

**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*



**WELCOME TO THE 15TH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**  
**Year A,**  
**12th July 2020**

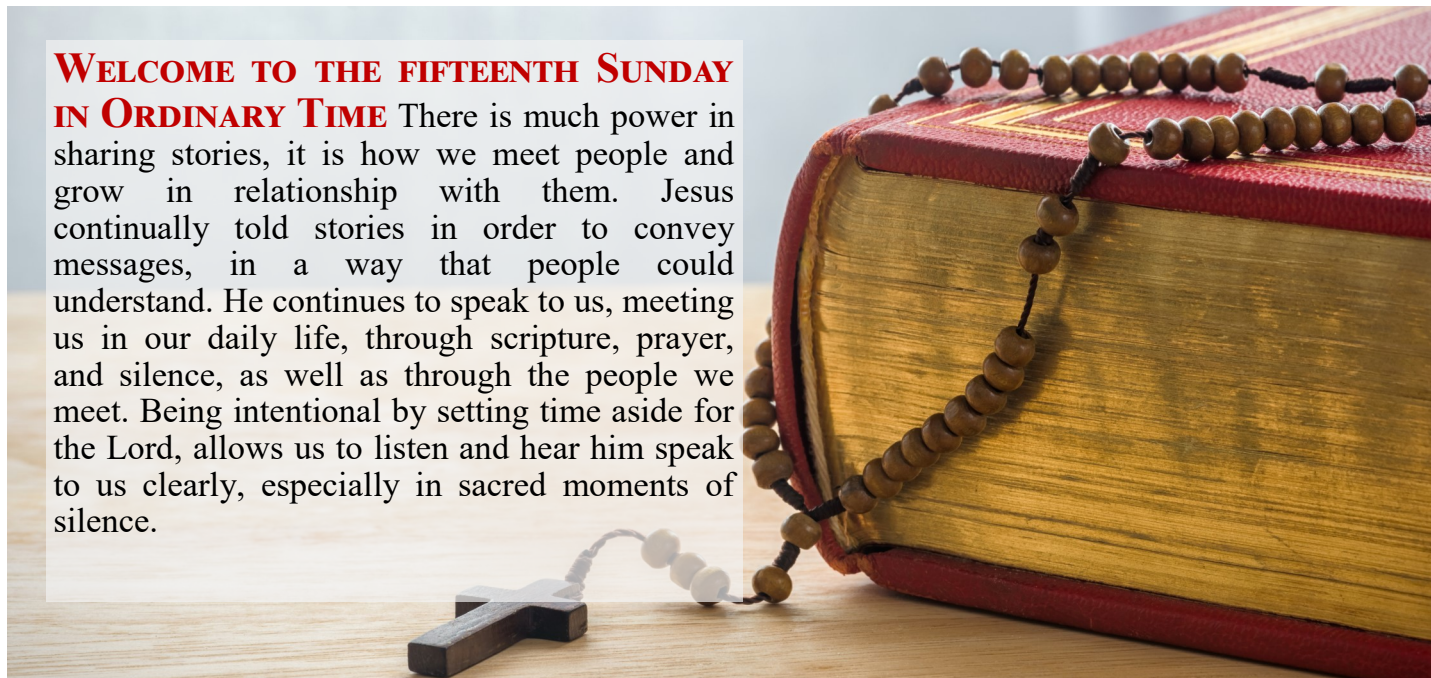
**GOSPEL READING:** Matt 13: 3-4, 8-9 “[Jesus] told them many things in parables. He said, ‘Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop. Listen, anyone who has ears!’”

**REFLECTION:** “The parable of the sower has a twofold message: as seed, our job is to get busy growing. As farmers, our job is to get busy sowing.” <http://www.integratedcatholiclife.org/2017/07/dambrosio-sunday-reflection-sowingand-growing/>



## WELCOME TO THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

There is much power in sharing stories, it is how we meet people and grow in relationship with them. Jesus continually told stories in order to convey messages, in a way that people could understand. He continues to speak to us, meeting us in our daily life, through scripture, prayer, and silence, as well as through the people we meet. Being intentional by setting time aside for the Lord, allows us to listen and hear him speak to us clearly, especially in sacred moments of silence.



We warmly welcome **Bishop Anthony Randazzo** to our parish - to Pray with us and to Bless us and more importantly, to celebrate the Holy Eucharist with us, which is the source and summit - of our life.

Bishop Anthony will be joining us for our Sunday 9.30am Mass at St Cecilia's Church this Sunday. If you wish to attend this Mass, please remember you **MUST book your attendance**, as we still have a **limit of 40** people per Mass.

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.  
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## SUNDAY MASS 12 JULY 2020 THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING ISAIAH 55:10-11

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 64:10-14

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

### SECOND READING ROMANS 8:18-23

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!

