

Whilst we cannot worship together in our churches for the time being, please know that there are many ways that you can still remain connected to us in the following ways:

- ♦ Join our Facebook page to **watch 9.30am Sunday Mass Live**
www.facebook.com/wyongcatholicparish
- ♦ Keep in contact with Jo and Helen in the Parish Office on 4352 1011 or Jo 0424 763 734.
- ♦ **Reconciliation by appointment.** To make an appointment call 4352 1011, Fr Raul 0450 115 099 or Fr Alex 0432 947 245
- ♦ **Prayer intentions**—send an email or call the Parish Office with your prayer intentions. These will be prayed for by Fr Raul and Fr Alex in their private daily Masses.
- ♦ If you know of someone who does not have an email or access to the internet, please advise the Parish Office, so we can arrange for the parish bulletin to be delivered to them.
- ♦ We have many resources that can be collected from outside the church for example: Weekly Bulletin, the Holy Rosary booklet and Stations of the Cross booklet.

As a community we invite you to Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet each day with a special intention for those who are dying due to the COVID-19.

There are many ways that you can stay in contact with us: through email, by phone or checking our website
Parish Email: wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au
Website: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/wyong/>
Facebook: www.facebook.com/wyongcatholicparish

PRAYER: Jesus, you are the Way, the Truth and the Life, and You call us to follow you, so that we may have life and have it to the full. Thank you for the gift of your mother, Mary, who gives us a pure example of trust in the Father and illustrates to us the self-sacrificial love of a mother for all her children. May we look to her as an example of true surrender and love. Amen

FUNDRAISING

Presbytery Roof

Wyong Catholic Parish BSB 062 784 Account 13528001 reference: Roof
(Donation to date \$1885.00)

Craft Stall raised \$1060

Thank you Rae Bof for organising and running the stall.
Rae still has lots of goodies to sell so please have a look on Gumtree under St Cecilia's Wyong Fund-raiser.

Return and Earn raised \$615.10 to date.
Please remember to save all your bottles and cans.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

The Central Coast Council has completed its development of the Affordable and Alternative Housing Strategy. This document is available to view and download on the Council's website.

Julie Vaughan Director of Connected Communities Central Coast Council forwarded this information about the documentation and its formulation---
The Central Coast Affordable and Alternative Housing Strategy is a comprehensive plan which addresses initiatives across the whole housing continuum - from homelessness through to home ownership, providing pathways for a range of households - from very low through to moderate incomes.

The Central Coast Affordable and Alternative Housing Strategy is anchored around 3 main pillars:

- The direct creation of affordable rental housing
- The facilitation of affordable and lower cost housing
- The intervention and prevention of homelessness.

The Strategy will be implemented in stages over the next 10 years and will address the need for housing affordability, diversity and choice. It is the culmination of extensive research, consultation and input from the Central Coast Community.

Thank you to all parishioners who were involved in this strategy in 2018.

It is pleasing to see that our hard work has helped in this development and planning.

I hope all of you are remaining positive and are managing under our present difficult conditions. May the Holy family continue to bless you all.

Kerry Bugden Secretary

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)

Welcome to the **Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year A, 10th May 2020.**

