

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.

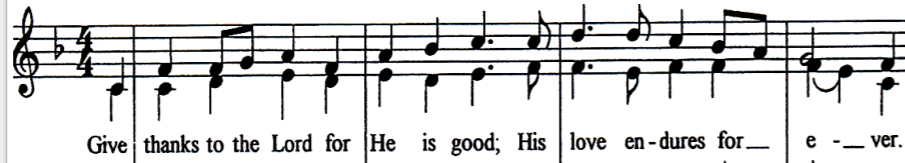
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
Baptism Preparation - 9.30am second
and fourth Sunday of the month
Sacrament of Baptism - 11.00am first
and third Sunday of the month . Please
contact the parish office for more
information.

**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

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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Psalm Response © Colin D. Smith cfc



Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; His love en-dures for e-ver.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;
happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! *Alleluia!*

3rd Sunday of Easter
Readings: 15th April 2018
Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19; Psalm 4:2, 4, 7, 9; 1 John 2:1-5
Luke 24: 35-48.
Readings can be found at www.usccb.org/bible/

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

Recently deceased: Daniel Hennessy, Kevin Conaghan.

Anniversaries: Sarah Vandenberg, Yves Stanislas, Geertruida Voormeulen, Natalie Juricic, (Gwen) Patricia McCarthy.

Remembrances: Sergei De Souza, Anna Juricic, Janet Dean, Laura Krauss.

Sick: Val Simpson, , Patricia Dwyer, Donna Vella, Oscar James Morreti, Donna Briemer, Joy Ball, Betty Fraser, Luis Emilio Garrido, Audrey Kirkman, Malin Tugaga, Beryl Reynolds, Pamela Power, Mary Scarf, Louis Aloisio, Olive Brittliff, Kevin Houghton, Fr Jack Robson, Darcy Green, Frank McLenaghan, Leon de Pradines, Margaret Davin, Helen Taylor, Amanda Sheridan, Vince Ryan, Karen Pearson, Margrate Sofie, Thambu George, Patricia Baxter, Marta Panczyna, Margaret Woollam.

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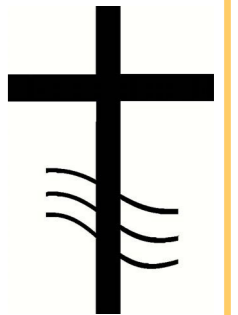


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St John the Baptist Catholic Church

Mission and Vision

Bringing Jesus Christ to ALL, through:
Worship and Liturgy
Outreach
Our Parish School
Hospitality
Adult Faith Formation



Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

8th April, 2018, Year B

Gospel Reflection

By Fr Michael Tate ©

The true believers in the Risen Christ kept Thomas the Doubter within their circle, rather than expelling him. This gave him a further opportunity to experience the very Real Presence of the Risen Lord and his gift of peace. Companionable patience is our best response to those struggling with belief in even fundamental tenets of the faith.

Thomas saw that the wounds of Christ were still present, not obliterated. Does this suggest that our redeemed bodies will bear the marks of the wounds unjustly inflicted on us? However, they will not be disabling to our personality because they will be incorporated into the resurrection life of Christ. Incredibly, our self-inflicted wounds, i.e. our sins, will be obliterated in the mercy of God.

Pope Francis emphasises that it was in responding to the invitation to touch the wounds of Christ that Thomas understood Christ's true identity, exclaiming: 'My Lord and my God'. It is only by touching the wounds of Christ in many different people in many different situations that we can authentically make the same act of faith.

We could take a moment to pray for the strength to touch the wounds of Christ in others, 'the least'. And we could pray that, wounded as we may be by the vagaries and injustices of life, we may be liberated from their evil effects as the Risen Lord adopts our wounds as his own.

Parish News...

