



WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH

St John the Baptist Catholic Church



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

22nd February 2026
1st Sunday of Lent Year A

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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 7.30pm - 8.30pm **until further notice**

Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Mon—Fri - 8.30am—3.00pm

Christian Meditation

Monday evenings - 6.00pm - 7.00pm

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Parish Priest — Fr Timothy Raj MSFS

Assistant Priest — Fr John Prince VC

Parish Secretary — Triona Meagher

For emergencies requiring a Priest, please call 02 4398 9076

First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

The LORD God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life, and so man became a living being. Then the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and placed there the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the LORD God made various trees grow that were delightful to look at and good for food, with the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Now the serpent was the most cunning of all the animals that the LORD God had made. The serpent asked the woman, "Did God really tell you not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?" The woman answered the serpent: "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; it is only about the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden that God said, 'You shall not eat it or even touch it, lest you die.'" But the serpent said to the woman: "You certainly will not die! No, God knows well that the moment you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods who know what is good and what is evil." The woman saw that the tree was good for food, pleasing to the eyes, and desirable for gaining wisdom. So she took some of its fruit and ate it; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realised that they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 50)

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19

Brothers and sisters: Through one man sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all men, inasmuch as all sinned—for up to the time of the law, sin was in the world, though sin is not accounted when there is no law. But death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin after the pattern of the trespass of Adam, who is the type of the one who was to come. But the gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one, the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many. And the gift is not like the result of the one who sinned. For after one sin there was the judgment that brought condemnation; but the gift, after many transgressions, brought acquittal. For if, by the transgression of the one, death came to reign through that one, how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of justification come to reign in life through the one Jesus Christ. In conclusion, just as through one transgression condemnation came upon all, so, through one righteous act, acquittal and life came to all. For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so, through the obedience of the one, the many will be made righteous.

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry. The tempter approached and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread." He said in reply, "It is written: *One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.*" Then the devil took him to the holy city, and made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written: *He will command his angels concerning you and with their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone.*" Jesus answered him, "Again it is written, *You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.*" Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." At this, Jesus said to him, "Get away, Satan! It is written: *The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.*" Then the devil left him and, behold, angels came and ministered to him.

Safeguarding: Should a parishioner have any safeguarding concerns please contact our Safeguarding Team Members: Jenny Dempsey 0438 423 293 or Margaret Dixon.

Parish News:

Catechist Sunday: We will be celebrating Catechist Sunday this Sunday and having a morning tea following 9.15am Mass. All welcome.

Project Compassion: This Sunday, as we celebrate the First Sunday of Lent, we take a moment to pause and reflect at the very beginning of this sacred season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code. **Or online at:** www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate **Or by calling:** 1800 024 413. Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent*.

Coffee Machine: We have purchased a coffee machine and are awaiting delivery. We will keep you up to date with progress.

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Children's Liturgy of the Word takes place on Sundays during 9.15am Mass.

Small Groups for Lent: There is a Lenten Reflection group on Fridays at 9.15am (except 6th March) in the Leo Mahon Room.

Way of the Cross each Friday during Lent at 6.30pm followed by Eucharist and Reflection, except on the 1st Friday, 6th March, when Way of the Cross will be at 3.30pm followed by Anointing Mass and Reflection.

World Day of Prayer: There will be a World Day of prayer on Friday, 6th March at 10.00am. It is to be held at the Presbyterian Church, 120 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy. There will be light refreshments after the service. All welcome.

Lenten Retreat: There will be a half day Lenten retreat at St John the Baptist Church on Saturday, 7th March. It will begin at 9.00am with Mass and conclude with a light lunch. Further details to come. For catering purposes, please register your name on the list in the gathering area.

St John the Baptist Men's Group: The Men's group are running a Lenten group every Monday during Lent from 7.00-8.00pm in the Leo Mahon Room. All welcome.

Liturgical Formation Series 1 - The Art of Celebrating Holy Week: Members of Parish Liturgy Committees, Acolytes, Ministers at the Altar, Senior Servers and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion are warmly invited to attend this day seminar which will focus on the different Holy Week – Easter Triduum liturgies; Palm Sunday, Mass of the Lord's Supper, Good Friday,

Holy Saturday & Easter Sunday.

Date: Saturday, 14th March 2026

Time: 9.30am – 3.00pm

Venue: Main site – Caroline Chisholm Centre, Pennant Hills; Hub site – The Ambrose Centre, The Entrance

More information: mission@bbcatholic.org.au

Easter Raffle: We will be having an Easter raffle in the coming weeks. Further details to follow.

Youth Group: We are in the process of reinstating our St John the Baptist Youth Group. Please record your name in the gathering area if you are interested in joining the group.

First Fruits Offering: As we begin the second year of our First Fruits planned-giving initiative, we give thanks for the generosity that has already strengthened our community. Your commitment has sustained the mission, ministries and ongoing maintenance of your parish. We invite you once again to reflect on God's blessings and consider renewing or deepening your First Fruits offering for the year ahead. Look out for the QR codes for simple, easy planned giving. You can donate at any time by clicking the 'give now' button on our website www.woywoyparish.org.au. Alternatively, our bank details for direct credit are:

Account name: Woy Woy Peninsula Parish

BSB: 062 784

Account no: 10000 1742

Cleaners for 27th February: Linda Thurlow, Tom French, Patrick Donnellan, Jennifer Bailey.

Readers for 28th & February & 1st March:

Saturday 5.00pm Dawn Torrens, Leonie King, Kate Bravo

Sunday 7.30am Dorothy Fulton, Isaak Giunta, Phoebe Glacken

Sunday 9.15am Michael Dixon, Jacqui Scholte, Violetta Chol

Sunday 5.00pm Kris Aitken, Peter Smith, Marian Bowyer

Servers for 28th & February & 1st March:

Saturday 5.00pm Joel Bajo, Joesie Cameron

Sunday 7.30am Peter French, Paul Nolan

Sunday 9.15am Joesie Cameron, Jenny Fitzgerald

Sunday 5.00pm Darrin Patterson

Let us keep in our prayers:

Anniversary: John Alexander, Mary Catania, Fatima Fawzy, Bill Finlayson, Sid Flakelar, Sam Grima

Remembrance: Charlie & Peter Grima, Beverley McMahan, Sara Selim

Sick: Alan Ball, Kathleen Bezzina, Lorraine Blandford, Luke Bohun, Paul Cavanagh, Matthew Cooper, Anabel Craddock, Bill de Rooy, Anne-Marie Dixon, Marie Dixon, Iris Drewett, Aline Fauvette, Maureen Fotheringham, Frances Glanz, Jason Harwood, Thomas J, Marge Lawrence, Betty & Sean McDermott, Ronald Matthews, Theresa Mitchell, Oscar James Moretti, Maureen Mullane, Ada-Primrose Murphy, Bill & Colleen O'Farrell, Marta Panczyna, Joan Parbery, Dianne & Trevor Randle, Fr Reggo, Anthony Salis, Susie Simmons, Barry Tierney, Patricia Toohey, Donna Vella, Melissa Wong, Willy Woods, Jonathon Zdilar



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