

PARISH BULLETIN, 13TH DECEMBER 2020

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*

ADVENT RECONCILIATION

**1st Rite Reconciliation: St John Fisher
Mass Ctr** 19th Dec Following 5pm Mass
and 20th Dec following 5pm Mass

**2nd Rite Reconciliation: St Cecilia's
Church**

Wednesday 16th Dec 6pm

TRIDUUM MASS

St Cecilia's Church

21st, 22nd and 23rd December 7pm



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2020

With **limitations at Mass still in place**, we kindly remind you that you **MUST RING to book in your attendance for our CHRISTMAS MASSES at St Peter's College, St Cecilia's Church and St John Fisher.** Please text or call Jo on 0424 763 734 to book your attendance.

CHRISTMAS EVE THURSDAY 24TH DEC

St John Fisher

5.00pm Children's/family Mass

7.00pm Mass

St Peter's Catholic College

5.00pm Children's/family Mass

St Cecilia's Church

10.30pm Christmas Carols (listen and reflect)

11.00pm Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY FRIDAY 25TH DEC

7.30am St Cecilia's Church

8.30am St John Fisher

9.30am St Cecilia's Church

POPE FRANCIS'

PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

For a Life of Prayer
We pray that our personal relationship
with Jesus Christ be nourished by the
Word of God and a life of prayer.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD SUNDAY MASS 13 DECEMBER 2020

First Reading Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken; to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to those in prison; to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord.

'I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God, for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation, he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity, like a bridegroom wearing his wreath, like a bride adorned in her jewels.

'For as the earth makes fresh things grow, as a garden makes seeds spring up, so will the Lord make both integrity and praise spring up in the sight of the nations.'

Responsorial Psalm Luke 1:46-50, 53-54

R. My soul rejoices in my God.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus. Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything - hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil. May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

Gospel Acclamation Isaiah 61:1 (Luke 4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

Gospel John 1:6-8, 19-28

A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light.

This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied: a voice that cries in the wilderness: Make a straight way for the Lord.' Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you unknown to you the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT REFLECTION 13TH DECEMBER

Some years ago St Paul's Publications published a book written to help teenage boys on their journey to adulthood. It was called 'You Are Not That Important, and Other Helpful Messages'. Because of its title, the book received an immediate negative reaction. People said, 'you can't say that. You have to tell young people that they are very important, that they are special,' etc.

Well firstly, the book didn't say young people were not important, it simply said that they were not *that* important. And for many young people it is a relief to know this. Sometimes too much pressure is put on them at too young an age to be responsible for everything.

To become adults, we have to learn that we are not the centre of the universe. No, God is the centre of the universe. A tiny baby thinks the whole world revolves around him or her. We become adults when we learn to put God, and the well-being of others, at the centre of our lives and actions.

That John the Baptist had achieved true adult maturity is testified in his words, 'there stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' And in another place he said, 'he (Jesus) must increase and I must decrease' (Jn 3:30). Paradoxically, John the Baptist fulfilled an important role in preparing the way for the Lord because he knew that he was not the most important person.

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Prayer: The most valuable gift you can give someone.

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RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARY DECEMBER: James Bastick, Bill Martin, Larry George Hooley, Geoffrey McPherson, Fr Barry Nobbs, Dionisio Gler,

RETURN AND EARN

From when we started collecting recycled bottles in October 2019 **RETURN AND EARN HAS RAISED \$1448.30 TO DATE.**

100 CLUB

WEEK 7 WINNERS

1st prize \$100 Vince & Frances Allport no.145

2nd prize \$60 Sue Millar no. 92

3rd Prize \$40 Serge Yardin no.93

WEEK 8 WINNERS

1st prize \$100 Fred Crowe no.121

2nd prize \$60 Kevin Langby no.131

3rd Prize \$40 Charlie Conaty no.104

WEEKS 9

1st prize \$100 #54

Monica O'Sullivan

2nd prize \$60 Ann Tucker #137

3rd Prize \$40 Karen Willoughby #81

WEEK 10

1st Prize \$450

2nd Prize \$250

3rd Prize \$150

4th Prize \$50.

9th draw is Sunday 13th Dec after the 8.30am Mass at St John Fisher.
Good luck!



Birthdays

and

Anniversaries

Best Wishes

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Natalie Murace 1/12/2011

Colleen Hughes 23/12/1930 (90 years)

Mary Kerry 19/12/

Warmest Congratulations

ANNIVERSARIES

Marie & Frank Dyer 21/12/1963 (57 years)

Jan and Ian McCall 1/12/1962 (58 years)

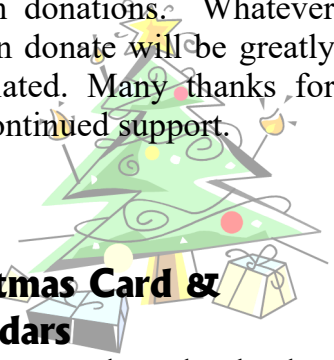
Serge & Michelin Yardin 14/12/1970 (50 years)

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

CHRISTMAS APPEAL:

Our Christmas appeal will be held over the next two weekends. Christmas hamper boxes will be located at the back of the Church for you to fill.

Each hamper needs tinned ham, Christmas Cake & pudding, custard as well as basics such as cereal, biscuits, pasta & sauce etc. We are also seeking donations of Coles/Woolworths gift cards as well as cash donations. Whatever you can donate will be greatly appreciated. Many thanks for your continued support.



