

Anglican Parish of Woy Woy

Weekly Bulletin

5 May 2019

Third Sunday of Easter

In the coming week

Today

- 3.00pm Liturgy Team-St Andrew's
5.00pm Sunday Night Live-St Andrew's

Monday 6 May

- 7.00pm Choir Practice-St Luke's

Tuesday 7 May

- 9.00am Craft Group-The Cottage
1.30pm Bible Study-104 Gallipoli Ave
3.30pm Cursillo Group Reunion

Wednesday 8 May

- 9.30am Communion-Bluewave
1.30pm Senior Citizens-St Andrew's

Thursday 9 May

- 8.30am Communion-St Luke's
10.00am Little Pelicans-St Andrew's
10.30am Coffee & Chat-Ruby's, Umina

Next Sunday 12 May

- 8.00am Morning Prayer-St Andrew's
10.00am Communion-St Luke's
12Noon Parish Lunch-The Bayview
3.00pm Pastoral Care-St Andrew'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.



Rector's Reflection

Dear friends,

Chapter Twenty-one of John's Gospel is essentially an epilogue, it brings us full-circle as we find ourselves back where it all began by the Sea of Galilee (Sea of Tiberias). Aside from Jerusalem, Galilee is the most prominent geographic location in the Gospel narratives. It is a place analogous with vocation and mission, for it is from here the first disciples were called to follow Jesus. Their noble trade as fishermen would take on a whole new significance as fishers of people for God's kingdom.

This epilogue immediately follows last Sunday's Gospel reading and is seemingly incongruous with it, as we find ourselves transported with such immediacy from a Jerusalem residence to the Sea of Galilee. Last week's resurrection joy and receipt of the Holy Spirit seems to have evaporated into an aimless abandonment of Jesus, as evidenced by the disciples' returning to their former lives, as evidenced by their inability to catch any fish through the night.

However, this night of fruitless endeavour sees the darkness give way to the light of day, as the Light of the World appears, providing a miraculous catch of the day. Doubtless, the beloved disciple's recognition of Jesus in this moment was ably assisted by two earlier

episodes in this same setting of Galilee, where Jesus provided an abundance of good wine at a wedding in Cana, and an abundance of bread and fish to feed five thousand.

The abundant catch of fish isn't the only point of recognition, as Jesus' breakfast invitation extended the disciples reveals himself to them as they eat. This narrative is somewhat akin to Luke's Walk to Emmaus, where Cleopas and his companion recognised Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

Be it an abundance of wine at a wedding in Cana, an abundance of bread to feed five thousand, or an abundance of fish to shore up the disciples' faith in the resurrected Christ, Jesus demonstrably makes a claim only God can make, namely that he is the true food and drink that can satisfy our deepest hunger and thirst. In Jesus, God gives abundantly, more than we need for ourselves, that we might have something to share with others, especially those who lack what they need.

Michael

Lord God, fill us with gratitude and give us generous hearts, that we may freely share with others what you have given us. May we feast on Jesus in our hearts, by faith, with thanksgiving. Amen.

From the Parish

Wednesday Bible Study

This group will be in recess for two weeks. We will resume on Wednesday 15th May at 7pm.

New members are welcome. Enquiries to Rosemary Bond 0409 454 990.

What's so Amazing about Grace?

This is the title of a book by Philip Yancey and we will use the book and study guide and DVD in our group on Tuesdays.

The group meets at 1.30pm at 104 Gallipoli Ave and is lead by Rosemary Gillham.

If you would like to join the group you are most welcome. Please speak to Rosemary (0408416181)

REM YouthLife Prayer Breakfast

Support Religious Education at Peninsula Schools

Baptist Church, 8 Barrenjoey Road Ettalong

Saturday 11th May 2019 7.30-9.00am

Cost \$5.00 All Welcome

Thank You

Nicola would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support over the past few weeks.

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 Peninsula, and teach us to praise you in everything.

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

Pastoral Care meeting

How do we understand "Loving our neighbour as ourselves"? How does our faith affect our bodies? The way we think about these questions is reflected in the way we move and behave in our everyday lives. Clive and Anthea will share some tips they have been studying through Alexander Technique which can give us some clarity and awareness of the choices available to help us overcome our unconscious postural dysfunctions and have more freedom in our bodies. Come and explore these ideas together next Sunday at 3pm at St Andrew's.

