

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! I have chosen and sanctified this house,
says the Lord, that my name may remain in it for all time. .
Alleluia!

Readings: 25th November 2018
Dan 7:13-14; Apoc 1:5-8; Jn 18:33-37
Readings can be found at www.usccb.org/bible/

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

Recently Deceased: Kathleen Hodges.

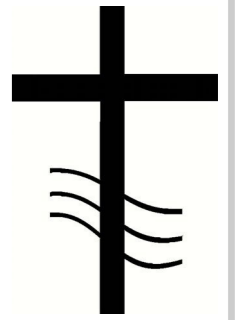
Anniversaries: John Quinn.

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, 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, Leo Fry,
Karen Chorazyczewska, 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

Dedication of the Parish Church
18th November, 2018, Year B (Psalter Week 1)

Plenary Herald

In the process of preparing the church for the Plenary Council, the phrase "synodal church" is often used. **What, then, is a synodal church?**

A synodal church is, fundamentally, a church governed by a synod or council. While synod can be described as an assembly of people it can, also, be seen as a process for making decisions that includes **listening and dialogue**. Within a synodal church the listening and dialogue is usually about interpreting how God is entering into the world today and how God is calling the church to apply the gospel to the circumstances of peoples' lives.

The Synod of Bishops was instituted as part of the governance of the universal church by Pope Paul VI in 1965. Pope Francis, then, in 2018 gave the Synod of Bishops authority to proclaim official teaching of the church. Francis, also, included **listening and dialogue sessions** among the laity to inform the deliberations of the bishops. In this way, Francis recognises that the living tradition of the church grows.

The bishops of Australia are now following this model of governance of the church in Australia **by inviting people to contribute to this living tradition** by sharing with others their perceptions of how to make sense, in contemporary Australia, of the Tradition of the church as expressed in the gospels and church teaching.

Opportunities **to contribute to the living tradition** of the church will be available in the Leo Mahon Room on:

Tuesday, December 4th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon;
Wednesday, December 12th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.;
Saturday, December 15th from 10:00 a.m. To 12:00 noon.

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

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Parish News...

We celebrate the eleventh anniversary of the Dedication of the Parish Church this weekend.

Candidates for Reconciliation Please keep these children in your prayers as they attend information classes. The Sacrament will be celebrated on the 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.

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 23/11/18: Bill Cantley, Reg Harrington, Rano Spiteri & Warren Sparrow.

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 25/11/18: Frances Giunta, Rose Giunta & Jenny Fitzgerald.

Morning Tea Roster 25/11/18: El Shaddai group

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 in the gathering area. Hampers to be returned by the weekend of 8/9 December.

Cuppa and a Chat: A group of seniors meet every third Monday in the Leo Mahon room, due 19th November, 1.00pm-2.30pm. If you would like to join us phone Bernard 4341 6343. Transport provided.

SVdP Volunteers Mass: Saturday, 24th November, 9am.

St. Vincent de Paul Cash Appeal: will be the weekend 1/2 December. Envelopes in the church this weekend. Your generosity would be appreciated. The need is great and support is sought in giving what we are able to give. All monies are used to support local families on the Peninsula.

Charitable Works Fund: Thank you for your generosity — a further \$2 027 was donated last weekend giving a total of \$9 508 for this appeal.

An initiative of the youth and other ministries, this Advent 2018.

St Patrick's Parish East Gosford will celebrate four Sunday night 8pm Masses open to all parishioners on the Central Coast. The Masses will be preceded by an hour of Adoration from 7pm, with light supper provided after each Mass. Reminiscent of the early Church that would celebrate the Mass underground, St Patrick's Parish would like to welcome all parishioners to attend what will be a beautiful celebration of the Eucharist by candlelight. For more information, please contact Matthew French on 0411 792 587.

You are welcome to attend St Joseph Associates’ Christmas Celebration at South Kincumber on 29th November, 2018. We meet in the Reflection Shed in the lovely surrounds at 3.00p.m. Hope to see you there to enjoy a cup of tea and a chat. Those wishing to attend can ring Reception on 4368 2805.

Reflection by © Fr Michael Tate

Have you ever seen those pictures of angels? They are like babies with delicate gossamer wings. How sentimental, how pathetically trivial, how untrue. Angels are more like the light-swords wielded by Luke Skywalker in Star Wars. The good angels are lightning flashes of energy serving God’s purpose in the battle against evil forces which can seem to dominate our worlds, private and social. God loved us into existence in order to share in his life, but there are forces at work trying to frustrate that. There is a cosmic-scale battle going on. Who is on our side in that battle? The angels. Who are they? They are non-bodily beings of great intelligence and power. Those are the angels, and those who have chosen to love and serve God are on our side. Some are archangels with a cosmic-scale brief. We hear of one in the first reading: ‘Michael, the great Prince who stands guard over your people’. Others are our individual Guardian Angels so that when powers of darkness seem to engulf us, we can turn to our Guardian Angel and say: ‘Fight for me’, and that light-sword of God will engage in battle because that is that sort of angel’s way of serving God. We could pause a moment to pray, thanking God for the Archangels who guard our church community and for our personal Guardian Angels, and asking our Lord Jesus Christ to command those angels to gather us as his chosen to share His glory.

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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