



WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



9th November 2025

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

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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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When the Emperor Constantine granted full liberty to Christians in 313, they did not spare in order to construct places for the Lord. Constantine himself also constructed churches, one of which was a magnificent basilica on the Caelian Hill in Rome, over the ancient Lateran Palace, which Pope Sylvester I dedicated to Christ the Saviour (318 or 324). A chapel dedicated to Saint John the Baptist was built inside it which served as the baptistry. This moved Pope Sergius III to dedicate it to Saint John the Baptist as well. Lastly, Pope Lucius II also dedicated it to Saint John the Evangelist in the 12th century. Thus, the name of this Papal Basilica is the Basilica of the Most Holy Saviour and of Saints John the Baptist and John the Evangelist in the Lateran. Christians consider the Basilica to be the ***mother church of all churches in the world***.

The church was destroyed several times in the course of the centuries, and always rebuilt. The final reconstruction took place under the pontificate of Benedict XIII. The church was rededicated in 1724. It was at that time that the feast celebrated today was established and extended to the universal Church.

Today's Feast allows us to remember the journey of the people and God's constant and faithful care. At the same time, we are reminded today that each one of us is a "house of God" in the Risen Jesus, because the Holy Spirit dwells in each one of us (cf. 1 Cor. 3:16). This awareness alone leads us to praise the Lord on the one hand, and on the other, it leads us to say, at times excessively, "*O Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof*" (Mt. 8:8), forgetting that He is already in us and that He welcomes us and loves us not as we would like to be, but as we are, here, now. When we learn to keep our gaze fixed on Jesus, the Author and Perfector of our faith, of our friendship with Him (cf. Heb 12:1-4), our faces will shine with light that flows from a "unified" heart. The serenity required is momentary, but it needs to develop over a lifetime of continuous entering within ourselves and heading straight for the "*King's room*" (cf. *The Interior Castle*, Saint Teresa of Avila).

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/liturgical-holidays/dedication-of-the-lateran-basilica-.html>

Parish News:

WANTED URGENTLY

The Parish is seeking volunteers to take on the role of SACRISTAN.

We are looking for 5 men or women to share this very important role.

The Sacristan ensures that everything required for the celebration of Mass or any Sacrament is set out and ready to use.

FULL TRAINING WILL BE PROVIDED.

Please phone the parish office on 4341 1073.

Save the Date: On Sunday, 16th November there will be a special Mass at 9.15am to celebrate the Dedication of the Church, the 79th anniversary of our Parish and The Jubilee Year of Hope. We will commence with The Rosary at 9.15am and then Mass will follow at 9.30am. At the conclusion of Mass, presentations will be done by various Ministries of the parish and by children from our parish school. The celebrations will conclude with lunch being served for all in the Walter Baker Hall. Please make sure you have added your name to the list for catering purposes.

Reconciliation candidates: Please keep the First Reconciliation candidates in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament on the 14th of next month.

Diocesan Count of Mass Attendance:

The second Diocesan Count of Mass Attendance for 2025 continues this weekend and will conclude the weekend of 22nd/23rd November.

November Mass Offering:

The November giving envelopes are available for families to offer Mass for their loved ones. All proceeds will be sent to the Missions in Zambia.

Cleaners for 14^h November:

Laila Dawe, Jo Salter, Geraldine Baxter, Christine French.

Readers for 15th & 16th November:

Saturday 5.00pm Jane Rutherford, Marie Andrews

Sunday 7.30am Dorothy Fulton, Theresa Gibson, Isaak Giunta

Sunday 9.15am Michael Dixon, Violetta Chol, Therese Carroll

Sunday 5.00pm Lorena Lalor, Peter Smith, Kris Aitken

Servers for 15th & 16th November:

Saturday 5.00pm Paul Cavanagh, Vincent Cavanagh

Sunday 7.30am Bernie French, Pio Savea

Sunday 9.15am Bob Wilson, Jenny Fitzgerald

Pastoral Works Broken Bay November Appeal: The Pastoral Works Broken Bay (PWBB) November Appeal will take place this weekend. Our quota for the year is \$32,973. Envelopes are available in the Church and gathering area. Together, we bring hope and healing across our Diocese. Through your generous support, PWBB helps fund vital ministries and programs across our Diocese — including hospital chaplaincy, CatholicCare assistance and faith education for children in public schools. Your gift makes a difference in the lives of people who turn to the Church in times of need and

all donations over \$2 are 100% tax-deductible. You can donate at any time, not only during the time of an appeal. You can also use the QR code below.



Reinstitution of the Chalice at Communion:

The reinstitution of the Chalice at Communion will happen before the end of November. If anyone who served pre-Covid with the distribution of Communion would be willing to do so again, please contact the Parish Office.

World Day of the Poor, 16th November: Pope Leo XIV's message, "You, O Lord, are my hope" (Ps 71:5), invites us to stand in solidarity with those living in poverty. Not just with charity, but with hope and justice. He reminds us that the poor are our beloved brothers and sisters, and calls us to address the root causes of poverty through meaningful action and advocacy.

As a parish community, we can use this day to:

- Listen to the stories of those experiencing poverty in our local community with humility and respect.
- Offer our friendship, blessing and presence, not only material support, but spiritual care and solidarity.
- Reflect on how our social outreach, our ministries and our advocacy might respond not just by giving bread, but by working so that none are hungry.
- Pray together, especially with the psalm "You, O Lord, are my hope", making it our own and linking it with the hopes of the poor.

