

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

PARISH BULLETIN, 10TH JULY 2022

*Your words, Lord, are spirit and life;
you have the words of everlasting life.*

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*



Reflection 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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We all want to live 'eternal life', life in God, as the lawyer in today's Gospel puts it. Jesus tells the lawyer we can have such life if we love God wholeheartedly and love our neighbour as ourself. Similarly, in the passage from Deuteronomy, we hear that it is through keeping the commandments that we return to God with all our heart and soul. We can take heart too that this law is not beyond our strength or our reach. In fact it is very close, in our mouths and in our hearts! The lawyer is taught that Jesus is this law brought to perfection. As Paul tells us in his letter to the Colossians, now the Church, of which we are a part, is Christ's body and Christ is its head. Christ Jesus who lives so closely in us is the image of the unseen God. As we reflect on our life over this past week, and endeavour to live more fully in Christ in the week to come, let's pray with the psalmist, 'In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails: Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me.'

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention July - ELDERLY

We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD *Reproduced from Liturgia*

FIRST READING DEUTERONOMY 30:10-14

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul. 'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 18:8-11

R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

SECOND READING COLOSSIANS 1:15-20

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers - all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION CF JOHN 6:63, 68

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL LUKE 10:25-37

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus. 'Do this and life is yours.'

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go, and do the same yourself.'

CHANGE OF DATE *Christmas in July Luncheon*

Due to unforeseen circumstances the

Christmas in July Luncheon date has needed to be changed to Friday 22nd July

The venue is St Peter's Catholic College dining area (in the Technical Building) and parking has been arranged in the staff car park at the top of the hill. It is just a short walk from there down to the venue. If parishioners could be seated by mid-day, the luncheon will begin at 12.15 p.m.

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THE FOUNDATION DAY of the Society of Our Lady of The Most Holy Trinity (SOLT) is next Saturday the 16th July, all are invited to the Saturday 8am Mass at St Cecilia's followed by a Cappa and cake.

We are very Blessed to have with us both Fr Raul and Fr Alex who belong to this Order and live, and share the mission of this Society with us.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to them for their ministry with us and we pray that God will continue to bless them.

The next WOMEN'S GET TOGETHER GROUP will be held on Monday 11th July. (every second Monday of the Month)

All Welcome to join us @ 10.30am in our Parish Hall.

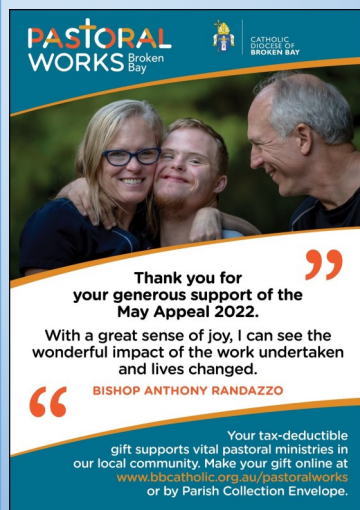
- ♦ Cake
- ♦ Coffee,
- ♦ Companionship,
- ♦ Chit Chat,
- ♦ Craft

Taxation Receipts for Pastoral Works and Caritas are now ready for your collection at the back of the Church/Mass Ctr. Thank you for your support to these appeals.

Your Giving Envelopes for the new financial year are ready this weekend for collection from St Cecilia's Church and St John Fisher Mass Ctr.

THANK YOU

We thank most sincerely all Parishioners who contribute through our parish's Planned Giving whether it be via envelopes, credit card or direct deposit into the parish account and regular cash donations to the plate.



A HUGE THANK YOU to all who have donated to this appeal.

We have reached our annual quote of \$21,307.

Your support to this important appeal is very much appreciated!

Donations to the PWBB are distributed to five charities that directly support the people in our Diocese.

1. CatholicCare Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Practitioner Program
2. Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD)
3. St Lucy's School
4. St Edmund's College
5. The Ephpheta Centre

Thank you so much for your generosity!
Fr Raul

Funding Application Volunteer

Our Parish is in need of a volunteer who has experience in sourcing, preparing and submitting funding applications and correspondence to both local organizations and politicians to gain funding for repairs, maintenance and replacement/additions to our grounds and buildings. If you are interested and can help please contact the parish office. Your assistance would be a great help to the parish and parishioners.

PLENARY COUNCIL

The four-year journey of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia has reached its high point with members gathering in Sydney for the Council's second and final Assembly.

The critical task to be undertaken during this second assembly (4 – 8 July) is voting on more than 30 motions that have emerged over the past four years. All 277 members will cast a vote on the final wording of motions, with the outcome of voting announced at 1pm. each day.

You can find out more about the Plenary Council and follow the second assembly at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

All Masses during the second assembly will be livestreamed with the concluding Mass on Saturday July 9 at St Mary's Cathedral at 10:30 am. This Mass is open to the public. The livestream is accessible on the Plenary Council's website home page www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au and the [Plenary Council YouTube channel](#).



