

PARISH BULLETIN, 14TH FEBRUARY 2021, 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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*

17th February Ash Wednesday Masses

8am St Cecilia's Church
8am St John Fisher Mass Ctr
10am St Cecilia's School (due to COVID not open to public)
10am Berkley Vale Nursing Home
7pm St Cecilia's Church

INSTRUCTION ON ASH WEDNESDAY IN THE MIDST OF THE PANDEMIC

The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments has advised that for Ash Wednesday, the priest will address all those present and say only once 'Repent, and believe in the Gospel,' or 'Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.' The priest will then cleanse his hands, put on a face mask and distribute the ashes to those who come to him or, if appropriate, he goes to those who are standing in their places. The Priest will take the ashes and sprinkle them on the head of each one without saying anything.

LENTEN PREPARATION

DISSEMINATE THE WORD OF GOD

RESOURCES TO DISSEMINATE THE WORD OF GOD TO ALL PARISHIONERS

Jesus Christ, the Alpha and the Omega – A Lenten Program for the Diocese of Broken Bay

This year, parishes of the Diocese of Broken Bay will take part in a Diocesan Lenten Program, Jesus Christ, the Alpha and the Omega. This resource invites you to prayerfully reflect on the Sunday Gospel readings in Lent together with the six priorities set before us by Bishop Anthony Randazzo in his Pastoral Letter to the community of the Church of Broken Bay, dated 29 November 2020.

For each of the 6 weeks of Lent, this resource includes a reading of the Gospel text; a reflection on the text which draws on one of Bishop Anthony's priority areas; and a personal testimony on an aspect of that particular priority area. All materials and reflections have been prepared by members from our Broken Bay Church community, making this resource relevant to us and the journey we are on as a community.

Our Diocese of Broken Bay Lenten Program *Jesus Christ, the Alpha and the Omega* is now available to be viewed online in PDF format at www.bbcatholic.org.au/lentenprogram

Bishop Anthony's video for the Lenten Program YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/dIPs7ICmFT8>

Video file, please use this link: <https://we.tl/t-WuMJi2UKNx>



*Birthdays
and
Anniversaries*

Best Wishes

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Garry Greentree 3/2/1949
Mary-Louise McDarmont
10/2/1940

Warmest Congratulations

ANNIVERSARIES

Barbara & Tony Fish 7/2/1959
Sue & Len Miller 28/2/1970

**"BE
MORE"**

**THE THEME FOR PROJECT
COMPASSION 2021 IS:**

We are inspired by the quote
from St Oscar Romero, *"Aspire
not to have more, but to be
more."*

Instead of aspiring to have more,
we can focus on how we can BE
more kind, more green, more
involved, more aware, more
giving.

This Lent, let us consider how
we can 'BE MORE' for our
neighbours around the world.

**Oceania Webinar:
Faithful Stewards of
God's Grace –
16 February 2021**

This Webinar will focus on the
document 'Faithful Stewards
for God's Grace', prepared by
the Australian Catholic
Council for Lay Pastoral
Ministry (ACCLPM) and
distributed by the ACBC in
2018. It affirms and celebrates
the role of the laity in our
Church. Topics discussed will
include:

- Where is the role of all the
baptised faithful in the life
of the Church?
- What are best practices for
lay pastoral ministry?
- How do we enable
attitudes and practices of
collegiality in order to best
serve the pastoral needs of
the Catholic Church?

Date: Tuesday, 16 February
2021 11am – 12.15pm
(AEDT) via Zoom

Register at:

[https://tinyurl.com/
oceaniawebinarfeb16](https://tinyurl.com/oceaniawebinarfeb16)

(You will receive a
confirmation email upon
registration and further
information closer to the
event.)

This event will be hosted by
the Pastoral Ministry Network
(formerly known as NAPPA),
the Mission Planners Network
Oceania and the Diocese of
Parramatta.

**SHOE BOX COLLECTION FOR
MEN & WOMEN
DURING LENT**

Once again we are taking on this very
successful initiative to support people
in need or without homes within our
local community. We invite you to
become involved in the '*Shoe Box
Collection*'. Simply grab a shoe box
or collect a calico bag from the parish
office and fill it up with lots of
goodies.

Please note: if you would rather not
make up a shoe box we have also
provided a basket at the back of the
church for you to place individual
items into.

**Some items that can be included
are:**

Toiletries; Shampoo, Conditioner,
Body Lotion, Soap/Gel, Razor,
Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Tissues,
Comb, Feminine Hygiene, Face
washer, Deodorant.

Non Perishable Food; Breakfast
Biscuits/Cereal, UHT Milk, Noodles,
Crackers, Muesli Bar, Lollies/
Chocolate, Biscuits/Chips, Fruit Cups/
Tins, Tea, Cappuccino sachets, Cup of
Soup, Water/Juice, Disposable
Cutlery.

Warmth; Socks, Gloves, Beanie,
Scarf.

You are welcome to leave your
donations at the back of the Church/
Mass ctr.

