

Anglican Parish of Woy Woy

Weekly Bulletin

21 April 2019

Easter Day

In the coming week

Today

4.30pm Messy Church-St Andrew's

Monday 22 April

Tuesday 23 April

9.00am Craft Group-The Cottage

2.15pm Happy Hour-St Andrew's

Wednesday 24 April

9.30am Communion-Blue Wave

7.00pm Lenten Study-Rosemary Bond

Thursday 25 April

8.30am Communion-St Luke's

Friday 26 April

Saturday 27 March

Next Sunday 28 April

8.00am Communion-St Andrew's

10.00am Communion-St Luke's

5.00pm Sunday Night Live-St Andrew's

Welcome to everyone visiting our churches!

Our services are all slightly different, but each offers a friendly space in which you can worship God and be part of God's community.

St Andrew's at 8am: Holy Communion, is a less formal worship service, each Sunday except the second Sunday of the Month when we observe **Morning Prayer**.

St Luke's at 10am: Holy Communion is a more formal style of worship. Holy Communion is also celebrated at St Luke's on Thursdays at 8:30am.

St Andrew's at 5pm: Sunday Night Live or 4:30pm: Messy Church (3rd Sunday of each month) is a space for families with children and the young at heart to join in informal and fun worship, discussion and activities.

If you need a **gluten-free wafer** at Communion, please tell the person who welcomed you at the front door before the service.

We pray in silence before worship

Before worship speak to God.

During worship let God speak to you.

After Worship speak to each other.

Both of our churches are equipped with an audio loop. If you use a hearing aid, use the 'T' switch to connect.



From the Parish

Rector's Reflection

Dear friends,

Today we celebrate the very reason for our coming together as the Church - Easter! and the Resurrection of Christ from the dead! As the culmination of the good news of Jesus, this is the supreme festival of the Church calendar year.

Easter is good news because of its intervention into the Good Friday world of remorseless terrorism, the Good Friday world of starvation, disease and death. Easter interrupts our own personal Good Fridays where there's to be found heartache and suffering, the agony of failure, the misery of a broken spirit, and the shame of our own darker side.

Many of us have known the pain of loss, be it lost opportunities or the loss of a loved one; maybe we've hurt others, or been hurt by them. Perhaps we're a prisoner to the past, or joyless in the present, or have become increasingly cynical about the future.

Easter reminds us that love is stronger than death, that forgiveness is deeper than sin, and that the truth of God is more powerful than the lies of the world. Evil doesn't have the last word because Christ is risen, and you and I are invited into the astonishing mystery of all that it entails.

When the women arrived, they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. God had already

done the work of rolling back the stone and making a way where there was seemingly no way. God has already removed the obstacles that we could not otherwise remove.

For many, life is a series of insurmountable obstacles that deny life to the full - stones that need rolling away! These may include relationships that are irreconcilable or addiction to some destructive pattern of behaviour from which we feel powerless to break free. All of us can find our way inhibited by many and various obstacles that are seemingly insurmountable.

In the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, God offers the ultimate leverage in removing these obstacles whatever they may be. Through him, God has given us the power to overcome every kind of tomb we encounter in our lives.

The Easter event is the display of a divine power greater than all the powers that can ravage, ruin, and lead us to despair. The resurrection of Jesus from the dead defies the world's intolerance, fear, violence, and greed; he continues to rise above the wrecks of human injustice, every day.

Easter promises that the same Jesus who couldn't be held back by torture, death, or by stones rolled in front of tombs, is the Jesus who is alive today, here today, and available today, to live in you, to rescue, heal, empower, and set you free from any tomb you've ever known.

Christ is risen...! Alleluia..!

Fr Michael

From the Parish

Happy Hour

Come and join us for a chat, a sing, afternoon tea and lots of fun.

WHERE: St Andrew's Church
360 Ocean Beach Rd, Umina.

WHEN: 23rd April

TIME: 2.15 pm – 3.15 pm

THEME: ANZAC

Contact for transport if required is 4341 0646

Tuesday Bible Study

The group will not be meeting this week. We will resume on 30th April.

Why not plan to join the group then? Enquiries to Rosemary Gillham 0408416181

Lectio Divina Bible Study

This group will resume on Monday 29th April at 3pm at Verna's place.

Finance

Receipts

Offertories	\$8,492
Donations	\$1,605
Op-Shop	\$2,827
Rent	\$1,940
Other-Incl GST Refund	<u>\$3,417</u>
	\$18,281
Mission - ABM	\$285

Prayer for our Parish

Heavenly Father, we bring before you our parish of Woy Woy.

We give thanks for what has been good in the past and ask for forgiveness for the things that have brought grief and pain to ourselves and others. Strengthen our faith and give us the courage to look forward to the future, depending on your Holy Spirit for guidance and wisdom. Unite us in the truth and fill us with your love so that we may love one another well. Give us a vision for the extension of your kingdom here on the Peninsular, and teach us to praise you in everything.

All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Saviour. Amen.

Parish Directory

We are currently updating the Parish Directory. There is a copy of the Directory at the Church entry, please check that your details are correct. If you wish to be added to the Directory please record your details inside the cover or if you no longer wish your details to be published please cross your entry out.