We thank our Sacristan, Sacramental Coordinator and her team, RCIA members for preparing Sharon for Full Communion, Acolytes, Lectors, Wardens, Choir members and all Volunteers for all your dedication and selfless service to make this Lenten and Holy Week journey a meaningful and spiritual one. May the Risen Lord bless you and your families.

Easter House Blessing:

Fr Timothy is happy to visit and bless your house. Please call the Parish Office.

Senior and Junior Servers needed!!!

If you would like to assist at our Sunday Masses we would like you to join our team of Senior or Junior Servers. **Training will be provided.** Please contact our Parish office.

Children's Liturgy Meeting 15/4/18:

Therese Carroll, Hanna El Khatib, Michael Dixon.

Volunteer Church Cleaning Roster

13/4/18: Michael French, Christine French, Cheryl Sillick, Laurie Jarvis.

Divine Mercy Sunday:

Prayers 2.30pm-3.30pm, Sunday 8th April, Woy Woy church.

Lectio Divina & Bible Study Group:

Monday 9 April, 2.30pm-4pm, Leo Mahon Room.

Parish Pastoral Council :

members are requested to attend a meeting on Tuesday 10th April at 7pm.

Parish Finance Committee: members are requested to attend a meeting on Thursday 12th April at 7.30pm.

Bus Trip: to Nelson Bay, Wednesday, 11th April. Leaving at 8.45am. Lunch at club. Cost \$20. Morning tea supplied. Contact Susie Casey 0403 417 639.

Cuppa and a Chat: A group of seniors meet every third Monday in the Leo Mahon room, due 16th April, 1.30pm-3pm. If you would like to join us phone Bernard 4341 6343. Transport provided.

Easter Appeals: Thank you for your generosity. Project Compassion received \$7 772 & the Good Friday, Holy Land collection raised \$2 497.

St John the Baptist Parish & School Dinner Dance



26TH MAY @ THE SCHOOL HALL, 7pm

Live band featuring music from the 60's to present day.

Three course meal,
glass of champagne on arrival.

BYO drinks.

Tickets \$45 from parish or school offices.

Vatican Astronomer Br Guy Consolmagno SJ

The Diocese of Broken Bay welcomes Br Guy Consolmagno SJ, the Director of the Vatican Observatory, for a series of presentations in April. Br Guy holds a PhD in Planetary Science, and will explore the fascinating topic of how faith and science co-exist. Be enriched by this stimulating conversation about the connectedness of life, science and faith. Br Guy has published a number of books, the latest titled "Would You Baptise an Extraterrestrial?"

Monday 30 April: "Looking Up at the Stars:

We're all Connected" 7.00pm – 9.30pm, St Peter's Catholic College, Tuggerah. Includes a viewing of the night sky with telescopes (weather permitting)
Enquiries: faith.formation@dbb.org.au or 9847 0428 RSVP: www.trybooking.com/UCJL

Parishioner looking for accommodation. Single male, non-smoker, requiring cabin or flat under \$200 a week. Call Ruth 0400 434 489

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 Peter 0425 358 376 or Joan 0422 272 339.

Mary Mac's 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.

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. **P r o c e e d s b e n e f i t P a r i s h .** Enquiries Rob: 0427 990 818.

The Father Factor: If there were some practical things I can do to build my relationship with my children as a father, what would they be? How much of my life is affected by a good relationship with my father? To find some answers to these questions and more, come and see Robert Falzon, acclaimed author and speaker of the 'Father Factor' seminars. He will be addressing the important role of fathers in society, providing practical information on being an intentional father and recovering from absent fathering. All most welcome, in particular, fathers.

Date: Thursday, 10 May

Time: 7.30pm—9.30pm

Venue: Holy Spirit Church, 55 Kincumber Street, Kincumber.

RSVP: faith.formation@dbb.org.au or Cristina Gomez 9847 0428 by 4 May.

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 conduct special religious education classes at the four Primary State Schools in our Parish. Experience isn't necessary—but Volunteers are always needed—to teach and help. Details: Susie 0411 566 622 without any obligation.

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