

**24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B**  
**PARISH BULLETIN, 12TH SEPTEMBER 2021**

*My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.*

**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:*

*I will walk in the presence of the  
Lord, in the land of the living.*

**REFLECTION 12TH SEPTEMBER Mk 8:27-35**

*Reproduced from God's Word 2021: Daily Reflections, published by St Pauls Publications, Strathfield*

Walking northwards towards Caesarea Philippi, Jesus asked his disciples a question which continues to resonate through the ages: 'Who do people say I am?' If we are serious in proclaiming our Christian faith, it is a question to which we must provide a sincere personal response not only in a creedal statement but also in the manner of our daily life. Jesus was probably well aware of the negative terms with which his enemies described him. To them he was a blasphemer, a false prophet, a law-breaker, a glutton and drunkard and even a madman. Others saw him more positively as John the Baptist or Elijah. Both to the blind man at Bethsaida (John 9) and to the Samaritan woman at Jacob's Well (John 4), he was a prophet. Jesus answered his own question in a series of seven 'I am' statements in John's Gospel in which he claimed to be the bread of life, the light of the world, the door of the sheepfold, the good shepherd, the resurrection and the life, and the way and the truth and the life. In responding to Jesus' question today and seeking our own true identity, we might also ask Jesus, 'Who do you say I am?'



## Condolences

Jack Harris a former Parish Pastoral Council member who retired in February this year due to ill health, passed away last week in Wyong hospital.

Due to Covid restrictions, a private funeral service was held at St Mary's Toukley on Tuesday 7 September.

Thank you Jack for your Council input which was insightful, relevant and thought-provoking. Jack was a big person, with a big heart who has received his promotion, no doubt to heaven. It's our loss and heaven's gain.

Jack may you rest in peace.'

Our condolences and prayers go to Jack's wife Thelma, family and friends.



## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Marilyn 3/9/1936

Michael Drain 4/9/1947

Kerry Bugden 13/9/1938

Please contact the parish office with your Birthdays and Anniversaries, we will have a Mass said for you. 0424 763 734

**PRAYER:** Heavenly Father, you sent your only Son into this world as our Lord, God and saviour. Help us to recognise His saving action in our lives. Send your Spirit to give us the courage and strength to take up our cross and walk with Jesus as his disciples each day. Amen

## The September issue of Broken Bay News is now available online.

This issue features Bishop Anthony's message about looking after your spiritual wellbeing, the new Pastoral Discernment Project on the Central Coast, online parenting help in lockdown, Bishop David Walker's 25th anniversary and so much more. Read it online here:



Read it online here: [https://issuu.com/bbcatholic/docs/broken\\_bay\\_news\\_september\\_2021\\_issue\\_211](https://issuu.com/bbcatholic/docs/broken_bay_news_september_2021_issue_211)

## IMPORTANT - LOCKDOWN EXTENDED FOR REGIONAL NSW UNTIL MIDNIGHT FRIDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER.

Due to this announcement St Cecilia's Church and St John Fisher Mass Ctr will remain closed until the stay home order is lifted. The Parish office is not open to visitors at this time, you can contact the office on 0424 763 734.

Please join us as we livestream Mass this Sunday at 9.30am on Facebook.

Please see the link below, don't forget to like and follow our Facebook page.

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We know this is a very difficult time so if you, your family or anyone you know is in need of assistance please call either Fr Raul 0450 115 099, Fr Alex 0432 947 245 or Jo 0424 763 734.

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**Plenary Council**

Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

## FAN THE FLAME

Towards Plenary Assembly One  
October 2021

*'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me.'*  
**Mark 8:27-35**

There can be no shortcuts, no bypassing the cross or the tomb, to encounter the resurrection. For new life and new hope to emerge, we need to acknowledge that we are a broken, hurt and traumatised Church... by standing in solidarity and compassion with each other, particularly the wounded, the poor and the traumatised.

((Humble, Healing and Merciful – Discernment Paper pp. 12 and 18))

[www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/)

## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September

### An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.



**14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

## THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS - FEAST

Whilst it may seem counterintuitive to exalt the Cross of Christ, an instrument of torture, the very reason we do so is because this was the means that God chose to open up salvation to the world. The Cross is a powerful symbol of God's love for us and His salvific action in our lives.

