

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
PARISH BULLETIN, 13TH FEBRUARY 2022

Rejoice and be glad; your reward is great in heaven.

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*



REFLECTION 13th January 2022

GOSPEL LUKE 6:17, 20-26

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Luke's account of Jesus' great sermon containing his teaching on the Beatitudes is a shorter version than in Matthew's Gospel, but is very similar in its content and message. It seems counter-intuitive. How can we be happy if we are poor, hungry, weeping, if people hate us, drive us out, abuse us, denounce our name as criminal on account of the Son of Man?

But Luke's Gospel is all about highlighting how Jesus up-ended the expected conventions. In this most famous of sermons, Jesus is showing us the way to be truly, deeply happy in this broken world, and that is to align ourselves to the kingdom of God. We do this by avoiding an overattachment to pleasure and fleeting happiness, such as the pleasures found in money, possessions, food and good times. It is when we come, little and poor, to Jesus, hungering for his merciful love, that we are blessed, both now and in the next life.

PARISH MEETING DATES St Cecilia's Parish Hall

Catechist Meeting
15th Feb 10.30am

Baptism Preparation
5th March 10.00am

Parish Pastoral Council
8th March 6pm

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February

For religious sisters and consecrated women

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

Anointing of the Sick Friday 6th March

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St Cecilia's During 8.00am & 11.30am
Mass

St John Fisher During 9.15am Mass

Safeguarding Message

The protection of children and vulnerable adults within our Diocese will be achieved as every member of our community strives to be a person who **LISTENS** to others with an open heart and mind, and responds well so that concerns and risks may be identified early and addressed.

Wyong Parish is committed to safeguarding. All children, young persons and vulnerable adults have a right to feel safe and be safe. If you have a concern about the safety of anyone in the parish, please raise your concern with Fr Raul, Fr Alex or Joanne.

Individual mobile numbers are on the back of the bulletin.

or email

wyongparish@bbccatholic.org.au

Watch this space, exciting things are happening!!!



**Pastoral
Discernment**

Central Coast

We will have more information for you in the coming weeks.

Save the date :
Wednesday 9th March 5.30pm and
Friday 11th March 10.30am

WYONG PARISH WEBSITE

We are seeking a couple of volunteers who would be interested in helping to upload weekly news items and keep general information up to date on our Parish Website.

If you would be interested in helping with this important ministry please call Jo on 0424 763 734 or see Fr Raul and Fr Alex after mass.

PARISH WEBSITE: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/wyong/>

EXTRA MOWER'S REQUIRED

We are appealing for more mowers for 2022.

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.

Parish Fundraiser with Environmental Benefits

A very big **THANK YOU** to everyone bringing in your recycled cans and bottles.

From October 2019 when we started Recycling bottles we have raised 3,224.60 Please keep them coming.....

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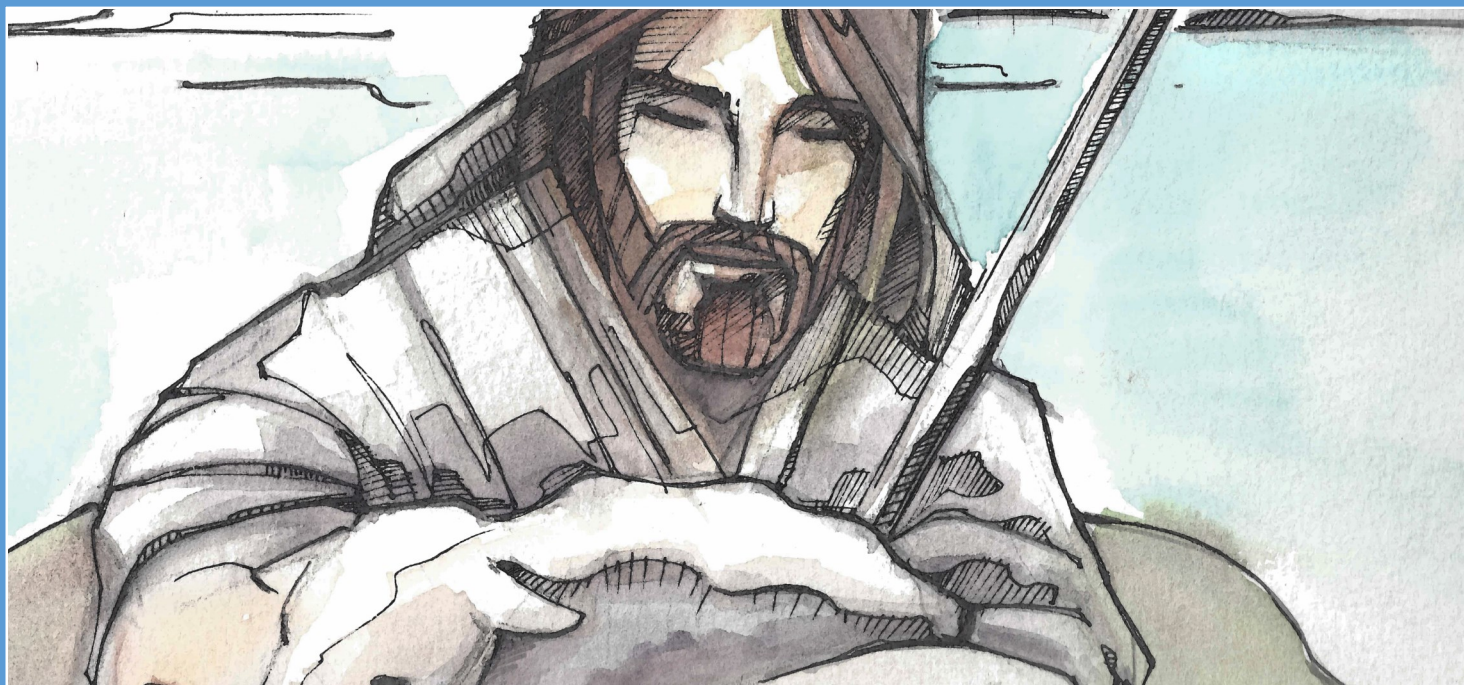
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6TH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME Sunday Mass 13th February 2022

