## OUT OF HOURS MEDICAL EMERGENCY St John the Baptist Church 0438 631 327

"He must increase, I must decrease"

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

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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: 4341 3367 Practice Wednesday nights in the church @ 7pm

## 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:

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**Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

Readings: 28th April 2019 Acts 5:12-16; Apoc 1:9-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31.

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

Recently Deceased: John Reid, Margaret Davin. Anniversaries: Mary Gatt, Bob Scholte, Felix Tadlas, Joseph Bugeja.

Remembrances Laurine and Catherine Francken.

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, 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, Ian Wilks, Daphne McNab, Shirley Crotty, Mary Dolan, John Corrigan, Hanna El Khatib, Tim Parker, Lorraine Smith, Alison Richmond, June Townsend Kathy Ward, Paul Kuether, Ken Joyce, Josie Weate, Audey Barsenbach, Ernie Mullins.





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**Mission and Vision** Bringing Jesus Christ to ALL, through: Worship and Liturgy Outreach **Our Parish School** Hospitality **Adult & Child Faith Formation** 

## Easter Sunday of the Resurrection 21 April 2019, Year C Gospel Reflection © Richard Leonard SJ.



A man was driving along the road when he saw the Easter Bunny hop into his lane. He swerved to avoid hitting the bunny, but couldn't do so. The basket of eggs went everywhere. The driver felt guilty and began to cry. A woman saw the man and pulled over. 'What's wrong?' she asked. 'I accidentally killed the Easter Bunny', he explained. The woman knew exactly what to do. She went to her car, pulled out a spray can, walked over to the bunny, and sprayed the entire contents over the little furry animal. Miraculously the Easter Bunny came back to life, jumped up, picked up his eggs, waved at them and hopped on down the road. Not far away the Easter Bunny stopped, turned around and waved again. He kept doing this for as far as they could see. The man was astonished. 'What in heaven's name is in that can you sprayed on the Easter Bunny?' The woman showed the man the label. It said: 'Hair spray. Restores life to dead hair. Adds permanent wave.'

For many of our children the bunny and its eggs are the most important thing about Easter. Over the millennia, Christianity has had a gift for domesticating local traditions and festivals, bringing them on board and making them our own. The name Easter comes from the Anglo Saxon spring festival in honour of the goddess Eostre. Her symbol was the rabbit and the giving of eggs were signs of new life bursting forth as winter withdrew. These associations only make sense in the northern hemisphere, but we can see why the early Christians could be so adaptable and inculturated with this local festival.

In both hemispheres Christians today celebrate Jesus being raised from the dead. In the New Testament there are two traditions about how the disciples come to know about Jesus' resurrection: the empty tomb and the apparitions of Christ. Today's Gospel belongs to the empty tomb tradition. On Magdalene's urging, Peter and John run to the tomb, find it empty and come to at least an initial belief about the resurrection of Jesus. We do not believe that God simply revived Jesus' corpse in the tomb, as our driver resuscitated the bunny in today's story. Easter Sunday does not celebrate the resuscitation of Jesus, but his Resurrection. We know his 'glorified body' was not the same as his human body because Jesus' presence could be encountered in several places simultaneously and he is reported to walk through walls and to vanish. The link between both resurrection traditions is the importance of Jesus' death. In the empty tomb accounts, as in today's gospel, the writers give us extraordinary details about the grave clothes. In the apparition narratives there are usually references to Jesus' wounds. Whatever way they came to experience the Resurrection of Christ, the disciples knew that this was Jesus who actually died and was buried and that their personal encounter was with the one who was crucified. What God did through the death and resurrection of Jesus is what Christians have done with local customs and festivals ever since: he entered into it, understood it, took it on board, domesticated it and vanguished its power. As a result we believe that God empathises with the full limitations of our human mortality and promises to remain faithful to us in death as he remained utterly faithful to Jesus.

