



WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

"He must increase, I must decrease" (Jn 3:30)



8th June 2025
Pentecost Sunday

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MASS TIMES & OTHER WORSHIP

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil - 5.00pm

Sundays - 7.30am, 9.15am and 5.00pm

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday: Morning prayer at 8.15am followed by the Mass at 8.30am

Saturdays & Public holidays - 9.00am

Healing Service

First Friday of the month during Mass at 4.00pm

Nursing Home Masses:

Hillview House—3rd Thurs of the month 10.30am

Peninsula Village—4th Thurs of the month 10.00am

BlueWave—2nd Fri of the month 9.30am

Reconciliation/Confession

Fridays—9.00am

First Friday of the month - 3.30pm

Saturdays - 9.30am and 4.30pm

Sundays - 7.00am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday evenings from 7.00pm - 8.00pm

Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Mon—Fri - 8.30am—3.00pm

Christian Meditation

Monday evenings - 6.00pm - 7.00pm

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PARISH CONTACTS

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As we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, the season of Easter reaches its final climax. This Sunday we celebrate and experience the powerful outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the whole church and on all those who call themselves disciples and followers of the risen Lord.

Last Sunday when we celebrated the Ascension of Jesus, he promised his followers that he would send them the Holy Spirit and that they would be filled with power from high. Theirs and our waiting is over. Today with the whole church we celebrate Pentecost Sunday. This is not something that happened a long time ago to other people. It is happening today, here and now. Today each of us is filled with and anointed with the same powerful Holy Spirit.

The first followers of Jesus weren't strong, courageous or even very faithful. They betrayed Jesus. They denied and deserted him when he needed them the most. After his death they hid themselves away in fear. They had lost all heart and hope.

Then the strangest thing happens to them. The house is filled with the sound of a mighty wind and the sight of fire! These frightened and frail men and women are now transformed. Through the Holy Spirit, they are given new hope, new heart and new purpose. Their fear and silence is replaced by courage and conviction. They leave their hiding place and make their way into the streets and proclaim the good news of the resurrection. They become new people with a new message. At that very moment the missionary church was born.

We are no different than these ordinary men and women. Through our baptism and confirmation, each of us has been filled and anointed with the exact same Holy Spirit. Just as the first followers of Jesus proclaimed the good news about him, we too are called to do likewise today. Just as these men and women were transformed into energetic and outspoken witnesses of Jesus, we too are called and invited to be changed by the Holy Spirit.

There is nothing gentle, mild or gentle about Pentecost. The Holy Spirit is powerful, life-changing and energetic. The Holy Spirit challenges us and calls us to change.

As we celebrate the birth of the missionary church, we pray that each of us will be refreshed and renewed by the Holy Spirit. May we do what Pope Francis asks of each of us, **'Go out again and again, without hesitation without fear and proclaim this joy which is for all people...'**

<https://oblates.ie/gospel-reflection-for-pentecost-sunday-2/>

Parish News:

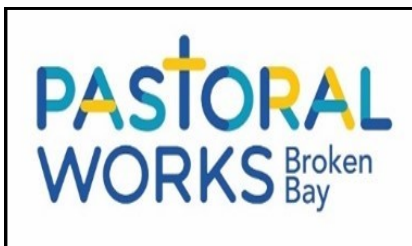
- We offer our sincere condolences to Fr Vincent on the sad passing of his sister Tresa Mary in India. May her gentle soul rest in peace.
- Fr Timothy will be attending a Clergy Conference next week from Monday to Thursday. We give grateful thanks to Fr Bill Stevens who will celebrate Mass during Fr Timothy's absence.
- The office will be closed on Monday, 9th June. Mass is scheduled for 9.00am.

Urgent Call for Volunteers: We are in urgent need of the following volunteers: Acolytes, Eucharistic Ministers, Piety Stall, Readers, Senior Servers, Sacristans. If you would like to volunteer please register your details on the list in the Gathering Area. Full training will be provided.

Confirmation Programme 2025: The candidates for Confirmation will be presented to the Parish Community at Masses on 14th & 15th June. Preparation lessons will begin the week of 16th June and continue for three weeks. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at St John the Baptist Church at 6.00pm on Thursday, 7th August.

Morning Tea: There will be a morning tea after 9.15am Mass this Sunday organised by St John the Baptist School. All welcome.

Missionaries of St Francis de Sales Appeal: Fr Timothy is having an appeal this weekend for the Missionaries of St Francis de Sales to support their outreach and evangelisation work in Zambia.



Many thanks for your kind generosity in supporting our Pastoral Works Broken Bay Appeal. Our quota for the year was \$32,416 and a total of \$28,971 was raised. We will utilise our general funds for the shortfall.

Cleaners for 13th June: Anne-Marie Young, Elena Egan, Tom French, Frances Giunta.

Readers for 14th & 15th June:

Saturday 5.00pm—Marie Andrews, Jane Somerville, Leonie King

Sunday 7.30am—Isaak Giunta, Joel Bajo, Phoebe Glacken

Sunday 9.15am—Emma Baker, Dawn Torrens, Violetta Chol

Sunday 5.00pm—Lorena Lalor, Peter Smith, Kris Aitken

Servers for 14th & 15th June:

Saturday 5.00pm—Paul Cavanagh, Vincent Cavanagh

Sunday 7.30am—Paul Nolan, Jenny Fitzgerald

Sunday 9.15am—Bob Wilson, Hanaa El-Khatib, Joesie Cameron

Sunday 5.00pm—Darrin Patterson

Craft Group: The craft group meets each Thursday in the Walter Baker Hall from 9.00am to 12.00pm. All welcome.

