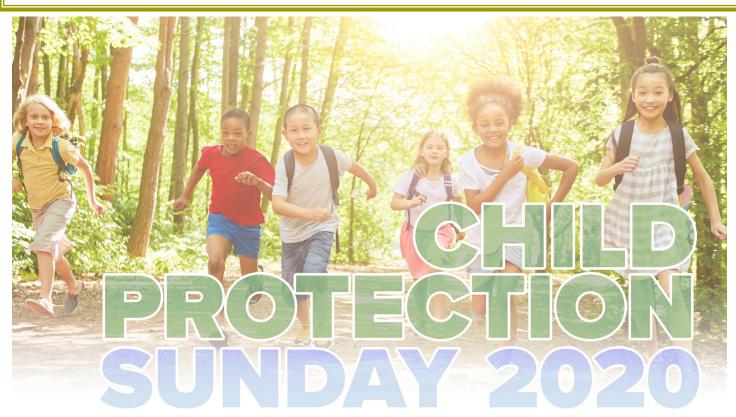
PARISH BULLETIN

13TH SEPTEMBER 2020, 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

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



PRAYER

Gracious God,

You love and care for all of your children, especially the smallest and most vulnerable. We entrust to you the lives of children and adults at risk who have been sexually abused, and whose trust and innocence have been destroyed.

Help us to hear their cries of pain and to take responsibility for those whose lives have been broken.

Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those wounded by abuse, and the failure to be heard. We pray that with the help of your grace communities and families will find understanding and support, so that now and in the future their wounds may be healed and they may find lasting peace.

Let your grace and love fall gently now upon our children, giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience to seek out assistance when required.

We ask this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.

Amen



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, Val Martin, Margaret Hobbs, Shane & Christine, John Baxter, Joey Moloney.

Recently Deceased: Neville Bowman, Martin Wicks, Anniversary September: Gail Parsons, Michael Bouchet, Thelma Newbury, Barry Austin, Donald King

Baptisms

We warmly welcome Isla Mae who is to be baptized this weekend after the 9.30am Mass into our Parish Community: May the grace of the Lord Jesus bless you and your family.



Anniversaries Best Wishes

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS Marilyn 3/9/1936 Michael Drain 4/9/1947 Kerry Bugden 13/9/1938 Vic Gibbs 90th 16/9/30

Warmest Congratulations

ANNIVERSARIES

CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Child Protection Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings.

The Church takes a zero-tolerance approach to child abuse. We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and people at risk.

Find out more at: www.catholic.org.au/childprotectionsunday and www.catholicreligious.org.au/safeguarding POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER RESPECT FOR THE PLANET'S RESOURCES

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.



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Cruz Calero-Mena 0455 505 292 Email: cruz@homecaring.com.au **WYONG CATHOLIC PARISH** is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. We uphold that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult.

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. www.facebook.com/wyongcatholicparish

SUNDAY MASS 13 SEPTEMBER 2020

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

FIRST READING SIRACH 27:30 - 28:7

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner.

He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord?

Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins?

Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins?

Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 102:1-4, 9-12

R. The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

SECOND READING ROMANS 14:7-9

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.





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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION JOHN 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

GOSPEL MATTHEW 18:21-35

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said, "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed me," he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said, "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

Reflection 13th September

Today's first reading and Gospel contain wise and important teachings on the need to forgive others. Resentment and anger not dealt with are foul things. We know this but at times we still find it hard, even impossible, to forgive.

Perhaps the best way to begin to address forgiveness is to follow the lead of today's responsorial psalm and focus on the forgiveness and compassion of God. In this much loved hymn, the psalmist marvels that God's mercy is in no way proportionate to the offence: 'God does not treat us according to our faults'. Nor is God's forgiveness partial. No, 'God forgives all our guilt and heals all our wounds'.

Perhaps one reason why God is all forgiving is because God is all knowing. God, who created us, knows our human frailty. In a beautiful verse from this psalm, not included in today's liturgy, we read: 'God knows how we are formed, remembers that we are dust'. We, for our part, can forget human frailty and demand from one another and from ourselves a perfection of which only God is capable.

If we remember the abiding mercy of God towards us, and if we can be forgiving of our own failings, we will be more able to forgive whole heatedly the brother or sister, husband or wife, parent or child, friend or enemy who wrongs us.

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RETURN AND EARN

From when we started collecting recycled bottles in October 2019 RETURN AND EARN HAS RAISED \$1113.50 TO DATE.

Parish Fundraiser with Environmental Benefits

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

Families across Broken Bay need your help September 2020 CWF **Appeal**

We are deeply grateful to our Parish Community for supporting our Charitable Works Fund. The donations you generously share with us are helping our families, our friends and our neighbours in the Diocese of Broken Bay.

You can collect a Charitable Works envelope as you enter the church, or you can call the Parish Office and contribute by Credit card over the phone 4352 1011.

