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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*



11TH OCTOBER 2020,

**28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME,
YEAR A**

*May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see
how great is the hope to which we are called.*

Please join us as we livestream Mass every Saturday at 5pm on Facebook. Please see the link below, don't forget to like and follow our Facebook page. www.facebook.com/wyongcatholicparish



We request for everyone to please wear a mask when they attend church for any Mass, religious service or prayer.

SUNDAY MASS 11 OCTOBER 2020 THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING ISAIAH 25:6-10

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so.

That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 22

R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

SECOND READING PHILIPPIANS 4:12-14, 19-20

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere; full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION OF EPHESIANS 1:17, 18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL MATTHEW 22:1-10

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited," he said, "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

REFLECTION 11TH OCTOBER

In today's Gospel Jesus tells the parable of a king who organized a great feast for his son's wedding. The image of a wedding evokes many feelings of celebration and joy and sharing with family and close friends. We invite people we love to weddings – those with whom we want to share the most significant and joyful moments of our life. Sometimes, however, it is the people we least expect who can become our best friends and our closest companions.

The Gospel parable in Matthew gives an open invitation as the story develops: 'go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding'. There will be numerous people that will influence and teach us different lessons in life that will ultimately give us meaning and purpose. They can teach us about Christ and about the ways of goodness, peace, sorrow and joy. The wedding feast parable can teach us about our relationship with Christ and others. Who are the people in your life that give you joy? Do you invite and include people who have touched your heart to share in your joyful moments?

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CONGRATULATIONS YEAR 12 STUDENTS

The Year 12 students had their graduation Mass and awards last week. Please remember them in your prayers as they begin to prepare for their HSC exams.

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, Leeann Hazelton, Catherine Amey, Philip Dwyer, Bernadette Kiely, Steve Durnford, Ann Durnford, Maureen Mulheron, Angela Watts, William Martin, Terence (Ted) Dafter, Finn McConnon, Margaret Hobbs, Shane & Christine, John Baxter, Joey Moloney, Noel Muir.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARY OCTOBER: Kerry Baldwin, Agnes Myers, James Smith, Michael Bouchet, Jill Hill, Eileen Preston, Matthew Di Losa, Zenaida, Barry Austin, Donald King.



*Birthdays
and
Anniversaries*

Best Wishes

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Father Raul 7/10/1971
Christine Greentree 10/10/1949
Brian Bugden 10/10/1938
Mark Helm 12/10/66
John Baxter 25/10/
Father Alex 31/10/71

Warmest Congratulations

ANNIVERSARIES

Margaret & Michael Drain
18/10/1974

SOLEMN VESPERS

On Sunday 4 October, Sam French, Aldrin Valdehueza and Roger Delmonte made their Profession of Faith, Oath of Fidelity and Commitment to Celibacy publicly in the Cathedral so that community of the Church can participate and accompany them on their vocational journey. **Congratulations to all three men**, who were ordained to the Order of Deacons this month. Roger Delmonte's Ordination was on Wednesday 7 October at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara.



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Thank you to everyone, who has supported the 100 Club we have had such a wonderful response. The total 150 numbers are now sold.

THE NEW ADJUSTED PRIZES ARE

WEEKS 1 – 9

1st prize \$100

2nd prize \$60

3rd Prize \$40

WEEK 10

1st Prize \$450

2nd Prize \$250

3rd Prize \$150

4th Prize \$50.

First draw is Saturday 10th October after the 5pm Mass at St Cecilia's. Good luck!

RETURN AND EARN

From when we started collecting recycled bottles in October 2019 **RETURN AND EARN HAS RAISED \$1222.20 TO DATE.**

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

THE LAITY'S MISSION IN THE CHURCH

We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF MARY MACKILLOP'S CANONISATION

The date of 17 October 2020 marks the 10th anniversary of the canonisation of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. The Sisters of St Joseph invite us to celebrate the wonderful life and inspirational legacy of our first Saint.

The theme for this celebration is "Take Fresh Courage", a quote written by Mary MacKillop on 21 May 1877.

Details of the celebrations and resources can be found at <https://www.sosj.org.au/10th-anniversary/>

A "Courage Hour" will be held on the vigil Friday 16 October at 8pm (your local time), where all can participate online via the Sisters of St Joseph website.



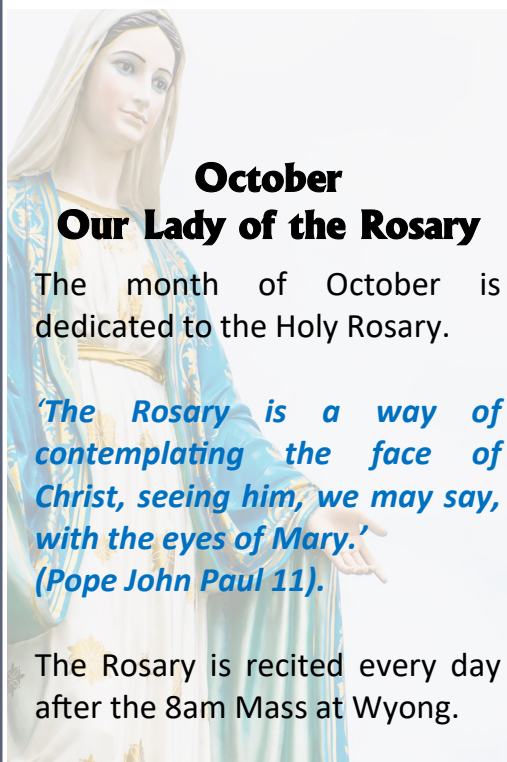
Extra Mower's Required

We are appealing for more mowers. If there is any person who would be kind enough to join us in the mowing and general maintenance of the Church (approx. 1 hr, four times a year depending on the numbers we have) please contact Brian on 4388 2938.