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD *Reproduced from Liturgia*

FIRST READING JEREMIAH 17:5-8

The Lord says this: 'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord. He is like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited.

'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope. He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 1:1-4

R. Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

SECOND READING 1 CORINTHIANS 15:12, 16-20

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people. But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION LUKE 6:23

Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia!

GOSPEL LUKE 6:17, 20-26

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stood on a stretch of level ground with a great crowd of his disciples and a large number of the people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon. And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours. Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice and leap for joy on that day! Behold, your reward will be great in heaven. For their ancestors treated the prophets in the same way. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are filled now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will grieve and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for their ancestors treated the false prophets in this way."



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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

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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 Cecilia's 5pm Mass Saturday

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

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, Bernadette Kiely, Steve Durnford, Ann Durnford, Maureen Mulheron, Angela Watts, William Martin, Terence (Ted) Dafter, Finn McConnon, Margaret Hobbs, Christine, John Baxter, Jacqui Stacey, Josie Campbell, Carol Dafter, Dave Rodney, Gwen Dwyer, Helen Waters, Rod & Pauline Cornwell, Marie & Peter Rheinberger, Hannah Hopwood, Fay King, Joan Mabbutt, Sandy Riach, Irene Dainty.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Bruce Keir, Colleen Salbestro, Albert Attard,

ANNIVERSARY FEBRUARY: Bill Cullinan, John Kiernan, Rosie Attard, Natividad Dieta, Rita Muscat, Rod McCarthy, Victor Gibbs.

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Vox Populi – the Voice of the People

9 February 2022

The voice of the people became particularly loud in the early post war decades in Europe when ordinary people recognised their voices played a strong role in reshaping post war democracy.

Of course there have been many cultural, social and political revolutions since the end of the Second World War. The changes in communicative practices, media platforms and technology has meant the voice of the people has become louder and stronger - but not always of shared opinion.

Our Church is once again encouraging our voices to rise up and be heard in defence of all human life that must be treated with value, dignity and respect.

Before the end of this month, on 22 February, the NSW Legislative Council committee will table their report following the euthanasia and suicide laws that passed the NSW Lower House last November. A time will then be scheduled for debate of the report.

However NSW State MP, Labor MLC Greg Donnelly, is determined the voices of those who want to stop the passage of the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2022 will be heard.

The pro-life campaigner has launched a very clear and short ePetition which aims to protect the vulnerable in our society and shut down and reject the proposed bill in any form.

“It is very important we maximise participation in this important ePetition,” Donnelly said. “We need to be in the middle of the public debate. Our lawmakers must hear our voices.”

Bishop Anthony Randazzo is also encouraging all those in NSW to sign the ePetition. He says the misguided idea that supporting euthanasia is progressive and opposing it is conservative is false and obsolete.

“The vulnerable and sick deserve our compassion and protection, not a law for state-sanctioned killing. Laws are more than just regulatory instruments,” he has said.

The ePetition can be accessed at <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/lc/pages/epetitions-list.aspx>, this takes you to the Legislative Council’s ePetitions webpage where you can directly access the ePetition which will remain open until 25 April 2022.

Community Seminar

Wills, Enduring Guardianship and Powers of Attorney

A free seminar for the Catholic community of the Central Coast featuring an expert legal advisor to answer your questions.

Date: Tuesday 15 March 2022

Time: 11.00am – 12.30pm

Venue: Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Parish, 239-243 The Entrance Road, The Entrance 2261

Catering: Light refreshments provided

Register: www.bbcatholic.org.au/willsday or contact David on 02 8379 1664 / david.armstrong@bbcatholic.org.au

Presenter Cecilia Castle, principle of Castle Lawyers, will present and answer questions from her legal expertise of over 30 years. Cecilia is a regular speaker and writer on legal topics, Catholic and parishioner in the Diocese of Broken Bay