Broken Bay News now quarterly

In 2021, Broken Bay News will print four issues, in March, June,
September and December, so this is a reminder that there won't be a
February issue of Broken Bay News delivered this week.

If you have any stories or know of anyone in our parish communities that
have a great story we can feature in the magazine, please let us know!
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**SUNDAY MASS 14 FEBRUARY 2021
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

FIRST READING LEVITICUS 13:1-2, 44-46

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean." As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 31:1-2, 5, 11

R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

SECOND READING 1 CORINTHIANS 10:31 - 11:1

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone - to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION LUKE 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL MARK 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

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'If you want to you can cure me.' These are the words, the plea, of a desperate man suffering from leprosy who came to Jesus begging for healing. The man approaches Jesus and falling on his knees makes his request. Jesus is profoundly moved by this man's plea and does the unthinkable – he stretches out his hand and touches the man saying, 'of course I want to! Be cured.' To touch someone with leprosy was against the law and made the person unclean. Jesus' compassion for the man goes beyond the law.

While we are not afflicted with leprosy, perhaps we are experiencing other physical, spiritual or emotional conditions that are eating away at us and leading us to feel alone and isolated. We may carry shame in our hearts from past experiences. Let us approach Jesus in trust, believing that he will

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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

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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 and

St John Fisher During 9.15am Mass

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

Prayer groups

St Cecilia's Rosary Group 2pm Tues

St Cecilia's Legion of Mary 8am Wed

Meetings

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

Catechist Meeting

Liturgist Meeting

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

9th Feb 6pm

PPC Secretary; Kerry Bugden
ph 4388 2938

Social Justice Meeting

25th Feb 1.15pm

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, Victor Gibbs, 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, Noel Muir, Jacqui Stacey, Josie Campbell, Frank Costa,

RECENTLY DECEASED: Elsie Smith, Rumsey Mangano, Josephine (Jo) Shelvey

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

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VOX POPULI - THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

This week's *Vox Populi* comes from Deacon Roberto Corpuz. Deacon Roberto heads the Filipino Chaplaincy in Broken Bay and is a devoted husband to Yvonne and father to their two sons.

Gutta cavat lapidem, non vi sed saepe cadendo.
“A gap in a stone is made not by force but by a steady drip”

By Deacon Roberto Corpuz

Yvonne and I have been married for 38 years now and have been blessed with two sons, one married (and wife is expecting) and the other, newly engaged. We moved to Australia over a quarter of a century ago and I have been ordained as a permanent Deacon for almost 13 years now.

For many years, Yvonne was based overseas and was on the road most of the time because of her regional or global roles. Caring for our two sons was primarily my role and I considered it a blessing to do so.

Early on in our marriage, we realised that conjugal prayer is an important part of our life. Hence, we agreed that whenever she was away from home, regardless of where each one of us was physically located, we would say a prayer for each other at midday, Sydney time. Such is our deep belief in Jesus' promise that “when two or three are gathered in My name, there I am in their midst.”

Back on home soil for the past two years, Yvonne still maintained a hectic travel schedule. It was only with the onset of travel restrictions that her overseas trips grinded to a halt. Now, we say our conjugal prayers together.

With the onslaught of the COVID-19 pandemic over a year ago, another burning prayer “issue” challenged us as family. A first cousin who was based in America contracted the disease and was intubated for three weeks. The prospects were grim, and death was at her doorstep. (Thankfully, she is now slowly recovering). My sister, a retired nurse who is based in New York, mobilised our extended family and friends who live in different countries to embark on a rhythm of daily communal prayer to intercede for her and all those affected by the pandemic around the world.

We formed a Zoom “Prayer Warriors” group and agreed on the “best” time for our virtual linkup, given that we are in at least five different time zones across three different continents. On weekdays, we alternate the recitation of the Holy Rosary with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. On Sundays (USA time), I lead the celebration of the Liturgy of the Word. We are now over 330 consecutive days of prayer, as we started this on 23 March, 2020.

It has been so nourishing for this global family prayer warriors' group. We have about 20 screens open in Zoom daily. The attendees' age ranges from 2 months to 96 years old. What has been so heartwarming is the enthusiasm that the children have showed before, during and after prayers. Many of them have not met personally as they are from different countries or other states or cities even if living in the same country. As the months progressed, they got to know each other better, calling each one by name - not only the other children but also the adults.

A very remarkable story is our grandnephew (Jason), who is nine years old and living in California with his parents and my first cousin (Jason's grandma). Jason has mild autism. Since March 2020, he would join his grandma in prayer a few times. He has since learned how to pray the rosary with the aid of the actual rosary beads and even assists in leading it (with his grandma) and occasionally leads a Marian song. Another grandniece (Ella) is 3 years old and she joins her siblings (6 and 8) in leading the singing of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

This family prayer group that Yvonne and I continue to nurture and guide, nourishes us likewise. The constancy of the daily prayer time binds our family and friends together. This prayer time has become part and parcel of our daily life a global community of faith.