**HAPPY
MOTHER'S
DAY**

Mother's Day

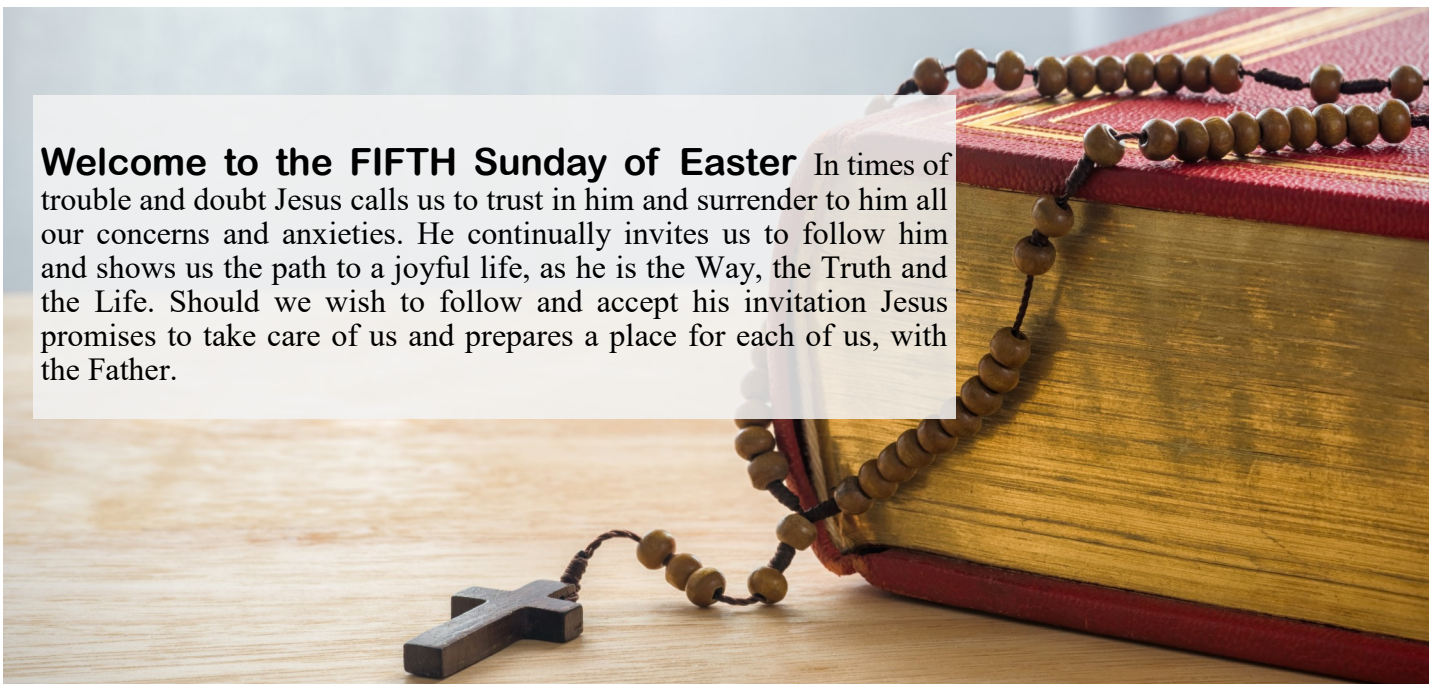
Heavenly Father,

We pray for mothers, in thanks for their love and care so freely given. We remember all mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, and all who have fulfilled motherly roles in our lives. May they be blessed with joy and fulfilment.

We pray for those who on this Mother's Day are unhappy, sick, sad, lonely or anxious. We place them in your care that they may know the comfort, reconciliation and peace which your love brings.

We pray for all the faithful departed, especially mothers, that God may bring them into the joy of his kingdom.

We make this prayer through our Lord, Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever. Amen.



Welcome to the FIFTH Sunday of Easter In times of trouble and doubt Jesus calls us to trust in him and surrender to him all our concerns and anxieties. He continually invites us to follow him and shows us the path to a joyful life, as he is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Should we wish to follow and accept his invitation Jesus promises to take care of us and prepares a place for each of us, with the Father.

Please join us as we **livestream Mass every Sunday at 9.30am on Facebook.**
Please see the link below, don't forget to like and follow our Facebook page.
www.facebook.com/wyongcatholicparish

SUNDAY MASS 10 MAY 2020

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Acts 6:1-7

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Second Reading 1 Peter 2:4-9

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

Gospel Acclamation John 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.
Alleluia!

Gospel John 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be.

Where I am going you know the way." Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, I am the way and the truth and the life.

No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.

How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father."

REFLECTION FOR 10TH MAY

Struggles and tensions within the Christian community are nothing new. They have been there from the very beginning, as evidenced by today's first reading where we hear about a conflict that had arisen between the Christians of Jewish background and the Christians of Greek background. There were theological differences between the two groups and also cultural differences and the issue that brought things to a head concerned food, which is always cultural – what we eat and how we prepare food always reflects our cultural backgrounds.

We can learn much from the way the apostles handled this conflict. Their approach is one of inclusiveness. They don't take sides but seek to address the matter in a way that keeps the community together. Because the Greeks are in a more vulnerable position the apostles encourage the Greeks to select a number of, men of good reputation who can take care of their needs. This inclusiveness is also found in today's Gospel where Jesus tells his disciples that 'there are many rooms in my Father's house'. The Gospel also gives wise advice: 'Trust in God still and trust in me'. Let us always remember that Jesus is the head and cornerstone of the Church, as St Peter reminds us in today's second reading, and we should set ourselves close to him. The Church will always be fragile because it is made up of human beings, but it will also be strong and life-giving as long as its cornerstone is faith in Jesus Christ.