## GOSPEL MATTHEW 13:1-23

On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear.”

The disciples approached him and said, “Why do you speak to them in parables?” He said to them in reply, “Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted. To anyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand. Isaiah’s prophecy is fulfilled in them, which says: You shall indeed hear but not understand, you shall indeed look but never see. Gross is the heart of this people, they will hardly hear with their ears, they have closed their eyes, lest they see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their hearts and be converted, and I heal them. “But blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear. Amen, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it. “Hear then the parable of the sower. The seed sown on the path is the one who hears the word of the kingdom without understanding it, and the evil one comes and steals away what was sown in his heart.

The seed sown on rocky ground is the one who hears the word and receives it at once with joy. But he has no root and lasts only for a time. When some tribulation or persecution comes because of the word, he immediately falls away. The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit. But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.”

## REFLECTION FOR 12TH JULY

Christ invites us in today’s Gospel reading to consider two things: God’s word given to us, and the state of our hearts and lives to receive this word. Jesus presents these various states as different kinds of ‘ground’ for the sowing of God’s word. Jesus communicates through the ‘Parable of the Sower’ that we have different capacities to listen, understand and follow God’s word. Nonetheless, the Gospel communicates that God’s word is intended to ‘bear fruit’ and give life. The first reading from Isaiah assures us that God’s word is purposeful and will always flower in someone’s heart. In our prayer time today, we are invited to consider what kind of ground our hearts and lives are for receiving his word. How does God’s word ‘flower’ in my heart? How do I produce the fruits of joy, peace and charity in my life/ Jesus emphasizes to his closest disciples in today’s Gospel how blessed are those that hear or see what they have seen and heard. Let us remember we are the blessed. Let us take stock of how we receive the blessing of God’s word today!

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*We warmly welcome Harley James who is to be baptized this weekend into our Parish Community: May the grace of the Lord Jesus bless you and your family.*



## 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, Steve Durnford, Ann Durnford, Maureen Mulheron, Angela Watts, William Martin, Terence (Ted) Dafter, Finn McConnon.

**Recently Deceased:** Nigel John Smith, Neville Grange Bendall.

**Anniversary July:** Pauleene Crass, John Dwyer, Tom & Bridget Dermody, Nora Dillon, James Bastick, Brian Flints

## POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY

### OUR FAMILIES

We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

## Congratulations Newlyweds

Congratulations to Rebecca and Sean Perera who received the Sacrament of Marriage on Friday 3rd July at St Cecilia's Church. May God Bless you abundantly with Love, Joy and Happiness.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Best Wishes

#### JULY BIRTHDAYS

Lucy Smith 16/7, 90th  
Moya Wicks 7/7  
Margaret Bastick 1/7  
Vince Allport  
Maureen Dobb 16/7  
Betty Bohm 17/7  
Nick Murace 23/7  
Ken Green 16/7

## Warmest Congratulations

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Doreen & Michael Whipps 16/7/1965  
(55 years)

**THE FOUNDATION DAY** of the Society of Our Lady of The Most Holy Trinity (SOLT) is on Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup> July. 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



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Whilst we cannot worship together as we usually would, please know that there are many ways that you can still remain connected to us in the following ways:

- ◆ Contact Jo on 0424 763 734 to book your attendance at one of our Masses.
- ◆ Join our Facebook page to watch 9.30am Sunday Mass Live  
**[www.facebook.com/wyongcatholicparish](http://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 the 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](mailto:wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au)**

Website: **<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/wyong/>**

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## **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2020**

The family is where we begin our journey through life. We learn to love, to celebrate, to forgive, to share joys and support each other. Families have their own unique celebrations and rituals that are rich in storytelling and traditions. Celebrations and rituals add to the life and substance of the family, they build and deepen relationships. The same is true for our journey in faith. Families are the place where we learn about Jesus Christ through stories from scripture, experiencing the liturgical cycle and sacramental life through community, symbols and rituals. It is through our family's example and teaching that we learn about Jesus Christ. The next place of learning, alongside the family, is the parish where catechists and Catholic school assist and provide support in the ongoing faith formation of the child and family. An essential part of this faith formation is preparation for and celebration of the sacraments.

Wyong Parish will be commencing their Sacramental Program for 2020 in July. Please contact the Parish Office on 0424 763 734 or 4352 1011 to make arrangements for your child to receive instruction for Confirmation, Reconciliation and First Eucharist.



The National Catholic Men's Gathering for 2020 is now being offered as an online program for registered participants. This modified program will be delivered in four pre-recorded sessions of approximately 1 hour in length. Each session will offer input from a variety of speakers and musicians, along with reflection questions for group discussion or individual reflection. The program offers flexibility so that you may participate individually or gather with others from your parish/diocese or men's ministry group.