To make life a little easier our equipment consists of a ride-on-mower and a self-propelled mower. Thank you.

Position Vacant – Administrative Assistant, Toukley - Lake Munmorah Parish

Toukley - Lake Munmorah Parish wishes to employ a casual Administrative Assistant to provide general admin assistance in the Parish Office. For the full advertisement, please see the Diocesan website: bbcatholic.org.au/people/positions-vacant



October

Our Lady of the Rosary

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary.

'The Rosary is a way of contemplating the face of Christ, seeing him, we may say, with the eyes of Mary.'
(Pope John Paul 11).

The Rosary is recited every day after the 8am Mass at Wyong.

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo
Bishop of Broken Bay

Message for BBNeighbourhoods
6 October 2020

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Last Sunday at the tomb of Saint Francis of Assisi, our Holy Father Francis signed the third encyclical of his pontificate. It is called “Fratelli tutti” and in the letter Pope Francis takes up the theme of fraternity and social friendship.

“Fratelli tutti” is a literal quotation from Saint Francis of Assisi, who, as the Pope immediately explains: “...addressed his brothers and sisters and proposed to them a way of life marked by the flavour of the Gospel.” (FT 1)

I think that what will be important for us as the community of the Church of Broken Bay, is to reflect prayerfully, not just on the thoughts and words of the encyclical, but also upon our own circumstances in the Diocese and in the society in which we live.

In Chapter One, there is an obvious reference to shadows over the closed world which are spreading and leaving people injured by the roadside, cast out, and discarded. These shadows plunge people into confusion, loneliness, and desolation. Dare I say that these shadows existed before the COVID-19 pandemic.

Within the Church there is at times division, animosity, and antagonism amongst members who call themselves brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ. I have people from within our community who write to me selectively quoting bits and pieces of Church teaching to support their viewpoint or the ideology that they desire to promote. I am glad that people are reading the teachings of the Church, however, I would be even more grateful if people read them with an open mind and heart, with the desire to engage in fruitful and respectful dialogue, and within the context in which they were written. I suppose that this is an ongoing discipline that each one of us might need to attend to, in a spirit of fraternity and social friendship. If we are able to love one another, how much more effect will our witness to the Gospel be to the world?

Pope Francis reminds us that knowing how to dialogue is the way to open the world and build social friendship (cf FT Chapter Six) which manifests an open heart and provides the basis for better politics. Dialogue gives rise to the culture of encounter, which becomes a passionate way of life. People who dialogue are generous, recognising, and respectful of others. Time and time again in the Gospels, Jesus engages people through dialogue. Dialogue is animated by love and requires active listening as well as speaking.

The Holy Father offers us an opportunity for growth, as individuals and as a community of faith. He recalls that encounter is not enough. We have to face the reality of the injuries of past mis-encounters, and so we have to establish and walk paths of re-encounter (cf FT Chapter Seven). Wounds need healing. As individuals and as a community we need both to seek and to offer forgiveness (cf Luke 15:11-32). The Pope urges us to be daring and to start from the truth, which is the inseparable companion of justice and mercy.

A final thought is the reminder that for us Christians, the source of human dignity and fraternity is the Good News of Jesus Christ. Our inspiration to be faithful, active, and committed is always the joy of the Gospel. Pope Francis invites us to make our own the world’s desire for fraternity, beginning with the recognition that we are all brothers and sisters – *Fratelli tutti*.

Peace be with you,

+Anthony

WEEKEND AND WEEKDAY MASSES

St Cecilia's Church and St John Fisher Mass Ctr have a **limitation of 45 people per Mass**, we kindly remind you that you **MUST RING** to book in your attendance for our WEEKEND MASSES. To book your attendance for the Weekend Masses please text or call Jo on 0424 763 734 during office hours.

UPDATED MASS TIMES FROM 3RD/4TH OCTOBER 2020

ST CECILIA'S CHURCH MASS TIMES

- **Saturday Vigil Masses 5pm** **Sunday Masses 7.30am and 9.30am**
- Weekday Mass times Monday to Saturday 8am

ST JOHN FISHER MASS CTR

- **Saturday Vigil Masses 5pm** **Sunday Masses 8.30am and 5.00pm**
- Weekday Mass times Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 8am and Tuesday, Friday 9.15am

Anointing Mass: We will not recommence Anointing Masses at this stage.

Group Meetings: We will not recommence group meeting at this stage.

PLEASE REMEMBER WHEN COMING TO MASS THAT:

- If you have a temperature or a cold, please do not attend.
- You must sanitise your hands before entry into the church.
- **we requested for everyone to please wear a mask when they attend church for any Mass, religious service or prayer.**
- For Weekend/Weekday Masses you Must make sure you have your name and contact details recorded on the attendance sheet as you come into the church.
- Individuals (not families) are asked to respect the 1.5m distancing from each other obligation.
- Boxes for 1st and 2nd Collections are inside the church/mass ctr

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1st Collection (PRIESTS) 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.

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