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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
ph 4388 2938

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, 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, Eoin, Paula.

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Vox Populi - The Voice of the People

6 July 2022

Many Catholics will have seen the headlines last week: *Abandoning God: Christianity plummets as 'non-religious' surges in census.*

For the first time in Australia's history, the number of people self-identifying as Christians has fallen below 50 per cent, while the wave of people citing no religious affiliation has climbed.

On the face of it, the numbers paint a bleak picture for the faith in Australia. While the Census hardly ranks in many people's mind as an ideal bedtime read, the raw numbers offer a greater hope to Catholics than many other Christian denominations and are well worth engaging.

While total Christianity fell by 8.6 per cent, Roman Catholicism only fell by 4.5 per cent. The next three largest denominations: the Anglican Church, Uniting Church and Presbyterian Church, each fell by a staggering 20 per cent or more. Meanwhile, many of our brothers and sisters in the Eastern Catholic rites are actually growing.

The statistics suggest a strong desire for the faithful to remain connected to the Catholic faith, even if in name only. That presents a powerful opportunity for our parishes to reach out to those Catholics with the Good News of Jesus and connect them with our worshipping community.

A timely way for parishes to seize upon that opportunity is through the *Laying a Missionary Foundation Course*, being offered by the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay through July and August.

The course will equip parish leaders, ministers and parishioners with the knowledge and skills needed to live out the mission of the church fruitfully.

"I'm seeing this as a potential game changer for a parish," said Pina Bernard, Team Leader for Parish Renewal and Discipleship at the Diocese. "It's the shift we all need to make as a Church: to see Church different and to be Church different."

The course will begin with an in-person retreat day, encouraging people to renew their encounter with Jesus through the Holy Spirit. This will be followed by five online zoom sessions over the following five weeks, with presentations from guests such as Rev Dr Chris Ryan MGL and Cathy Kennedy from St Declan's Catholic Church, a parish which has a history of strong outreach.

"We have this missionary vision, so let's dare to dream and let's set up a vision for what could be and make it happen," said Pina.

"We need to change the culture. Let's increase the joy in our Parishes and send that out into the communities."

The course is suitable for clergy, parish pastoral council members, parish leaders, pastoral associates, parish staff, ministry leaders and teams, and any other interested parishioners.

"After the challenges of recent years, now is the ideal time to plan for where we would like to see our parishes in the years to come," said Pina. "We need to stand firm in our common mission, to dare to dream a God-sized vision, and trusting in the Holy Spirit, to plan the pathways and steps to get there."

To register for the *Laying a Missionary Foundation Course*, go to www.bbcatholic.org.au/PRAD

For further information, contact Pina Bernard at pina.bernard@bbcatholic.org.au or call her on [02 8379 1627](tel:0283791627) or [0432 682 239](tel:0432682239)



Sunday 10th July

Sea Sunday is a day to remember, celebrate, and pray for seafarers and their families, giving thanks for their lives and work.

Space for Young Adults

Authentic Christian community is an essential part of Catholic life, particularly for youth and young adults. It's an opportunity for like-minded Catholics to gather, enjoy each other's company and grow in faith together, with each person being welcomed and having a place. And what better way to build community than over the rivalrous 'State of Origin'?

For Game I and II, young adults from across the diocese gathered at Joseph House, a discernment house for men, to watch the Blues take on the Maroons. The evening began with dinner, followed by the game, and concluded with Evening Prayer. There were plenty of laughs and good times shared. Now the decider is officially on, we're going to make this one the biggest of all. Interested in coming to Game III? Send an email

to josephhouse@bbcatholic.org.au



Catholic Youth Broken Bay together with Glorious, a group of enthusiastic and creative young adults, invite young people across the diocese to 'Praisefest: Welcome to Mercy.'

Date: Friday, 19th August from 7:00pm – 9:00pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish at The Entrance.

The theme, 'Welcome to Mercy', invites each young person to delve into Christ's fountain of life regardless of past, failures, or current relationship with Christ. It also aims to connect the merciful and social justice work which students currently participate in through their schools, to the mercy that flows from Christ.

The evening will include outdoor games, live music, Q&A panel, testimony and of course, a Praise Party! More information will be announced over the coming weeks.



The Fifth Plenary Council of Australia final assembly will take place from July 3-9. After a four-year journey, the Second General Assembly, with 277 Council Members, will consider the motions that have emerged from the national journey, with the goal of renewing the life and mission of the Church in Australia.

The opening session each day, along with the Masses, will be livestreamed. People are invited to send messages of prayer, hope and support to the Members gathering in Sydney including our Bishop, Vicar General, Chancellor and other representatives, at <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/> where further information and details on the livestreaming can be found.