On this day, let us listen, offer friendship, and renew our commitment to building a world where everyone can live with dignity and hope. Together, may we live the Gospel by walking alongside those in need, embodying compassion and working for lasting change.

Christmas Hampers: The PPC are bringing back Christmas Hampers. Over the coming weeks we will be calling for festive items to be donated for those who need a hand to make this time of the year very special. Please keep this in mind when shopping and watch out for further information.

CCD Annual Mass: Catechists, their family and friends, and Parishioners are invited to attend the CCD Annual Mass to celebrate our wonderful ministry and acknowledge the many years of service of our dedicated SRE catechists. Join us for Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara on **Saturday 22 November at 11.30am**. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to ccdadmin@bbcatholic.org.au.

St John the Baptist Men's Group: Meetings to be held the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month from 7pm-8pm in the Leo Mahon Room. Next meeting 17th November. For further information contact Allan Moore 0492 988 168.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1: Ezek 47:1-2, 8-9, 12

The angel brought me back to the entrance of the temple, and I saw water flowing out from beneath the threshold of the temple toward the east, for the façade of the temple was toward the east; the water flowed down from the southern side of the temple, south of the altar. He led me outside by the north gate, and around to the outer gate facing the east, where I saw water trickling from the southern side. He said to me, "This water flows into the eastern district down upon the Arabah, and empties into the sea, the salt waters, which it makes fresh. Wherever the river flows, every sort of living creature that can multiply shall live, and there shall be abundant fish, for wherever this water comes the sea shall be made fresh. Along both banks of the river, fruit trees of every kind shall grow; their leaves shall not fade, nor their fruit fail. Every month they shall bear fresh fruit, for they shall be watered by the flow from the sanctuary. Their fruit shall serve for food, and their leaves for medicine."

Responsorial Psalm:

R. The waters of the river gladden the city of God, the holy dwelling of the Most High!

God is our refuge and our strength, an ever-present help in distress. Therefore, we fear not, though the earth be shaken and mountains plunge into the depths of the sea.

R. The waters of the river gladden the city of God, the holy dwelling of the Most High!

There is a stream whose runlets gladden the city of God, the holy dwelling of the Most High. God is in its midst; it shall not be disturbed; God will help it at the break of dawn.

R. The waters of the river gladden the city of God, the holy dwelling of the Most High!

The LORD of hosts is with us; our stronghold is the God of Jacob. Come! behold the deeds of the LORD, the astounding things he has wrought on earth.

R. The waters of the river gladden the city of God, the holy dwelling of the Most High!

Reading 2: 1 Cor 3:9-11, 16-17

Brothers and sisters: You are God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building upon it. But each one must be careful how he builds upon it, for no one can lay a foundation other than the one that is there, namely, Jesus Christ. Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for the temple of God, which you are, is holy.

Alleluia:

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I have chosen and consecrated this house, says the Lord, that my name may be there forever.

R. Alleluia!

Gospel: Jn 2:13-22

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money-changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, *Zeal for your house will consume me*. At this the Jews answered and said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his Body. Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken.

Readings for the Week:

Monday, 10th Nov:

St Leo the Great - Wis 1:1-7/Ps 138:1-10/Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday, 11th Nov:

St Martin of Tours - Wis 2:23—3:9/Ps 33:2-3, 16-19/Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday, 12th Nov:

St Josaphat - Wis 6:1-11/Ps 81:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday, 13th Nov:

Wis 7:22—8:1/Ps 118:89-91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17:20-25

Friday, 14th Nov:

Wis 13:1-9/Ps 18:2-5/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday, 15th Nov:

Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 104:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Lk 18:1-8

Sunday, 16th Nov:

Mal 3:19-20/Ps 97:5-9/2 Thess 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19

Let us keep in our prayers:

Recently Deceased: Rolando Cruz, Sharyn Newcombe, Fr Hugh Thomas CSsR

Anniversary: Pat Hennessy

Remembrance: Timothy Thurlow

Sick: Vincent Aarts, Alan Ball, Kathleen Bezzina, Lorraine Blandford, Roberto Bocor, Fr Michael Brady, Matthew Cooper, Bill de Rooy, Anne-Marie Dixon, Marie Dixon, Iris Drewett, Aline Fauvette, Dympna Fitzpatrick, Maureen Fotheringham, Frances Glanz, Jason Harwood, Bill Hunt, Thomas J, Marge Lawrence, Peter McCormack, Betty & Sean McDermott, Ronald Matthews, Theresa Mitchell, Oscar James Moretti, Maureen Mullane, Ada-Primrose Murphy, Bill & Colleen O'Farrell, Marta Panczyna, Fr Reggo, Anthony Salis, Susie Simmons, Barry Tierney, Patricia Toohey, Donna Vella, Minda Valoba, Nigel Watts, Josie Weate, Janelle Whiteland, Melissa Wong, Willy Woods, Jonathon Zdilar

Pope Leo's November Intention:

For the prevention of suicide

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts will find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

PARISH COLLECTIONS

1st collection: Goes to the Clergy Remuneration Fund for the financial support of the priests

2nd Collection: Funds the operational management of the Parish

You can also donate via Bpoint, which will take you to our Website for secure online payments. <https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/woywoyparish>

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