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:

To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever. Revelation 5.13

The prayer of the week

Almighty God,
through your only Son you overcame death
and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that we who celebrate our Lord's resurrection,
may, through the renewing power of your Spirit,
rise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Today's readings

Acts 9.1-6
Revelation 5.6-14

Psalm 30
John 21.1-14

8.00am. Elizabeth Corless Derek Corless
10.00am Grahame Evans Ann Compton Martin

This morning's hymns

361 The day of resurrection
125 The God of Abraham (v.1,2,4,6)
219 Jesus comes
514 Be it know to us
388 Easter glory fills the skies (v.1,2,6,7,8)

For our prayers this week

Please pray for:

The Circle - C4C which aims to work alongside established community activities for children 0-12 years and their families.



Wider Community:

The First Peoples of the Diocese. Trade Union Leaders. All those who are suffering because of the drought.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Diocese of Guadalcanal. The Church of Bangladesh. The Church of South India (United). Diocese of Bathurst.

In the Diocese of Newcastle:

Our Bishops, Peter, Sonia and Charlie. The priests and people of New Lambton, University Chaplaincies and Wallsend.

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, Betty Kendell, 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 9.1-6

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.'

Psalm 30

(To be said by alternate half verse)

1 I will exalt you, O Lord,
for you have drawn me up from the depths:
and have not suffered my foes to triumph over me.

2 O Lord my God, I cried to you:
and you have made me whole.

3 You brought me back, O Lord, from the land of silence:
you saved my life from among those that go down to the Pit.

4 Sing praises to the Lord, all you his faithful ones:
and give thanks to his holy name.

5 For if in his anger is havoc,
in his good favour is life:
**heaviness may endure for a night,
but joy comes in the morning.**

6 In my prosperity I said 'I shall never be moved:
your goodness, O Lord, has set me on so firm a hill.'

7 Then you hid your face from me:
and I was greatly dismayed.

8 I cried to you, O God:
and made my petition humbly to my Lord.

9 'What profit is there in my blood,
if I go down to the Pit:

**can the dust give you thanks,
or declare your faithfulness?**

10 'Hear, O Lord, and be merciful:
O Lord, be my helper.'

11 You have turned my lamentation into dancing:

you have put off my sackcloth and girded me with joy,

12 That my heart may sing your praise and never be silent:

O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

Revelation 5.6-14

Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song:

'You are worthy to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
for you were slaughtered and by your blood you
ransomed for God
saints from every tribe and language and
people and nation;
you have made them to be a kingdom and
priests serving our God,
and they will reign on earth.'

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many
angels surrounding the throne and the living
creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads
of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing
with full voice,
'Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and
might
and honour and glory and blessing!'

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on
earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all
that is in them, singing,
'To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honour and glory and might
for ever and ever!'

And the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' And
the elders fell down and worshipped.

The Gospel: John 21.1-14

After these things Jesus showed himself again to
the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he
showed himself in this way. Gathered there
together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the
Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of
Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon

Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said
to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and
got into the boat, but that night they caught
nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach;
but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.
Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish,
have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to
them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat,
and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now
they were not able to haul it in because there
were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus
loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon
Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some
clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the
lake. But the other disciples came in the boat,
dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far
from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal
fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to
them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just
caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled
the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and
fifty-three of them; and though there were so
many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them,
'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the
disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?'
because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came
and took the bread and gave it to them, and did
the same with the fish. This was now the third
time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he
was raised from the dead.

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For next week

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9.36-43

Psalm 23

Revelation 7.9-17

John 10.22-30

Hymns

690 Beauty for Brokenness

242 I danced in the morning

590 What a friend

518 *For the bread*

134 Praise my soul

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.

A Walk Through Time

Vivien Sale presents

A Walk Through Time - Central Coast Show Case

Ten Artists - Ten inspired responses

One Night - One community.

The Art House, 18th May 7.30pm

theartousewyong.com.au 02 4335 4485

Generosity

Thank you

This week we say thank you to **Op-Shop Volunteers**, headed by the **Op-Shop Committee**, for the many hours they contribute, for the friendly welcome and helpful service they offer..

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)
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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.