

Anglican Parish of Woy Woy

Weekly Bulletin

2 June 2019

Seventh Sunday of Easter

In the coming week

Today

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

Monday 3 June

- 7.00pm Choir Practice-St Luke's

Tuesday 4 June

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

Wednesday 5 June

- 9.30am. Mothers Union-St Andrew's
- 10.00am Communion-Peninsula Village
- 6.00pm Prayer,Praise&Proclamation-St Luke's
- 7.00pm Bible Study-Rosemary Bond

Thursday 6 June

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

Next Sunday 9 June

- 8.00am Morning Prayer-St Andrew's
- 10.00am Communion-St Luke's
- 12Noon. Lunch-The Bayview
- 5.000pm 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,

At the end of the 1st Century AD, when John was penning his Gospel and the Book of Revelation, the Christians to whom his writing was intended faced the quandary of a delay in the return of the Risen Lord Jesus. This dilemma proved a crisis of faith for many in light of this expectation. In addressing his community's plight, John's Jesus promises them another, in his stead, - the Holy Spirit, to whom John alone refers to as the 'Advocate'.

John refers to the Spirit as an 'Advocate' because he believes this title best defines the Spirit's many functions, including that of counsellor, comforter, encourager, helper, revealer, teacher, intercessor, and guide. All these functions are relative to, and variations of, an Advocate's role.

The Advocate/Spirit speaks in favour of the church, and in defence of its position, pleading its cause as any defence counsel would in a court of law. John's original hearers were able to draw strength in the knowledge that the absence of Jesus' person didn't mean the absence of His Spirit. Their faith was buoyed by a burgeoning belief that the Advocate's presence ensured Jesus was with them always and forever, through trial and change.

These were critical times for John's church who, as followers of Jesus, faced persecution and martyrdom under Roman authority. Despite the Church's Jewish origins, John's writings address several Christian communities of Asia Minor (Modern day Turkey) who'd adopted a more gentile orientation given that their growth in

numbers was occurring predominantly amongst non-Jews.

The umbilical chord connecting the fledgling church to its Jewish parent was being severed at this time. As a consequence, Christians ceased to enjoy a Roman favour accorded the Jews who were exempt from worshipping the Roman emperor as a living God, provided they paid their taxes. It was preferable to excuse the Jews given their ability to generate vast revenue for the empire through their adeptness in commerce and trade.

The Christians weren't as privileged once they were identified as a distinctly different group. Although the vulnerable and marginalised were naturally drawn to the church, they found themselves a scapegoated and vilified minority. Rumours spread that they ate flesh, drank blood, and partook in incestuous orgies (within their eucharistic worship), they were unpatriotic in their refusal to worship the emperor as a living god instead of Christ Jesus (who they were called upon to renounce on pain of death).

In light of all this, a new understanding of the divine presence as Advocate/Spirit, ensured a stronger defence of their position in the face of their adversaries, while at the same time enabled their furtherance of gospel's cause. Whilst there were many martyrs of the early church, Tertullian, writing a hundred years after John, was right in claiming that:

"The blood of martyrs is the seed of the Church..."

May the Holy Spirit of God in Christ be ever your Advocate and guide.

Michael

Cursillo Group Reunion

The Tuesday Group Reunion is now being held at Verna's place, 39 Connex Rd Umina, at 3.30 pm on the first Tuesday of the month. Come and join us all are welcome.

A Mission Trip

I am exploring the possibilities of a group from the parish visiting (and getting involved in) the BCA work in Barcaldine/Longreach in Queensland as well as visiting the aboriginal college, Wontulp-Bi-Buya, in Cairns.

Tentative arrangements have been made for these visits. At this stage the plan is to fly to Cairns 1st October, visit the college, 2 nights in Cairns, then travel to Barcaldine over 3 days, stay 4 days and leave there on 11th, drive to Brisbane and home on 13th October.

It is estimated that the full cost per person would be around \$2,000. If you are interested please speak to me, Rosemary Gillham, and I can give you more details.

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.

BCA

Thank you to all who donated to BCA last week. \$400.60 was raised.

Parish Lunch

Our monthly Parish Lunch at the Bayview is next Sunday. Come and join us for lunch and fellowship.

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:

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved.
Acts 16.31

The prayer of the Day

Almighty God,
whose blessed Son before his passion
prayed for his disciples that they might be one,
as you and he are one:
grant that your Church,
being bound together in love and obedience to you,
may be united in one body by the one Spirit,
that the world may believe in him whom you have
sent,
our Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Today's readings

Acts 16.16-34	Psalm 97
Revelation 22.12-22	John 17.20-26

8.00am.	Jacky King	Keith King
10.00am	Meryl Schofield	Anthea Haughain

This morning's hymns

246 Christ is the world's light
521 Lord Christ at your first eucharist
MP52 Because he lives
MP50 Be still for the presence
569 Guide me O thou great redeemer

For our prayers this week

Please pray for:

Rainbow Haven, Phoenix
House and Orion House,
enhancing opportunities to
learn new skills and maintain good mental
health.