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POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY For Deacons

We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

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Important Notice

Due to the COVID-19 virus, the Diocese has advised that effective from Friday 20 March, in the Diocese of Broken Bay: **All public Masses are hereby suspended until further notice. Our Churches are to remain closed as well.**

Accordingly, this includes a dispensation for all the Faithful in the Diocese from the obligation to participate at Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation (cc.87§1 ;1247).

The Faithful are encouraged to keep the Lord's Day holy and celebrate Sunday as a domestic church by taking time to pray together as a household (c. 1248§2).

We understand that is a great concern for many of you. Please see the latest up to date correspondence on the Diocesan website:

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

Please note: We have various resources to enable you to continue to nurture your faith in these difficult times. These are available for you near our noticeboard of St Cecilia's Church.

Another way for the Parish to keep you up to date with the current changes is through our E-Bulletins. To subscribe to this please email the Parish Office on wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au

PARISH COLLECTIONS

We are delighted that we are able to support the faith needs of our Catholic community and grateful that we are still here and able to assist you. Please show your support for your parish and the commitments we have made, by giving whatever you can. As Jesus said, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also". (Matthew 6:21).

1st Collection The financial support for Fr Raul and Fr Alex comes solely from our Parish first collection and this goes towards their upkeep and living expenses. Our Parish Priests are not financially supported by the Diocese.

2nd Collection goes towards all the pastoral and operating expenses of the Parish: phones/photo copier, electricity, insurance, rates, priests vehicles, staff wages, Presbytery, Church and ground maintenance just to name a few.

You can make your **donation directly into our bank account:**

1st Collection; Society of Our Lady of The Most Holy Trinity (SOLT) BSB 062 195 Account 10229389

2nd Collection; Wyong Catholic Parish BSB 062 784 Account 13528001

You can give **by credit card** over the phone call Jo in the Parish office 0424 763 734

or you may even like to **post a cheque** to Po Box 385 Wyong 2259.

PRAYER: PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Loving God, You are the Lord who calls and sends out labourers into the harvest. In your great love you call us to belong to you, to be holy as you are holy, to be your people and to live in loving service of others. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon the Catholic community of Broken Bay, as we turn to you in faith and hope.

Call from among us priests and deacons, shepherds after your own heart, to gather and guide us in your name, to serve our faith community, to proclaim your gospel, in word and deed, to minister through the sacraments and to lead us ever closer to you. Amen.



KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS

Prayer: The most valuable gift you can give someone.

Sick: Len Miller, Victor Gibbs, Harriet Powell, Danae Roe, Peter Ford, Harry Hall, Michael Briggs, Christine Heffernan, Jennese Thompson, Martin Wicks, Leeann Hazelton, Catherine Amey, Philip Dwyer, Bernadette Kiely, Ross Tollow, Steve Durnford, Ann Durnford, Maureen Mulheron, Angela Watts, William Martin, Terence (Ted) Dafter.

Recently Deceased: Leone Corrigan, Gerald McCulloch, Irene Adams and Janet Milroy (mother of Rosie Jenkins)

Anniversary: Edward Bath, Brian Myers, Mark Bastic, Mary Bastic, Deacon Jim Caulfield, Kay Taylor, Rodney Noble, Serapio Otones.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Best Wishes

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Beth Hughes

John Dwyer

Gerard Byrne

Helen Beamish Happy 70th, 19/5/1950

Warmest Congratulations

ANNIVERSARIES

Kerry & Brian Bugden 12/5/1962

58 years

Enid & John Dwyer 31/5/1958

62 years

Please contact the parish office with your Birthdays and Anniversaries, we will have a Mass said for you. Ph:4352 1011

CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN, INDEED! ALLELUIA!

"These verses from the Easter narrative are fresh in our hearts and minds as we commemorate the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Saviour over the fifty days of Easter." "The Angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled away the stone. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here. For he has risen. Do not be afraid..." Bishop Anthony shares a message with us all during this Easter season, where we are encouraged more than ever to allow the Spirit into our lives.

Bishop Anthony's Homilies Did you know that Bishop Anthony is now loading his homilies onto our Diocesan website for the community to read. [https:// www.bbcatholic.org.au/people/bishop/homilies-and-reflections/homilies](https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/people/bishop/homilies-and-reflections/homilies)

Saint: 13 May - Feast of Our Lady of Fatima: celebrates the apparitions of Our Lady to three Portuguese children in 1917 where Mary revealed three secrets and asked the children to tell everyone to pray the Rosary every day for world peace. Mary also asked the children to add another prayer to the end of each decade of the Rosary, now known as the Fatima Prayer. <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2020-05-13>



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