Christmas Card & Calendars

Christmas cards and calendars are now available at the back of the church and after Mass at Tumbi. Cards are \$7 for a pack of 10 & calendars are \$10. Proceeds go to St Vincent de Paul Society.

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Most Rev Anthony Randazzo
Bishop of Broken Bay

Message for BBNeighbourhoods
8 December 2020

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

One hundred and fifty years ago today, Pope Pius IX proclaimed Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. We know Saint Joseph primarily through what we read in the Sacred Scriptures. In Matthew's Gospel we discover that Joseph was from the House of David and can trace his family all the way back to Abraham and Sarah (Matthew 1:1-17). We are told that Joseph lived in Nazareth (Luke 2:4), was betrothed to Mary (Matthew 1:18), and went to Bethlehem to be registered in the census ordered by the Emperor Augustus (Luke 2:1-5).

Joseph is known to be an honourable and righteous man who was sensitive to the needs of Mary and the child Jesus. He was discerning and obedient to the will of God. Joseph offered protection to the Holy Family when they were vulnerable, and he provided for their care. Saint Matthew describes Jesus as the son of the carpenter. The word used by Matthew in Greek is "tekton" which refers to an artisan who works with wood, stone, and iron. Saint Joseph was clearly a man of craft and talent.

For centuries, Saint Joseph has been sought as an intercessor and protector. He is often referred to as the guardian of the family, the patron of unborn children, fathers, immigrants, workers, pilgrims, carpenters, and engineers. In our Catholic tradition, Saint Joseph is called upon for help by those who struggle against doubt and hesitation. His intercession is also sought for a happy death.

As we commemorate the 150th anniversary of the universal patronage of Saint Joseph, I would like to announce an initiative for our Diocese beginning today. After much prayer, thought, and consultation, I have decided to initiate a house of discernment for young men which will be called "Joseph House." It will be located at Willoughby not far from the Church of Saint Thomas. Further details will be released in the coming months. It is also my desire to initiate a house of discernment for young women in the Diocese. Please pray for the success of both initiatives.

Last week I announced the transfer of 20 of the clergy within the Diocese. This is no surprise to you, of course, because I have previously requested your prayers as I discerned and prayed for our priests and our parishes. I am delighted to say that when I spoke to each of the priests and deacon, they all responded with generosity and gratitude. I am not surprised by their response, as I have come to know our clergy as good, faithful men who are willing to serve God and you, God's holy people. Please support and pray for these fine men as they conclude their time in various communities and prepare to serve others in the mission. For the couple of people who have expressed their disappointment at these transfers, please remember that we are ordained for the service of the whole community of the Church, and each of us knows what is expected of us when a need arises. Please remember that each of us made a promise of obedience when we were ordained. We do not need people urging us to be disobedient or to be stingy with our gifts or generosity. That is contrary to the spirit of the Gospel and is not the spirit of our community of the Church. I would ask you to be as generous in your acceptance of these transfers as the clergy themselves have been.

We are fast approaching Christmas, and my thoughts and prayers are very much with those who have been especially burdened by the events and challenges of this year. Might I encourage all of us in Broken Bay to be alert to the particular needs of others at this time. With government restrictions being eased and larger numbers of people being able to attend churches for Mass, worship, and prayer, we need to keep up our vigilance for those who might find it a challenge to return to the church space. Don't be frightened to reach out to others, you may be the face of Christ for them this Christmas.

Thank you for all that you do in our community of the Church. May God bless you and your families abundantly.

+Anthony



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Please note:

Parish Office will be closed from Thursday 24th December and reopen Wednesday 13th January.

During January the office will only be open:
Wed 13th/ Thurs 14th and Wed 20th/ Thurs 21st.
Office hours will return to normal Wednesday 27th January:

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JESUS CHRIST, OUR BEGINNING AND END: A Pastoral Letter from Bishop Anthony Randazzo to the community of the Church of Broken Bay 2020 – 2021

Please collect Pastoral Letter book and an accompanying prayer card at the entrance of the church/hall

Saturday Vigil / Sunday Mass Times

St Cecilia's Church

23 Byron St Wyong

Sat Vigil 5.00pm Sun 7.30am & 9.30am

St John Fisher Mass Centre

Hicks Lane Tumbi Umbi

Sat Vigil 5.00 pm Sun: 8.30am & 5pm

Weekday Mass

St Cecilia's : Mon-Sat: 8.00am

St John Fisher:

Mon, Wed, Thurs 8:00am

Tue & Fri: 9.15am

Eucharistic Adoration

St Cecilia's Daily 7am-8am

St John Fisher 1st Friday 8.15 - 9.15am

Reconciliation/Confession

St Cecilia's Saturday morning after the 8am Mass & Saturday at 4.30pm

St John Fisher Saturday at 4.30pm

Anointing of the Sick (**First Friday of the month and will recommence Feb 2021**)

St Cecilia's During 8.00am & 11.30am Mass

St John Fisher During 9.15am Mass

Monthly Mass

St Barnabas Yarramalong TBA

Filipino Mass TBA

Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Sat St Cecilia's & Wed St John Fisher

(after the 8:00am 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

Prayer groups/Meetings

St Cecilia's Rosary Group 2pm Tues

St Cecilia's Legion of Mary 8am Wed

St Cecilia's Choir practice every Tues night
7 to 8pm

Liturgy Meeting

Catechist Meeting

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Social Justice Meeting