### Reflection

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In the eyes of the Roman colonisers and Jesus' Jewish contemporaries, crucifixion was the ultimate degradation that could be imposed on a human being. And yet, the cross that rises above our churches, that we venerate as a community on Good Friday and that we make upon our bodies in liturgical celebrations and sacramental rituals is uncontestedly the most potent and universal sign of our Christian faith. In Pope Saint John Paul II's words, it is, the "privileged place" where human misery and divine mercy meet. It was only when he became a witness to the paschal events in Jerusalem that the admirable Nicodemus appreciated the import of Jesus' words about his being 'lifted up'. As Paul wrote to the community in Corinth, 'The language of the cross may be illogical to those who are not on the way to salvation, but those of us who are on the way see it as God's power to save' (1 Corinthians 1: 18).



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## MASS TIMES

### ST CECILIA'S CHURCH

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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

### EMERGENCY PRIEST CONTACT

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**OFFICE HOURS:** Mon to Thurs 9.30am to 2.30pm & Fri 9.30am to 12pm

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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 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

### Catechist Meeting

### Liturgy Meeting

### Sacramental Team Meeting

### Social Justice Meeting

**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, Catherine Amey, Bernadette Kiely, Steve Durnford, Ann Durnford, Maureen Mulheron, Angela Watts, William Martin, Terence (Ted) Dafter, Finn McConnon, Margaret Hobbs, Christine, John Baxter, Joey Moloney, Jacqui Stacey, Josie Campbell, Frank Costa, Carol Dafter, Dave Rodney, Gerard Byrne, Gwen Dwyer.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Jack Harris, Lucy Smith  
**ANNIVERSARY SEPTEMBER:**

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## **Welcome to the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Who is Jesus for you? Jesus asks his disciples this question in this week's Gospel. Peter responds correctly – Jesus is the Messiah. Jesus then goes on to explain what being a follower of the Messiah really means. The disciples found it difficult to understand that being a disciple meant self-denial and having to carry their cross. Similarly, we are asked to grapple with this same question.*

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

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## **Sunday Mass 12th September 2021**

### **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD *Reproduced from Liturgia***

#### **FIRST READING ISAIAH 50:5-9**

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. My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me?

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 114:1-6, 8-9**

***R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.***

I love the Lord for he has heard the cry of my appeal; for he turned his ear to me in the day when I called him. R. They surrounded me, the snares of death, with anguish of the tomb; they caught me, sorrow and distress.

I called on the Lord's name. O Lord my God, deliver me! R.

How gracious is the Lord, and just; our God has compassion. The Lord protects the simple hearts; I was helpless so he saved me! R.

He has kept my soul from death, my eyes from tears and my feet from stumbling. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living. R.

#### **SECOND READING JAMES 2:14-18**

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead. This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds - now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION GALATIANS 6:14**

Alleluia, alleluia! My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world. Alleluia!

#### **GOSPEL MARK 8:27-35**

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'



## PARISH COLLECTIONS

**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.

**2nd Collection (PARISH)** 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.

- Many parishioners assist us by donating to our plan giving program via automatic credit card donations weekly or monthly.
- As we are becoming a more cashless society we ask you to please consider this option. If you wish to donate by credit card, please complete the attached credit card form or call Jo in the parish office on 0424 763 734. You can also give **by credit card** over the phone.
- For parishioners who would like to continue using plan giving envelopes, for your convenience, you are welcome to use the credit card option on the back of the plan giving envelopes.

Or you can make your **donation directly into our bank account:**

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This weekend Parish Communities across Australia celebrate Safeguarding Sunday Mass. The Safeguarding Office of the Diocese of Broken Bay in collaboration with the Safeguarding teams of the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Diocese of Parramatta are proud to make available a significant resource to support Catholic Communities develop a culture where adults consider, encourage and invite the participation and consultation of children and young people.

The resource is available online. Click here to access [www.bbcatholic.org.au/safeguarding-month-2021](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/safeguarding-month-2021)

If you are interested in a hard copy of the guide or would like to learn more about how to implement these principles of participation speak with your Parish Priest, Parish Safeguarding Officer or contact the Office for Safeguarding on P 8379 1605 or

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## HOPE OUT OF HORROR Webinar on Refugees

Thursday 23 Sep 7.00pm to 8.00pm

In the wake of the tremendous difficulties currently being faced by those in Afghanistan and by Afghans currently in Australia on temporary visas.

