

**OUT OF HOURS MEDICAL EMERGENCY**  
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"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  
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Website: www.woywoycatholic.org.au  
**St John the Baptist Primary School:**  
Principal: Nicole Cumming, 21a Dulkara Rd, South Woy Woy  
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Psalm Response  
response:  
  
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**Gospel Acclamation**  
*Alleluia, alleluia!* Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;  
my branches bear much fruit. *Alleluia!*

**6th Sunday of Easter**  
Readings: 6th May 2018  
Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Psalm 97:1-4; 1 John 4:7-10  
John 15: 9-17. Readings can be found at [www.usccb.org/bible/](http://www.usccb.org/bible/)

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

**Recently deceased:** Eileen Moffatt, Joyce Hall.

**Anniversaries:** Maggie Moreau, Bob Scholte, Dick Oakes, Marie McDonald

**Remembrances:** Ellen & David O'Regan, Pat Lang, Barbara Cooper  
**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, Sue James, Greg Glanz, Hannah El Khatib, Mary Wood.

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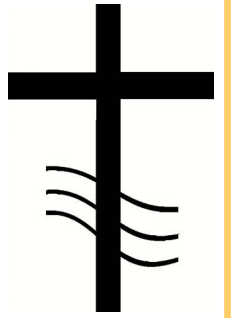


# WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH

## St John the Baptist Catholic Church

### Mission and Vision

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



### Charitable Works Fund (CWF)

The assessment for our parish for the year 2017/2018 is \$36 147. The final appeal (of 3) for this financial year will be held 5/6 May 2018. We still have a shortfall of \$17 595.50 before our final appeal. If we still have a shortfall this year, we are still liable to make this up sometime. The Diocesan Office at Pennant Hills has need of this money for all their works. Please can we all give generously. Parish Finance Committee.

### Fifth Sunday of Easter

**29th April, 2018, Year B (Psalter Week 1)**

**Gospel Reflection By Fr Michael Tate ©**



We are too familiar with today's gospel. Christ is the vine and we are the branches, sometimes in need of a good pruning. But God's purpose is not to produce a perfect vineyard. It is to produce a full-bodied wine at the end of history.

There is a foretaste of this at every Mass. The wine we offer – 'fruit of the earth and work of human hands' – becomes the spiritual drink which best serves the purpose of our Heavenly Father. How does this happen?

For the Jewish people observing an animal whose throat is cut, it is obvious that the life drains out with the blood. 'Life' and 'blood' became synonyms. So, when the Jewish Jesus says of the wine in the chalice at the Last Supper: 'This is my blood', amongst other things he is saying: 'This is

my life force, this is my very life given unreservedly for you.'

So, when we drink from the chalice at Holy Communion, the life of the Risen Lord courses through our bodies just as the sap of the vine courses through its branches. We share the same ultimate vitality so that our bodily existence builds into the Body of Christ. He becomes truly 'full-bodied' as the Divine Vignerone desires.

We could take a moment to pray that we respond to the pruning and the tending and the pressing by our Heavenly Father so as to contribute our distinctive character to the vintage at the end of history, the spiritual drink of the Kingdom of Heaven.

## Parish News...

**First Holy Communion:** Please pray for our children making their first Holy Communion over the next four weeks.

### **Easter House Blessing:**

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

**Children's Liturgy 6/5/18:** Mary Wood, Michael Dixon, Gerri O'Keefe.

**Volunteer Church Cleaning Roster 4/5/18:** Tom French, Reg Harrington, Linda Potestas, Jo Salter.

**Lectio Divina & Bible Study Group:** Monday 30 April, 2.30pm-4pm, Leo Mahon Room.

### **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.

**Bus Trip** to Palm Beach, Wednesday, 2nd May leaving 8:45am. Cost \$20 includes morning tea. Contact Susie Casey 0403 417 639. Our Parish Courtesy Bus is not equipped to carry walkers safely. We regret that patrons are not permitted to carry walkers onto our bus. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Walkers are retained by the Church for use by patrons of the Courtesy Bus who would need them when they arrive at the Church for Mass.

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.

## Charitable Works Fund Appeal

Weekend of 5/6 May 2018.

Envelopes available in the church.

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 Program.** Donations provide training and Pastoral Care Practitioners to support staff, patients and their families in seven hospitals in our Diocese.

**St Lucy's School.** Donations go to providing resources for primary school students with special needs.

**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.

**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 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.

**Pentecost Sunday 20th May-** Catholic Charismatic Renewal Celebrations at OLQP Parish Greystanes. Principal Celebrant Fr. Isuru Weliwatte MGL. Commencing 11.30am with Prayer & Praise, followed by Mass, lunch and healing service. Enquiries 96341654, 98102499 or [www.ccrnsw.org.au](http://www.ccrnsw.org.au)

**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** 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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