywhere. He then turned to her and said, "Now, go and collect all the feathers." To which she protested, "They have gone everywhere, I couldn't possibly find and regather them." "So too with your tongue, Madam," St Philip scolded her, "You have no idea where you gossip goes and you can never unsay it."

In today's Gospel Jesus teaches us that our words reflect the state of our hearts. Psychologists tell us that there are three main reasons why people habitually gossip, or 'share the news' as Australian men prefer to call it: power, envy and boredom.

To know something about someone else can put us in a more powerful position with friends or colleagues. By being able to share what we have 'just heard', we are seen to be current and interesting. But this type of power is destructive because our friends normally assume that when they are absent they are maltreated in the same way. Gossipers have more alliances than friendships.

The most malicious gossip often comes out of envy. Envious gossip often sees people make things up about others and pass it off as though it were true. The worst of tabloid newspapers, television and radio trades on this destructive vice. There is no place for the 'rumour file' in the Christian life. Sometimes, when a company or person have to deny the false accusations made about them, we get what we want – their reputations are tarnished and even their business can be in danger. No wonder medieval theologians called envy a 'deadly sin'.

Boredom, however, is a modern cause for gossip. Our relationships and the way in which we hold each other's trust and good name to be paramount, are undermined by images from the media about how exciting life should be for everyone. Scene after scene in novels, television programs and films where confidences are betrayed and lives are raked over for comment and intrigue fill in the boredom in our lives with a distorted portrayal of human behaviour. The more we take it in, the more we mirror it in our own conduct.

Jesus does not tell us today that there is no place for criticism, challenge, confrontation and correction in the Christian life. Just that we have the responsibility to very careful about what we say about others and how we criticise and condemn them. Jesus reminds us that most of our condemnation of others, is what we now call, "projection", where we ignore similar failings in ourselves, but roundly condemn them in others.

May this Eucharist, then, help all of us let go of the need to be powerful, the deadly sin of envy and more creative with what we do when we are bored. May it help us make better choices about how we speak, to whom we speak and what we say.

St Philip Neri knew it all too well: most times we cannot know the consequences of what we say and we can never unsay it.

Parish News...

Catechist Sunday: 3 March 2019

Catechist Sunday acknowledges the importance of the Church's teaching ministry. All catechists, including SRE catechists, Sacramental catechists, RCIA & RCIC catechists & Children's Liturgy of the Word catechists are invited to a special Mass on Sunday, 3 March at 9:15am. There will be a blessing ceremony & Mass will be followed by morning tea.

First Communion 2019. Information night for parents enrolling candidates, Monday, 4 March, 7.30pm in the Walter Baker Hall. *Group Leaders: Please make every effort to attend.*

Palms for Burning: Please bring in old palms for burning and place them in the box provided before Monday.

Lent Begins: Ash Wednesday, 6th March. Masses 7.45am and 7.00pm. A School Mass at 12md will be held at 21a Dulkara Rd. Sth. Woy Woy. All welcome.

Fast and Abstinence: There are two days in which we are obliged to fast and abstain: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

The Light is On for you.

All churches in the Diocese will be open during Lent for quiet time and prayer with the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Friday evenings, 7pm-8pm. March 8, 15, 22, 29 & April 5 & 12. There will also be Stations of the Cross from 6.30pm & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in our church on these nights.

Mass on Wednesday nights during Lent:

From 13 March at 6.30pm there will be Stations of the Cross followed by Mass (approx. 6.50pm).

Parish Retreat: Saturday, 23rd March to Wednesday, 27th March. More information on the following page. Please note there will be **no morning Mass** on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday (25th March-27th March).

Lenten Discussion Groups:

During Lent our Parish encourages parishioners to come together in groups to pray and reflect on the significance of the season and deepen our understanding and journey spiritually towards Easter. Thank you to the following people who have offered to lead a group for interested parishioners.

- Kiliti Naati (mob 0412 731 979): in our church's Leo Mahon room on Monday nights from 6.30pm.
- Wendy Whiteman: at her home in Daleys Point on Wednesday afternoons at 2pm.
- Katherine & Mike McCulloch: at their home in Umina on Wednesday nights at 7pm.
- Joe & Mabel Torres: at their home in Woy Woy on Friday nights at 7pm.

Please call the Parish Office for more details.

Project Compassion: Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season, which is themed "Give Lent 100%". You are empowering communities with hope and helping those in great need to shape a better future for themselves, their families and their communities. Lives change when we all give 100%. You can also donate by phoning 1800 024 413 or www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion.

Listening to God: Will continue 12noon-2pm, Tuesday 12 March, in the Leo Mahon Room. All welcome. On Tuesday 5 March we will be at a Retreat Day at Terrigal parish. 'I am the God who shows up and speaks in the most unexpected ways!'

Bus Trip to San Souci. March 6th, leaving 8:45am. Cost \$20, morning tea provided. Lunch at St George Leagues club. Call Susie Casey 0403 417 639.

Volunteer Church Cleaning Roster 8/3/19: Kevin Glacken, Laurie Jarvis, Rano Spiteri & Bev Whackett

Children's Liturgy 10/3/19: Anne Maree Tonkin, Gerri O'Keefe.

Morning Tea Roster 10/3/19: Spanish Speaking Group

Retreat on Eucharist, The Word of God & The Passion of our Lord For Healing. Saturday, 23 March to Wednesday, 27 March.

Fr. Gilbert Carlo svd (Divine Word Missionary), will be conducting a retreat in our Parish church during Lent.

The Retreat is focused on Prayer, Meditation, Contemplation, Eucharist & the Word of God, which deepens our relationship with God & one another...

Saturday/Sunday, March 23/ 24 : Homily at weekend Masses.

Monday, March 25: 7.00pm Mass, followed by talk & reflection; 7.30pm – 8.30pm.

Healing through God's Love and Forgiveness: Reflection Isaiah 53.5; 'By his wounds, we are healed'.

Tuesday, March 26: 7.00pm Mass followed by talk & reflection; 7.30pm – 8.30pm.

Healing through the Word of God & Eucharistic Adoration: Reflection Matthew 8.8; 'By our faith on the Word of God, we are healed'.

Wednesday, March 27: 7.00pm Concluding Mass with Reflection on Eternal life. 'By His Body and Blood we are healed'.

Confession: Monday - Wednesday: 6pm -6.45pm.

Please call the Parish office if you need transport to attend the retreat.



I WOULD LIKE AN
ABUNDANCE OF PEACE.
I WOULD LIKE FULL
VESSELS OF CHARITY.
I WOULD LIKE RICH
TREASURES OF MERCY.
I WOULD LIKE CHEERFULNESS
TO PRESIDE OVER ALL.
-ST. BRIGID OF KILDARE

Please pray for the children of our Parish Community who have just commenced their year's Scripture lessons. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide and encourage our Catechists.

Ask St Brigid to pray for all of us.

Fransalian Quote

"The bee collects honey from flowers in such a way as to do the least damage or destruction to them, and he leaves them whole, undamaged and fresh, just as he found them."

St. Francis de Sales

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.

Advertising Space

Advertising Space

Advertising Space

Advertising Space