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"He must increase, I must decrease"

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Administrator

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Assistant Priest

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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  
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**St John the Baptist Primary School:**  
Principal: Nicole Cumming, 21a Dulkara Rd, South Woy Woy  
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Psalm Response



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**Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia, alleluia!* Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful  
and kindle in them the fire of your love. *Alleluia!*

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:** Andrew Tebbutt.

**Anniversaries:** Kevin Bemrose, Beryl Allen.

**Remembrances:** Patrick Byrne, Mary & George Hilliard, Hilliard  
brothers, Kevin Mills, Mills family, Bernie Hanna, Leslie Denning,  
Valerie Price.

**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,  
Frank McLenaghan, Leon de Pradines, Margaret Davin,  
Helen Taylor, Amanda Sheridan, Vince Ryan, Karen Pearson,  
Margrate Sofie, Thambu George, Marta Panczyna,  
Margaret Woollam, Sue James, Hannah El Khatib, Mary Wood,  
Therese Horner, Betty Cavanagh.

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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 & Child Faith Formation



Pentecost Sunday

20th May, 2018, Year B (Psalter Week 4)

**Gospel Reflection** By Richard Leonard SJ ©



Recently I considered buying a Bose 'sound wave' speaker system. For a small box it gave the best sound reproduction I have ever heard. In comparison to the hi-fi I presently have, its bass notes are strong and true, which gives the music a sense of presence, a foundation upon which the treble rises and falls as the music dictates. This machine allows an exceptional clarity to the sound, so that the composer's work can be properly heard.

In the Acts of the Apostles today we are told that the crowd who heard the earliest disciples of Jesus understood them in his or her own language. Now that's clarity! It wasn't so much the gift of tongues the earliest disciples received as much as their hearers received the gift of ears, of listening.

When it comes to listening in the Church today, some people mistake mono for stereo, uniformity for unity. At the first Pentecost, the earliest Christians had no such difficulty; they knew that speaking the same language was not as important as was careful listening to one another.

The early Church was a very complex and diverse community. Like today they had their struggles with one another. Within a few years of the first Pentecost, there were fights between Peter and Paul over Jewish and Gentile converts. There were people who died for the faith and others who betrayed them to the authorities. Some Christians thought they were for Paul or Apollos rather than for Jesus, and still others thought the end of the world was nigh. Through it all, however, the bass notes played: the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The Second Vatican Council helped us recover the most ancient tradition in our faith, that in various, unexpected and inculturated ways the Word of God has been present in all peoples, in every culture. We now hold that whenever the Gospel has been proclaimed in a new land, it compliments the best in that culture as well as correcting aspects of any culture which oppress, demean and diminish the women and men within it.

In this process, what is born between Christ and an individual culture is an inculturated faith, which takes as seriously as the early Church did the context in which our faith is proclaimed and lived.

Pentecost faith holds that while we build our faith on that of all the believers who have gone before us, we have the responsibility to listen to our contemporary culture and put it into conversation with the Gospel. That's why courage is one of the Holy Spirit's pre-eminent gifts. We are not allowed to retreat from the world but are sent out to enter into conversation with it, and hear in this dialogue the symphony God is composing here and now between the treble of our daily life over the continuing bass line of Christ's life, death and resurrection.

Let's pray that this Pentecost Eucharist hones our ears as well as prepares our tongues to clearly receive and proclaim the Gospel of Christ in the market places of our own day and age.

## Parish News...

**First Holy Communion:** Please pray for our children making their first Holy Communion this week.

**Sacrament of Confirmation:** The Catholic Parish of Woy Woy Peninsula is about to start a programme to prepare baptised Catholic children who are currently in Year 2 or above and have reached the age of discretion (normally about 7 years of age) for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The parent or guardian who will accompany the child through the programme is required to attend an Information Night on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2018, at 7.30pm, Walter Baker Hall, 100 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy. Enrolment forms will be handed out on the night. Further enquiries please call the Parish Office 4341 1073.

**Liturgy Team meeting:** This Thursday, 24th May, 7.30pm.

**Volunteer Church Cleaning Roster 25/5/18:** Warren Sparrow, Rano Spiteri, Cheryl Sillick & Bev Whackett.

**SVdP Volunteers Mass:** Saturday, 26th May, 9am.

**Morning Tea Roster 27/5/18:** Spanish Prayer group.

**Children's Liturgy 27/5/18:** Celeste Boonaerts, Carol Yates & Shadeeqh Quoi Hoi.

**Catechist's Monthly meeting:** Lots of news to share this Thursday, May 24, 9:00am in the Leo Mahon Room. Please do your best to attend. Susie.

**"Save The Date" The Live, Pray, Love Project:** Trivia Night on Saturday 16 June, Walter Baker Hall (Old church) at 6.30pm. Organise a table of 8 of your friends. BYO food and drinks. Great prizes. Entry - donation. For more information phone Gladys Leger 0421 312 362.

**Children's Mass:** Children and their families are invited to be involved in a special Mass at our church on Friday evening, 22nd June (time to be advised). This will be part of our preparation and celebration of the Feast Day of St John the Baptist on Sunday 24th June. Children of all ages and their families are welcome to be involved. Please contact Celeste Boonaerts for information 0407 703 759.

**Feast Day:** The Parish Pastoral Council is organising a parish event to mark the feast day of our patron Saint John the Baptist on Sunday 24 June 2018. If you would like to take part or have ideas please phone Gladys Leger on 0421 312 362 or Bernard French on 0407 214 699. The PPC is inviting a representative from each parish ministry to attend a meeting on Monday 4 June, 6.30pm in the Leo Mahon room. Please phone parish office to confirm your attendance. There will be a parish council meeting following this meeting.

**Parish Pastoral Council:** Next meeting will be Monday, 4 June at 7pm. This will replace the cancelled meeting of Tuesday, 12th June.

**Cuppa and a Chat:** A group of seniors meet every third Monday in the Leo Mahon room, due 21st May, 1.00pm-2.30pm. If you would like to join us phone Bernard 4341 6343. Transport provided.

**Communion in hospital:** Please call the Parish Office if you or a parishioner are in hospital and would like to receive Holy Communion. There have been cases where some weekend hospital staff on the Peninsula are unable to provide lists of Catholic patients.

### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for May

The Mission of the Laity  
That the lay faithful may fulfil their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

**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.

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

Payments due now.

**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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