The PDCC final report has been handed to Bishop Anthony!

The final report of the Pastoral Discernment Project was handed to Bishop Anthony at the recent Clergy Conference with Clergy and Diocesan Leaders present. Subsequent to Bishop Anthony's response to the Report, a task group will be established for the project's implementation phase.

We invite the Holy Spirit to continue to guide the next phase of the Pastoral Discernment Central Coast Project.

For further information and regular updates, visit www.bbcatholic.org.au/pdcc.

'Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?'

Isaiah 43:19



Young Adults are invited to join the Catholic Youth Broken Bay team for a bush walk on Sunday, 17th July. We will be walking part of the Crosslands to Berowra Waters track, following 10:00am Mass at St Patrick's Church, Asquith.

This return walk starts from the Crosslands Reserve and follows the Great North Walk along Berowra creek, a beautiful place of natural flora and fauna. The walk is relatively flat, with the final part of the hike leading to Naa Badu Lookout, offering magnificent views over Berowra Creek, as well as Sams and Calna Creeks.

Bring your own snacks/lunch and water for the hike, as well as a water bottle, hat and sunscreen.

Contact Jen for more information: jen.healey@bbcatholic.org.au.

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Catholic Vocations Broken Bay

Inviting all young adults to join us for a special evening of Holy Hour, Adoration and Discernment at Holy Name Parish Wahroonga on Friday, July 22.

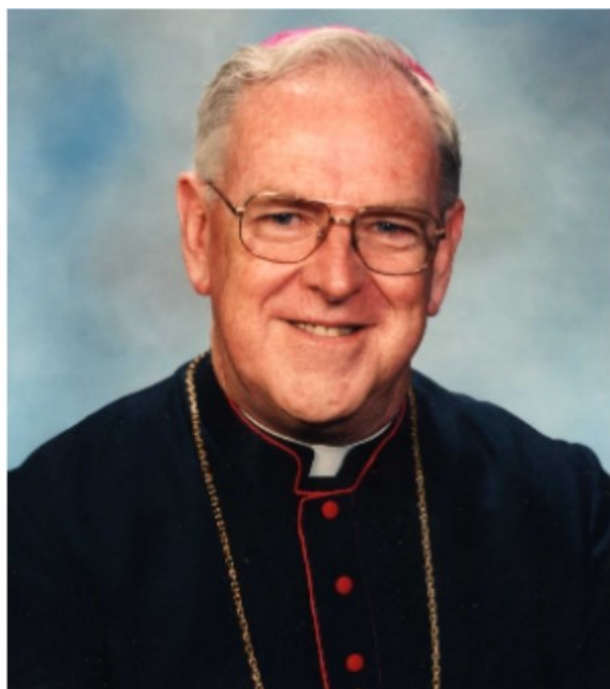
Fr Paul Durkin will be presenting our third talk on Discernment: Awareness, Understanding & Action, starting with Holy Hour at 6pm, followed by dinner. This promises to be a special evening for all young adults who are seeking guidance and direction in their lives.

During the talk, Fr Paul will explore what it means to be aware of God's will for our lives, how to understand His call, and how to take action in response. This promises to be a rich and informative evening, so please join us! Hope to see you there!

Friday July 22, 6pm
 35 Billyard Ave, Wahroonga 2076 Holy Name Church

Please RSVP for catering purposes. Ph: 0418 522 449

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Community Seminar Wills, Enduring Guardianship and Powers of Attorney

The free seminar is for those who need to prepare or update their Will, answer questions about Elder Law, and to encourage supporting the future of our Catholic faith through a charitable gift in Will. All welcome across the Diocese.

Date: Thursday 14 July 2022, 11am -12.30pm

Venue: The Lakes Parish Hall, St Joseph's Catholic Church, 21 Lagoon Street, Narrabeen 2101.

Speaker: Cecilia Castle, principal of Castle Lawyers ([profile attached](#))

Registration: www.bbcatholic.org.au/willsday

For more information contact David Armstrong on david.armstrong@bbcatholic.org.au / 8379 1664.

Laying a Missionary Foundation Course

A 6-session hybrid course to equip parish leaders, ministers and parishioners with knowledge and skills needed to live out the mission of the Church fruitfully today,

“ to evangelise, to proclaim the
Good News of Jesus Christ, gathered as one body
and sent out to be missionary disciples. ”

To effectively live out our evangelising mission today in our parishes and communities requires a reorientation towards a missionary mindset where we focus on taking the Good News outwards from our parishes through both word and action. This six session Diocesan Course starting on Saturday 30 July, will lay a foundation for such a missionary mindset, by equipping participants with effective knowledge and skills to be fruitful in this mission. For further information, please contact Pina Bernard, Team Leader Parish Renewal and Discipleship, on [0432 682 239](tel:0432682239) or pina.bernard@bbcatholic.org.au