Wider Community:

The First Peoples of the Diocese. Federal
Parliamentarians. All those who are
suffering because of the drought.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Diocese of Guadalcanal. The Diocese of
Armidale.

Wider Church

Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay.

In the Diocese of Newcastle:

Our Bishops, Peter, Sonia and Charlie. The
priests and people of Georgetown and
Hamilton and Hospital Chaplaincies.

In the Parish of Woy Woy:

We pray for our ministry team, Fr Michael,
Anthea and Sandy, and 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, Pam Donnelly, Jean Doré,
Carol Fraser, Jenny, Bill Gates, Sandra Heath,
Betty Kendell, Elaine Rand, Lucy Roy,
Lorraine, Mary, Rebecca, John White,
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 16.16-34

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword

and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptised without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Psalm 97

1 The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice:

let the multitude of islands be glad.

2 Clouds and darkness are round about him:

righteousness and justice

are the foundation of his throne.

3 Fire goes before him:

and burns up his enemies on every side.

4 His lightnings light the world:

the earth sees it and quakes.

5 The mountains melt like wax before his face:

from before the face of the Lord of all the earth.

6 The heavens have proclaimed his righteousness:

and all peoples have seen his glory.

7 They are ashamed, all those who serve idols and glory in mere nothings:

all gods bow down before him.

8 Zion heard and was glad,
and the daughters of Judah rejoiced:
because of your judgements, O God.

9 For you, Lord, are most high over all the earth:
you are exalted far above all gods.

10 The Lord loves those that hate evil:
**the Lord guards the life of the faithful, and
delivers them from the hand of the
ungodly.**

11 Light dawns for the righteous:
and joy for the true of heart.

12 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous:
and give thanks to his holy name.

Revelation 22.12-22

‘See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.’

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and fornicators and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practises falsehood.

‘It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.’

The Spirit and the bride say, ‘Come.’

And let everyone who hears say, ‘Come.’

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them,

God will add to that person the plagues described in this book; if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away that person’s share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

The one who testifies to these things says, ‘Surely I am coming soon.’
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints.
Amen.

The Gospel: John 17.20-26

‘I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.’

‘Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.’

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For next week

Day of Pentecost

Acts 2.1-21

Psalm 104.26-36

Romans 8.14-17

John 14.8-14

Hymns

398 Come down O love divine

4.4 Lord God, the Spirit

MP18 All over the world

MP500 O Holy Spirit, breathe on me

666 We are marching

Notices

Spirituality in the Pub

Tuesday 4th June, 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"

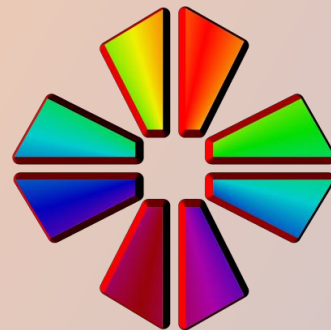
TWO SPEAKERS: **Adrian Gomez** is the Ordained deacon at Wahroonga. He also works at the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal, helps with Catholic Youth festivals, is Youth Ministry Coordinator at St. Leo's Catholic College and Team Leader on St. V de P Night Patrol.

Rev Rex A E Hunt is a retired Uniting Church minister and 'grass roots' 5religious naturalist and social ecologist. Rex is the founding Chair of "The Common Dreams Conference of Religious Progressives" in the South Pacific and author/editor of eight books.

5 Lands Walk

McMasters Beach to Terrigal - Saturday 22 June.
Half day walk - Anyone interested in walking as a group for all or part of the walk please contact Rosemary Gillham 0408 416 181 or Denise Hammond 0411 553 704 and register for the walk at <http://www.5landswalk.com.au>

Woy Woy/Umina Ultreya 22nd June 2019



Woy Woy/Umina Parish Cursillistas invite you to their 2019 Ultreya on Saturday 22nd June at St Andrews Church, 360 Ocean Beach Road, Umina.

BYO Lunch and meet us for a chat from 1.00pm the Ultreya starts at 2.00pm. We will supply coffee, tea and bikkies

Don't forget your name tag and cross and your best singing voice.

All songs will be on the screen so if you forget "Mission Praise" it doesn't matter.

Contact Derek on 0422 979 406 if you have any questions.

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Generosity

Thank you

This week we say thank you to **those who assist with our Mission Projects**, Rosemary Gillham, Derek and Elizabeth Corless and Barry Sale. Thank you for the time and effort you give on behalf of the Parish.

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.