That is why on this day 1,600 years ago St John Chrysostom could say on behalf of us all: 'Hell took a body, and discovered God. It took earth, and encountered Heaven. It took what it saw, and was overcome by what it could not see. O death, where is your sting? O Hell, where is your victory? Christ is Risen, and you, O death, are destroyed! Christ is Risen, and evil is cast down! Christ is Risen, and angels rejoice! Christ is Risen, and new life is set free! Christ is Risen, and the tomb is emptied of its dead; for Christ having risen from the dead, becomes the first-fruit of those who have fallen asleep. To Him be Glory and Power forever and ever. Amen!'

# WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church



# Parish News...

A very happy Easter to all and a warm welcome to our visitors. May our Risen Lord bless you during this holy season of Eastertide.

Receiving Holy Communion in our Parish: We welcome our visitors and ask all to respect the local practice of receiving the Lord's Body and Blood: the Body of Christ is received in the hand or the tongue and the Blood of Christ is received by drinking from the cup. We kindly ask you to refrain from dipping the host if this is your parish's custom.

Ecumenical Dawn Service on Easter Sunday morning, 21st April, 6am at Umina Beach Surf Club. Fr Timothy is preaching the homily & it is a very fulfilling service—please make an effort to come. Breakfast will be served at the Salvation Army Umina after the service.

Fr Philip will be leaving us to take up the role of Administrator of Warnervale Parish until December 2019. He will relocate to Warnervale on 29 April 2019. Parishioners are requested to bring a plate of food to share and farewell Fr Phillip after 9:15am Mass on Sunday 28 April. (The craft group are also rostered on morning tea on this day).

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday morning time has been changed from 11:30am to 9:30am (after 9am Mass).

**Good Friday Envelopes:** Donations will help to support the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing financial assistance to schools, medical centres, parishes and orphanages, welfare projects and poor Christians and it helps to preserve the sacred shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Envelopes are in the church for your convenience.

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Easter Offering Envelopes are in the church for your convenience.

Project Compassion: Please 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%.

#### **Divine Mercy Sunday**

Prayers 2.30pm-3.30pm, Sunday 28 April, Woy Woy church.

Volunteer Church Cleaning Roster: 26/4/19: Rano Spiteri, Christina Thorson, Warren Sparrow, Tom French.

Children's Liturgy 28/4/19: Anne-Maree Tonkin, Emma Baker, Michael Dixon

**Gur wonderful Joan Kelleher** has 🟅 🔶 officially resigned as Sacristan. Joan has 🄶 🕻 been volunteering in our church since 🕺 🎍 1983 & has been our Sacristan for more 🎍 than 15 years. We thank her 🎔 enormously for her incredible dedication & service to our parish in so many facets of church & parish life. 🎍 Her knowledge and attention to detail 🍎 🍷 will certainly be missed. Her tireless 🎔 🎍 work & time spent within these walls 🎍 will always be admired and our Parish has been blessed to have such a • wonderful steward ...all for God's glory! 



# **Charitable Works Fund**

The assessment for our parish for the year 2018/2019 is \$35 198.

We collected \$21 306 in the first two appeals in August & November 2018.

The third & final appeal for this year will be held 4th/5th May 2019. We need \$13 892 to meet our quota.

The CWF supports five vital services (details below).

Please can we all give generously. Envelopes available in the church. Parish Finance Committee.



## **Charitable Works Fund** Appeal

Weekend of 4/5 May 2019.

When you make your donation to the Charitable Works Fund, your donation helps 5 charities that help the people in the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay. The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD). Donations go towards training catechists and developing authorised curriculum materials for up to 21,000 Catholic students in public schools in the Diocese.

CatholicCare Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care

St Vincent de Paul Society on the Peninsula assist Program. Donations provide training and Pastoral and give a hand up to people in need. We have Care Practitioners to support staff, patients and their two Conferences with volunteers sharing the families in seven hospitals in our Diocese. visiting or office work. We always welcome new St Lucy's School. Donations go to providing resources Volunteers to our Conference. Please ring Ken for primary school students with special needs. 0400 335 351 or Joan 0422 272 339.

St Edmund's College. Donations go to providing resources for high school students with special needs. Ephpheta Centre. Donations go to support advocacy and sacramental programs for deaf and hard of hearing people.

Every dollar helps and 100% of your donation is tax deductible.



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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.

"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.



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