**Aim: To inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish/diocese and the world.**

**Cost: FREE**

**Registration:** [www.catholicmensgathering.com.au](http://www.catholicmensgathering.com.au)

### **ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL**

The St Vincent de Paul Society are currently holding their Winter Appeal. Envelopes are available near the doors of the Church. Please place the envelopes in the specially marked boxes. All donations of \$2 or over are tax deductible. Donations of food will also be gratefully accepted. We are also seeking donations of clothing and linen in **GOOD CONDITION**.

There are a lot of people who are on reduced hours and are finding it very difficult at this time. All donations will be very much appreciated.

### **THE ANNUAL SEA SUNDAY APPEAL IS TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY, 12 JULY 2020**

On Sea Sunday, the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. This year marks the centenary of the Apostleship of the Sea. In 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the vulnerability of seafarers working on cruise ships, risking exposure to the virus, prevented from returning home and caught in critical situations of isolation on sea vessels. Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, is the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church that supports seafarers both practically and spiritually, attending to their welfare in many ports around Australia and elsewhere through Stella Maris Centres and Chaplaincies.

Chaplains, volunteers and staff visit to speak to the ship's crew, offer friendship, arrange Mass and attend Mass with them, listen to their needs, and provide access to Wi-Fi or Internet so they can contact their families. Hospitality within Stella Maris Centres is also offered which provides an important break from work routines onboard.

**PRAYER:** O Lord Jesus Christ, open the eyes of my heart that I may hear your word, and understand and do your will, for I am a sojourner upon the earth. Speak to me the hidden secret and things of your wisdom, enlighten my mind with the light of your knowledge. Amen

<https://aleteia.org/2019/09/13/before-reading-the-bible-praythis-prayer-of-st-john-chrysostom/>



## WEEKEND AND WEEKDAY MASSES

Thankfully, we are now able to come together and worship in greater numbers in our Churches.

As we still have a limitation of 40 people per Mass, we kindly remind you that you **MUST RING EACH WEEK** to book in your attendance for our **WEEKEND MASSES**.

Please keep in mind that there may be weekends where it will be impossible to accommodate everyone who wishes to attend. We ask for your understanding and patience. Thank you.

**To book your attendance for the Weekend Masses please text or call**

**Jo on 0424 763 734** during office hours;

Monday to Thursday 9.30am to 2.30am and Friday 9.30am to 12pm.

Please note the phone is not manned outside of office hours.

Remember when texting or leaving a message we need to know:

- Is it St Cecilia's or St John Fisher you wish to attend?
- Full names of people attending.
- Time of Mass you wish to attend.
- (Your booking will be confirmed with either a reply text or phone call)

No need to book in for weekday Masses. (however you Must make sure you have your name and contact details recorded on the attendance sheet as you come into the church.

### UPDATED MASS TIMES AS OF THE 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 2020

#### **ST CECILIA'S CHURCH MASS TIMES**

Saturday Vigil Masses **4pm** and **5pm**

Sunday Masses **8.30am** and **9.30am**

Weekday Mass times Monday to Saturday 8am (no need to book in for the weekday masses)

#### **ST JOHN FISHER MASS CTR**

Saturday Vigil Masses **4pm** and **5pm**

Sunday Masses **8.30am** and **9.30am**

Weekday Mass times Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 8am and Tuesday, Friday 9.15am (no need to book in for the weekday masses)

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

**Group Meetings:** We will not recommence group meeting in the parish until we receive notification from the Diocese.

#### **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.
- You must have your name marked off the attendance sheet, this will be at the entrance of the church/mass ctr.
- For 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Collections are inside the church/mass ctr

## Emergency Priest Contact

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## Parish Pastoral Council

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**PPC Secretary; Kerry Bugden ph 4388 2938**

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

### WE HAVE EXCITING NEWS

Weekend and Weekday Masses have resumed in Wyong Catholic Parish with **limitations of 40 people per Mass**. If you wish to attend Mass please contact Jo from the parish office on 0424 763 734 to book your attendance.

**Please note:** The dispensation for all the Faithful in the Diocese from the obligation to participate at Mass on Sunday and Holy Days of obligation (cc.87§1 ;1247) is still in effect. The Faithful are encouraged to keep the Lord's Day holy and celebrate Sundays as a domestic church by taking time to pray together as a household (c. 1248§2).

Please join us as we Live-stream Mass every Sunday at 9.30am on Facebook. please use this link, don't forget to like and follow our page.

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## 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 (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.

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

### 1<sup>ST</sup> COLLECTION;

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

**BSB 062 195**

**Account 10229389**

### 2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION; Wyong Catholic Parish

**BSB 062 784**

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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.

### TAX RECEIPTS:

Tax Receipts for Charitable Works and Caritas are now ready for you to collect from both St Cecilia's Church and St John Fisher Mass Ctr