Parish Census Form: Welcome to all new parishioners. You can now collect a blank Parish Census Form from the Gathering Area of the Church. Please place completed forms in the Census Forms box or email to woywoyparish@bbccatholic.org.au. If you have submitted a form in recent times and your details haven't changed there is no need to complete another one.

Funeral Announcements:

- The life of John Cochrane will be celebrated at St John the Baptist Church on Monday, 16th June at 10.30am.
- The life of Maree Oliver will be celebrated at St John the Baptist Church on Thursday, 19th June at 11.30am.

We wish both John and Maree's family and friends our sincere condolences.

Introduction to Pastoral Care Course 2025: Volunteer Catholic Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion visit hospitals throughout the Diocese of Broken Bay providing comfort and care to Catholic patients. Our Diocese and NSW Health require that 40

hours of training is completed to perform this important role. The Introduction to Pastoral Care Course (IPCC) meets this requirement, is FREE and is open to those who already volunteer in a hospital context, or in local health and aged care facilities, and to those who might be deciding if they are suited to this ministry. Some of the key qualities we are looking for in anyone who may be considering being part of this hospital ministry are:

- A genuine prayerful faith life including reverence for and regular participation in Sunday Eucharist
- An ability to listen and a willingness to refer on when necessary
- A warm, friendly, empathetic disposition
- The ability to relate to people of different ages, personalities and backgrounds
- A respect for others and their diversity
- The ability to work as part of a team
- Enthusiasm, motivation and professionalism
- A compassionate heart

Please note that this role is not suitable for those seeking to proselytise. The course will be offered on five consecutive Wednesdays: July 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 between 9.00am and 3.00pm at CatholicCare Central Coast Family Centre (10/10 Pioneer Avenue, Tuggerah). Morning tea and lunch will be provided. Please speak to Fr Timothy for more information, or contact Peter Brown, Practice Manager Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care, CatholicCare Diocese of Broken Bay on 0418 616 602.

Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

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St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School is enrolling now for Kindergarten 2026. Other grades can apply at any time.

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1: Acts 2:1-11

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were astounded, and in amazement they asked, "Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his native language? We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travellers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God."

Responsorial Psalm:

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord O my soul! Lord God, how great you are, clothed in great glory and majesty, wrapped in light as in a robe.

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

How great are your works, O Lord! In your wisdom you have made them all. The earth is full of your riches. O bless the Lord, O my soul.

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your Spirit they are created; and you renew the face of the earth.

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Reading 2: Rom 8:8-17

Brothers and sisters: Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive because of righteousness. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit that dwells in you. Consequently, brothers and sisters, we are not debtors to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a Spirit of adoption, through whom we cry, "Abba, Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Alleluia:

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

R. Alleluia!

Gospel: Jn 14:15-16, 23-26

Jesus said to his disciples: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always. "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words; yet the word you hear is not mine but that of the Father who sent me. "I have told you this while I am with you. The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you."

Readings for the Week:

Monday, 9th June:

Tuesday, 10th June:

Wednesday, 11th June:

Thursday, 12th June:

Friday, 13th June:

Saturday, 14th June:

Sunday, 15th June:

The Blessed Virgin Mary - Gen 3:9-15, 20/Ps 86:1-2, 3, 5-7/Jn 19:25-34

2 Cor 1:18-22/Ps 118:129-133/Mt 5:13-16

St Barnabas - Acts 11:21-26, 13:1-3/Ps 97:1-6/Mt 10:7-13

2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6/Ps 84:9-14/Mt 5:20-26

St Anthony of Padua - 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 115:10-11, 15-18/Mt 5:27-32

2 Cor 5:14-21/Ps 102:1-4, 8-9, 11-12/Mt 5:33-37

The Most Holy Trinity - Prov 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-9/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15

Let us keep in our prayers:

Recently deceased: John Cochrane, Stephen Giles, Una Maloney, Maree Oliver, Frances Ozment, Nancy Portelli, Tresa Mary, Joseph Tonna

Anniversary: Louis & Rose Aloisio, Margaret Juratowitch, Allan Roferos, Edward Shannon, Esteban Soler, Frank Vella

Remembrance: Molly & Jack Dunne, Reg, Pat & Paul Hogan

Sick: Pat Anson, Jackie Ascic, Alan Ball, Kathleen Bezzina, Lorraine Blandford, Roberto Bocor, Fr Michael Brady, Rae Busby, Bill de Rooy, Anne-Marie Dixon, Marie Dixon, Iris Drewett, Marie Drewett, Aline Fauvette, Dympna Fitzpatrick, Frances Glanz, Jason Harwood, David Hopkins, Bill Hunt, Marge Lawrence, Kay McCormack, Betty & Sean McDermott, Ronald Matthews, Theresa Mitchell, Oscar James Moretti, Maureen Mullane, Ada-Primrose Murphy, Marta Panczyna, Kenneth John Reddacliff, Fr Reggio, Anthony Salis, Brooke Simmons, Susie Simmons, Charlotte Stenson, Barry Tierney, Patricia Toohey, Donna Vella, Minda Valoba, Josie Weate, Pauline White, Janelle Whiteland, Melissa Wong, Willy Woods, Jonathon Zdilar

Pope Leo's June Intention:

Pope Leo XIV releases his first monthly prayer intention for the month of June, inviting the faithful to pray "that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from His Heart, learn to have

PARISH COLLECTIONS

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2nd Collection: Funds the operational management of the Parish

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