

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

Parish Office: Open Monday to Friday 9.30am to 4.00pm

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Psalm Response

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:
To God who is, who was, and who is to come. *Alleluia!*

Readings can be found at www.usccb.org/bible/

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

Recently deceased: Keith McGuigan, Jan McCabe, Nolin Millson,
Greg Glanz.

Anniversaries: Natalia Soler, Allan Roferos

Remembrances: Atty & Mrs C.R.Castillo.

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, Jack Dummett, Vicki Pirie,
Yvonne Beattie.

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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

The Most Holy Trinity

27th May, 2018, Year B (Psalter Week 4)

Gospel Reflection By Richard Leonard SJ ©



One of the things we often hear in times of domestic, local or international crisis is that 'everyone pulled together'. We are rightly proud, and a few times amazed, at how people can set aside their differences and strive for the common good. Sometimes this experience of working together has the long-lasting benefit of breaking down boundaries. Other times, sadly, old enmities, prejudices and suspicions return when the crisis is over.

Trinity Sunday celebrates that whether we are in crisis or not, in season and out of season, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit do nothing but 'pull together' to love and save us. What we glimpse as the best attribute of our family, town or nation defines who our Christian God is, and what they see, how they judge and the way they act toward the world.

A famous icon of the Trinity depicts the three persons at a table where there are four place settings. The final place, in the lower half of the painting, invites the viewer to take the seat and join them. It's profound theology and masterful art, but we can quickly misunderstand it.

We are not just personally invited to join in the very life of God, and pull together with them in their loving and saving of the world. The seat at the table is reserved for all of humanity.

In practical terms it is impossible to profess belief in the Trinity, on the one hand, and then work at things which pull the human family apart, on the other. It is scandalous to hold to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and be known as racist, bigoted and sexist, to not care about refugees or those who die each day of starvation. We cannot keep signing ourselves in the name of a Triune God and then work hard at getting richer and more secure while the rest of humanity grow poorer and lack the necessities for human dignity.

Ghandi once said, 'I love the New Testament and the Christian ideas about God and I would take the waters of Christian baptism tomorrow if I saw Christians practise what they the preach.'

Trinity Sunday is not about theological mathematics, working out how three goes into one. It's about gaining the strength at this Eucharist to pull together to see that all of God's children have the opportunity to hear the good news of how much God loves us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and so can take their privileged place at God's table. Most people will learn about the saving love of God primarily through the way they observe us seeing, judging and acting.

It's not by accident that in our Catholic tradition the usual moment we invoke the Trinity is when we make the sign of the cross. It reminds us that 'we cannot have our cake and eat it too'. Every time we profess the Trinity we recommit ourselves to die to self so that God's saving love may be realised for everyone, everywhere.

So let's not only profess our belief in the three persons that make up our one God, but live the life that goes with it, 'In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.'

Parish News...

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 28th 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.

Volunteer Church Cleaning Roster

1/6/18: Pam Hickey, Christine French, Jo Salter & Tom French.

"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.

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal:

Will be held on the weekend of 9th & 10th June 2018. Envelopes in the church this weekend.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Mt Carmel Retreat Centre June Retreats

Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Rd, Varroville.
Phone: 02 8795 3400
retreats@carmelite.com
www.carmeliteretreats.com.au

Immersed in your beauty

Presenter: Sr Nory Ordiz, CM
Jun 2: 10:00 am – 4:30 pm
Cost: \$30
Pick-ups from Minto train station at 9.30am and 10.00am
(please remember to bring your own lunch)
"Let us rejoice, Beloved, and let us go forth to behold ourselves in your beauty" (Stanza 36, Spiritual Canticle).

Artist's retreat

The Light of Hope and Peace
Jun 15: 6:00 pm – Jun 17 1:30 pm
Cost: \$280.00 (concessions apply)

Presenters: John Charadia & Guest Tutors

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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