

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

PARISH BULLETIN, 10TH APRIL 2022

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WYONG CATHOLIC PARISH

ST CECILIA'S CHURCH & ST JOHN FISHER MASS CTR

Under the Pastoral Care of the

Society of Our Lady of The Most Holy Trinity (SOLT)

VISION *The Wyong Catholic Parish is a welcoming, caring dynamic community*

MISSION STATEMENT *We will live and proclaim the message of the Gospel :
Engage, Participate, Reach out and Transform*

Holy Thursday

14th April

Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
(Reconciliation will be available)

Mass of the Last Supper

St John Fisher Tumbi 7pm

Good Friday

15th April

Stations of the Cross

St Cecilia's Wyong 10am

St John Fisher Tumbi 10am

The Lord's Passion

St Cecilia's Wyong 3pm

St John Fisher Tumbi 3pm

Holy Saturday

16th April

Easter Vigil Mass

St Cecilia's Wyong 7pm

Easter Sunday

17th April

Mass of the Resurrection

St Cecilia's Wyong

7.30am & 9.30am

St John Fisher Tumbi

8.30am & 5pm

EASTER CEREMONIES

After discussions with Fr Raul, Fr Alex, the Parish Liturgy Committee and the Parish Pastoral Council, it has been decided to continue with the same format used the last 4 years for our Easter ceremonies.

Holy Thursday service in our Parish will take place at St John Fisher only, and the Easter Saturday Vigil service will take place at St Cecilia's only.

This allows the opportunity for the whole parish to come together as one on these two significant occasions, and allows our priests the opportunity of concelebrating Mass on the Feast of the Institution of the Priesthood (Holy Thursdays Mass of the Last Supper) and the Mass, which many regard as being the most symbolic in our liturgical year (The Easter Saturday Vigil).

Good Friday and Easter Sunday services will still take place at both Tumbi and Wyong as per previous years.

Parish fundraising - All money raised will be going towards our Parishes Pastoral Works quota for the year. Thank you to Rae, Irene, Marie, Cath and Christine for organising and running this fundraising.

The Garden and Plant stall raised \$205.50

Donated items sold on line raised \$925.00

Parish Easter Egg Raffle raised \$741.00 1st Prize John Robinson and 2nd Prize Peter Davidson

A very Big thank you to our Parish community for your generosity in supporting these fundraising activities.

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD *Reproduced from Liturgia*

FIRST READING ISAIAH 50:4-7

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

SECOND READING PHILIPPIANS 2:6-11

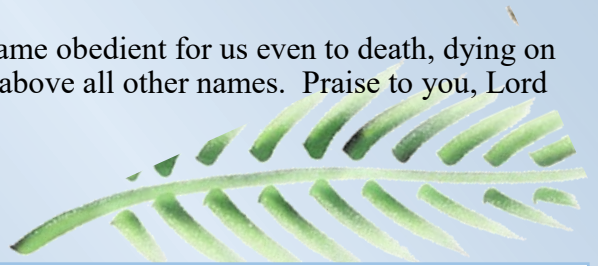
His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION PHILIPPIANS 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL LUKE 22:14 - 23:56

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke



REFLECTION 10th April 2022 GOSPEL JOHN 8:1-11

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Most people love a parade, noisily making the most of a chance to come together with others of like mind, to celebrate an event or highlight an issue. Holy Week begins with a parade. People get really involved throwing down on their garments and rejoicing at all the mighty works they have witnessed through Jesus. Jesus rides triumphant through it all and encourages his followers to praise God with loud voice. Parades can bring out the best, and worst, in people. It is hard not to get caught up in the emotion of the moment and events that were supposed to be happy and peaceful sometimes deteriorate into chaos and violence. How the parade mood changed over the course of Holy Week! In the long Gospel of the Passion we see Jesus no longer triumphant but separated from his followers, insulted, struck, spat upon, and finally carrying his cross to crucifixion on Golgotha: "He emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave ... even to accepting death on a cross? What reaction do I have to today's readings? Has my Lenten journey prepared me to be really present during this Holy Week?"

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HOLY THURSDAY Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper will be held 7pm, St John Fisher Tumbi Umbi.

GOSPEL REFLECTION JOHN 13:1-15

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Tonight's readings are about passing over. Each year the Jews celebrated Passover, a day of festival remembering the marking of their houses with blood, the sharing of a meal and God passing over them, leading them to freedom. Paul passes on how Jesus left us a profound way of remembering him through the sharing of bread and wine with the gathered community. John describes how Jesus passed over to us the example of how to love one another as he had loved us—by washing the feet of others. At the time of the Passover Meal, both in Exodus and at the Last Supper, those involved did not know the significance of what was happening but later they remembered and reflected and understood. So, with us. We can read these events as they are written and move on. Or we can embed their significance in our lives as followers of Christ—a significance that sees us standing ready, sharing our lives, and humbly serving others, all because Jesus showed us what loving God really means.