You may also do a direct deposit into the Wyong Catholic Parish account (reference CWF) **BSB 062 784**

Account 13528001

When you give to the CWF, you can be assured that your donation is working for the faith and the people of the Diocese of Broken Bay.

Donations \$2 and over are tax-deductible.

THE SPIRITUAL ROSARY PILGRIMAGE

This virtual pilgrimage begins on 8 Sept, the birthday of Mary, and concludes on 7 October, the Feast of the Holy Rosary. The Spiritual Rosary Pilgrimage: Biblical Journey through the Life of Christ with His Mother, will include over 20 Australian and international speakers offering video presentations over 4 weeks, including Tomasz Juszczak, Scott Hahn, Jason Evert, and Dr Edward Sri.

Register at:

https://www.parousiamedia.com/thespiritual-rosary-pilgrimage/

Australia and Oceania prays with the Divine **Mercy Chaplet**

This prayer initiative is based at the Shrine of Divine Mercy in Keysborough, Melbourne.

Twice a year, on the 18th of May (the birthday of St John Paul II) and on the 13th of September (the anniversary of when our Merciful Jesus gave St Faustina the Chaplet to the Divine Mercy), all are invited join in prayer at 3pm in your own time zone for particular intentions.

You may wish to participate this Sunday, 13 September. Please visit https://www.worldchaplet.org/en/index.html or download flyer with further details.

PRAISEFEST

Catholic Youth Broken Bay invites all young people to PRAISEFEST (Online)! Come join young people across the diocese as we gather online, participate in community, and break open our faith in a new and fresh way!

We will have very special guest and friend, Fr Rob Galea take us deeper into our theme 'Christ in Me'. Not to mention, there will be some fun and creative segments we've never done before on this online environment that you surely will not want to miss!!!

So make sure you join us on Zoom or tune in via live stream!

Date: Friday 18 September 2020 Time: 6:00pm Venue: Zoom Meeting & Live Stream https://www.facebook.com/events/361345181560667



Dear Parishioner,

We have all been affected in different ways by the current pandemic and I do hope that you are all are coping well and feeling safe in your own situation.

The many different and unusual changes have been very dramatic for our Church and Parish. As well as the restrictions imposed for Mass and religious services, our usual social activities have completely stalled. There has been no morning teas, luncheons, Christmas in July, shoe box collection, Bunnings' Barbecue or any other social or fundraising activities.

The Parish income this year has not gone close to previous years, while our daily expenditure has not changed, but rather has increased because of the additional expenditure necessary to ensure we are meeting all the Covid sanitation and safety requirements.

For the above reasons it has been decided there will be a '100 Club' run over 10 weeks between October and December. These funds will help with the continuing overall expenses.

Thank you for your support of our parish during these difficult times.

Please see the information below this will outline all the details of cost, prizes and dates.

May the Holy Family continue to bless you and keep you safe.

Kerry Bugden PPC Secretary.

PARISH '100 CLUB'

The funds raised through this '100 Club' will be used to help defray overall Parish expenses. The '100 Club' will run for 10 weeks with results published each week in the Church Bulletin from 11 October to 13 December. A results chart will be on display at each Church.

COST AND PAYMENT INFORMATION

The **<u>one off cost</u>** of a number for 10 weeks is \$40. The total amount can be paid in full by 7 October or by three (3) separate payments of

\$10 by 20 September \$15 by 27 September \$15 by 7 October

PAYMENTS can be made by placing money in an envelope clearly marked

100 Club

Name

Contact Details (phone or address) Amount enclosed

Please place your envelope into the box labelled 100 CLUB inside the Church. Otherwise you can hand them to Kerry Bugden at St John Fisher, Barbara Fish, Arlene Barnett or Rove at St Cecilia's.

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Weeks 1-9	1 st	\$80
	2^{nd}	\$40
WEEK 10	1^{st}	\$400
	2^{nd}	\$200
	$3^{\rm rd}$	\$100

Please note – Should the '100 Club' not be fully subscribed, prizes will be adjusted.

NUMBER DRAW will occur following relevant weekend Masses and subscribers will be notified.

PRIZE DRAW will take place after one Mass each weekend with results published in the Parish Bulletin. Charts showing subscribers and winners will be posted at each church.

Additional Information or Questions please phone Kerry Bugden 02 4388 2938

WEEKEND AND WEEKDAY MASSES

St Cecilia's Church and St John Fisher Mass Ctr have a **limitation of 40 people per Mass**, we kindly remind you that you <u>MUST</u> 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 18TH AUGUST 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

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

Anointing 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.
- The Diocese of Broken Bay has requested for everyone to please wear a mask when they attend church for any Mass, religious service or prayer.
- For Weekend/Weekday Masses you <u>Must</u> 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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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.

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

1ST COLLECTION;

Society of Our Lady of The Most Holy Trinity (SOLT) BSB 062 195 Account 10229389

2ND COLLECTION; Wyong Catholic Parish BSB 062 784 Account 13528001

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.