Expenses

Diocesan Contribution-	
Insurance, Wages, Etc.	\$11,293
Operating Expenses - Worship, Rates,	
Printing, Maintenance, etc.	\$6,462
GST-To be Refunded	<u>\$596</u>
	\$18,351

We pray in silence before worship

As you prepare for this morning's service please pray for yourself and those around you. You might like to reflect on this thought for the week:

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Luke 24.34; Psalm 118.24

The prayer of the week

Holy God,
whose risen Son opened the disciples' hearts
to understand the Scriptures
that told of his death and resurrection:
grant us the peace of the living Lord,
that our eyes may be opened
to recognise him in the breaking of the bread,
and to follow him wherever he leads;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's readings

Acts 10.34-43	Hymn to the Risen Christ
1 Corinthians 15.19-26	Luke 24.1-10

8.00am.	Rosemary Gillham	Neville Keen
10.00am	Judy Campbell.	Meryl Schofield

This morning's hymns

380 Yours be the glory
96. Sing praise to the Lord!
390 Alleluia, alleluia
MP1105 See, what a morning
147 To God be the glory

For our prayers this week

Please pray for:

Redwood Retreat
providing short stay and
activities for people with
disabilities over the age of 18.



Wider Community:

The First Peoples of the Diocese. People living with a disability and those who support them. All those who are suffering because of the drought.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Diocese of Guadalcanal. The Church of the Province of Myanmar. Diocese of Tasmania. The Salvation Army.

In the Diocese of Newcastle:

Our Bishops, Peter, Sonia and Charlie. The priests and people of The Cathedral, Gloucester, Harrington-Cooperbrook and Taree.

In the Parish of Woy Woy:

We pray for our ministry team, Fr Michael, Anthea and Sandy, and we pray for ourselves and the work we do in the mission of this parish.

For those seeking God's help:

Olga Arkell, Shannon, Hendrina Collison, Brett Donnelly, Jean Doré, Carol Fraser, Jenny, Bill Gates, Sandra Heath, Elaine Rand, Lucy Roy, Lorraine, Mary, Rebecca, Joy Woodward.

Would those who wish to include names in the above list, please ensure that permission has been obtained from the person or their carer.

Readings for this week

Acts 10.34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Hymn to the Risen Christ

(To be said by alternate half verse)

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us:

So let us celebrate the feast.

Not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness:

But with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Christ once raised from the dead dies no more:

Death has no more dominion over him.

In dying he died to sin once for all:

In living he lives to God.

See yourselves therefore as dead to sin:

And alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Christ has been raised from the dead:

The firstfruits of those who sleep.

For as by one man came death:

By another has come also resurrection of the dead;

For as in Adam all die:

Even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

1 Corinthians 15.19-26

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

The Gospel: Luke 24.1-10

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.' Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles.



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For next week

Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 5.27-32

Psalm 118.14-29

Revelation 1.4-8

John 20.19-31

Hymns

MP295 I serve a risen saviour

418 She sits like a bird

358 I the Lord of sea and sky

MP553 Peace I give to you

382 Now the green blade rises

Notices

Introduction to Christian Meditation

“Be still and know that I am God” Psalm 46.10.
You are invited to a six part series - Leo Mahon Room, St John the Baptist Catholic Church, Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy.

This free series provides an opportunity for those interested in finding out about Christian Meditation. To experience the practice in a small group, to learn about its origins and the teachings of Fr John Main, and to discover its relevance as a form of prayer for the contemporary world.

Monday evening: 6-7pm, May 6, 13, 20, 27, June 3 and 17.

For more information contact Marian 0432 882 776.

Spirituality in the Pub

Tuesday 7th May, 2019, 7.30pm - 9.00pm

The Grange Hotel Function Room

Cnr: Renwick St & Pacific Hwy, WYOMING

Bistro opens at 5-30pm.

Inquiries: 4328 2596 or 0498 588 261

Theme 2019: “Reflections on my Spiritual Journey”

TWO SPEAKERS:

Matthew French: A graduate law student, Matthew comes from a strong Catholic family, and is following a call to youth ministry in four parishes on the Central Coast.

Daniel Petrie is currently Acting Assistant Principal at St. Leo's Catholic College and specialises in synergy between curriculum design, innovative liturgy and service programs.



Generosity

Thank you

This week we say thank you to **those on our Flower Rosters** who supply our churches with beautiful flower arrangements each week. Thank you for sharing your talent and love of flowers.

Samaritans

Please remember to bring non-perishable food items and place them in the baskets provided near the door of the church for the work of the **Samaritans** organisation in our diocese.

Direct giving

Thank you for your generous financial giving to the mission of our parish. We encourage parishioners to give directly to the **'Anglican Parish of Woy Woy'** account: BSB 032-527 ACCOUNT 228059.

Reminder

If you would like a notice in the bulletin please give information to office staff by **Thursday for inclusion in the bulletin the following Sunday.**

Parish Churches

St Luke's: 151 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy (opposite Park Rd)
St Andrew's 360 Ocean Beach Rd, Umina (near Albion St)

Ministry Team

Parish Priest:

Rev Canon Michael Davies

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Children & Family Worker:

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Safe Ministry Officer

Sandy Wyatt

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9.00 am to 4.00 pm Monday to Friday

Refreshments are served after each of the services. We would love you to join us! At St Andrew's, refreshments are served in the foyer, and at St Lukes in the church hall.

At the end of the service, please introduce yourself so that we can welcome you properly. Ask for our Welcome Pack, which offers more information about who we are and what we do.