**GOOD FRIDAY
Stations of the Cross**

St Cecilia's Wyong 10am & St John Fisher Tumbi 10am

The Lord's Passion

St Cecilia's Wyong 3pm & St John Fisher Tumbi 3pm

REFLECTION JOHN 18:1-19: 42

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If we want to pray with the events of Good Friday, today's psalm provides us with just that opportunity, 'Into your hands I commend my spirit' recalls Jesus' agony in the Garden of Gethsemane, imploring God for help and coming to acceptance of what is to come. 'I am a reproach' reminds us of the scorn and fear directed at Jesus during the dark of the night as he was taken from one leader to another for judgement. Those who see me ... away from me takes us back to the loneliness that Jesus must have felt when everyone, even his friends, deserted him. But as for me, I trust in you, Lord' prompts us to appreciate that Jesus gave absolutely everything he had, right to his last breath. 'Be strong, let your heart take courage is Jesus' message to those at the foot of the Cross, and to us who share this Good Friday with him two thousand years later. Can we too pray Father, I put my life in your hands?



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Saturday Vigil / Sunday Mass Times

Sat Vigil 5.00pm Sun 7.30am & 9.30am

Weekday Mass

Mon-Sat: 8.00am

Reconciliation/Confession Saturday morning after the 8am Mass & Saturday at 4.30pm

ST JOHN FISHER MASS CENTRE

Hicks Lane Tumbi Umbi

Saturday Vigil / Sunday Mass Times

Sat Vigil 5.00 pm Sun: 8.30am & 5pm

Weekday Mass

Mon, Wed, Thurs 8:00am Tue & Fri: 9.15am

Reconciliation/Confession Saturday at 4.30pm

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Anointing of the Sick First Friday of the Month

St Cecilia's During 8.00am & 11.30am Mass

St John Fisher During 9.15am Mass

St Barnabas, Yarramalong

1st Sun of month 11.15am

Eucharistic Adoration

St Cecilia's Daily 7am-8am

St John Fisher 1st Fri 8.15 - 9.15am

Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Sat St Cecilia's & Wed St John Fisher (after the 8am Mass)

Devotion to the Divine Mercy

St Cecilia's Fri after the 8am Mass

St John Fisher Fri after the 9:15am Mass

Fr Raul/Fr Alex and the Legion of Mary visit Berkley Vale Nursing home 3rd Wednesday of the Month

Children's Liturgy

St Cecilia's 5pm Mass Saturday

St John Fisher 5pm Mass Sunday

Prayer groups

St Cecilia's Rosary Group Tues after 8am mass followed by Divine Mercy

St Cecilia's Legion of Mary 9am Wed

Meetings

St Cecilia's Choir practice every Tues night 5pm to 6pm

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

PPC Secretary; Kerry Bugden
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BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE

KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS

Prayer: The most valuable gift you can give someone.

SICK: Len Miller, Harriet Powell, Danae Roe, Peter Ford, Harry Hall, Michael Briggs, Christine Heffernan, Jennese Thompson, Leeann Hazelton, Bernadette Kiely, Steve Durnford, Ann Durnford, Maureen Mulheron, Angela Watts, William Martin, Terence (Ted) Dafter, Finn McConnon, Margaret Hobbs, Christine, John Baxter, Jacqui Stacey, Josie Campbell, Carol Dafter, Dave Rodney, Gwen Dwyer, Helen Waters, Rod & Pauline Cornwell, Marie & Peter Rheinberger, Hannah Hopwood, Fay King, Joan Mabbutt, Irene Dainty, John Cornwell.

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Wyong Parish COMMUNITY COLLECTIONS

Each year as a parish we have three donated item collections supporting the disadvantaged members of the community. These collections are in March/April (Shoebox collection), June (Vinnies Winter collection) and December (Vinnies Christmas collection).

We are changing from the 'shoe-box' collection to the 'WPCC' (Wyong Parish Community Collection). Instead of donations being organized to fit in a shoebox, we are asking that individual items are placed in the collection baskets which will be available at the front of both churches. This collection drive will run from **26 March to 1 May**.

Three charities are being supported in 2022. These charities are **Wyong Neighbourhood Centre, Mary Mac's Place and We Care Connect at Wyong**. Please see below suggested items which can be donated.

More information on each charity can be found at the web addresses listed:

We Care Connect (Children's Charity on the Central Coast) <https://wecareconnect.org.au>
(items/sizes needed are from Newborn to size 12) **Socks, underwear, Singlets, nightgowns, Pajamas, Nappies, Baby wipes, Baby formula, bottles, clothing.**

Wyong Neighbourhood Centre Inc

<https://www.wnci.org.au>

Mary Mac's Place

<https://.catholiccaresdbb.org.au> › mary-macs-place

Long-life milk, Noodles, Pasta, and rice, Good quality tinned food and meals (with ring pulls), Soups, fruit, spaghetti, Museli bars and snacks, Breakfast Biscuits/Cereal, UHT Milk, Noodles, Crackers, Muesli Bar, Lollies/Chocolate, Biscuits/Chips, Fruit Cups/Tins, Tea, Cappuccino sachets, Cup of Soup, Water/Juice,

Please place all your items into the baskets provided at the front to the church. Thank you for your generous donations. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you to everyone who has started bringing in all these wonderful goodies. Please keep them coming.