**SJAB** (*Social Justice Around the Bay*), **St. Vincent de Paul**, Northern Sydney / Central Coast Regional Social Justice Committee and **Jesuit Refugee Service Australia (JRS)** are holding a Webinar titled:

**Hope Out of Horror – Seeking Refuge in Australia**  
Thursday, 23 September, 7.00pm – 8.00pm

This is a chance to hear the stories of those seeking Refuge and Asylum in Australia and to join a cry to Canberra to:

1. Offer Permanent Protection to all Refugees
2. Enable access to Family Reunions for Refugees
3. Offer a Safety Net, including Medical and Financial Assistance to those in need of refuge

**REGISTRATION FOR THIS EVENT IS ESSENTIAL**

To register click on the link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/stories-of-hope-and-courage-seeking-refugee-in-australia-tickets-166888717647>



## **Liturgy of Lament - Thursday 9 September, 7.00pm**

The Liturgy of Lament – an opportunity to gather and pray to God in acknowledging the suffering caused to our most vulnerable and to give public expression to our sorrow. Bishop Anthony Randazzo will preside. In God's presence, we pray together in lament for the pain caused, for the dignity robbed, for the truth rejected and for the freedom denied to survivors of abuse.

To participate in the Liturgy of Lament, visit the Diocesan website <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/about/safeguarding/safeguarding-month-2021/liturgy-of-lament> at 7.00pm on Thursday 9 September. The video will be available online afterwards.



## **Sunday 12 September 2021 -**

The Catholic Church in Australia marks **Safeguarding Sunday** - join Bishop Anthony Randazzo in celebrating Mass at 9.30am via live stream from the Cathedral. Click here to participate in the Mass

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNenwlf17i14XB9TsVBrLvQ>



## Bay Connect

Evangelisation Broken Bay has launched a new program of online events called Bay Connect. The program provides an online program of regular activities commencing on 30 August, to converse, reflect and connect spiritually online during this challenging time.

The program commences on Monday, 30 August, and includes:

- **THE CHOSEN MONDAY**

Mondays @ 7:30-8:45pm via Zoom - Join us as we go through the first season of *The Chosen*, viewing one episode every Monday, breaking open some themes and coming to know Jesus in a fresh new way.

- **TUESDAY NIGHT LIGHTS**

Tuesdays @ 7:00-7:30pm via Instagram Live (@cybbaus) - A place for the community to come together for prayer and to praise God from the setting of your home. All youth, young adults, singles and families, parishioners and clergy are invited.

- **HUMPDAY HANGOUT W/ BR BERNARD**

Wednesdays @ 7:00-7:30pm via Zoom - Our jolly friar Br. Bernard Mary will host the session with time for prayer, 'Banger' of the week, casual chat and an entertaining selection of activities.

- **FORMATION FRIDAYS**

Fridays @ 7:00-8:00pm via Zoom - An opportunity to get some simple Catholic formation on various aspects of the faith, from the basics to the hot topics, featuring a different guest speaker each week, followed by some time for questions/discussion.

"Through this, we hope that those in our community who are seeking opportunities to come closer to Christ can do so in a new and fresh way," said Tomasz.

**To find out more and register online, visit the Bay Connect page on the Diocese of Broken Bay website**

**<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/news/covid-19-updates/prayer-resources/bay-connect>**





## **FIRST PLENARY COUNCIL ASSEMBLY MOVING FULLY ONLINE**

At long last, starting 3 October 2021, the Catholic Church in Australia will gather for the first Assembly of the Plenary Council. Due to the current climate the format of the assembly has evolved from a large gathering, to smaller hubs and now to a fully online gathering with one person per device. While not ideal, and not what we had hoped, the national team will continue to assist and support the members and delegates so that they may participate as effectively as possible.

While many may question why we are proceeding with the Plenary Council at this time; the desire to fulfil Christ's mission, no matter how difficult the circumstances may be, is part of the thinking in moving ahead. It is precisely the challenges that people are now facing, the isolation and disconnect, that we are hoping the Church will be able to address. Please continue to pray for the Plenary Council, the members and delegates as they prepare to fulfill their role in the coming months.

You can keep abreast of all the latest news, access the *Instrumentum Laboris* and sign up to the Plenary Council Newsletter by heading to the National website:

**<http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>**



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