THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH BULLETIN, 15TH AUGUST 2021

Mary is taken up to heaven, and the angels of God shout for joy

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 15TH AUGUST Luke 1:39-56

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What do we Catholics mean when we express our conviction that, at the end of her earthly life, Mary was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory? Are we simply heaping praises upon Mary for her 'specialness'? Or is there something deeper at stake? In fact, like all Marian teachings, the Assumption speaks of the saving love of Christ that envelops our human lives. 'For the Son of God became human, so that we might become God' is a saying of the Church Fathers (cf. Catechism, 460). Mary, the 'first disciple' of Jesus Christ, walks with and before us in our own path of Christian discipleship. Her singular participation in her Son's resurrection is an anticipation of our resurrection. Who Mary is, we are becoming. One day we, too, will live forever with God in heavenly glory. The Assumption is a compelling celebration of Christian hope, an affirmation of the human body, and deep-down encouragement in our earthly struggles.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL UPDATE

The Parish Council meeting listed for August has been postponed until September and will be held if Covid regulations allow. It is possible to outline information relating to items which are in the 'pipeline' awaiting removal of the restrictions.

Maintenance

Mowing is on hold. At this stage winter growth is minimal so this is not a major problem.

New roofing panels have been purchased and will be installed as soon as possible.

A working bee will be needed after restrictions are removed so a major clean up can be held. Helpers will be called for as soon as this is possible.

Greater Bank

Thank you to all who voted during this promotion. The result was very positive for our parish with the \$2000 donation very gratefully received.

Bunnings Barbecue

A request was sent to Bunnings for a suitable September date to hold our Bunnings Barbecue promotion. The reply indicated that this activity was on hold. To be prepared, once restrictions are lifted should we be offered a date at short notice, a list of participants is being prepared. If you are willing and able to give at least one hour to help in this fund-raising activity, would you please contact Kerry Bugden on 43 882 938 or Jo Helm at 0424 763 734.

Social Gatherings

These activities in 2021 have been very limited. It is hoped that some social activities like morning teas and the Thank you barbecue, can be organised before Christmas. You will be notified once a suitable date is possible.

Plenary Council

Continuing prayers for the success of the Council are asked and strongly encouraged. The Agenda of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia is available and will be published with the church bulletin in coming weeks.

Any parishioner who would like to discuss this information or has another issue which needs discussion, please contact me at 43882938 or by email on kbbugden@bigpodm.com
Kerry Bugden (PPC Secretary)

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for August

The Church Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.



Fan the Flame

Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021

'His mercy reaches from age to age'
Luke 1:39-56

God is asking us to refrain from putting barriers and obstacles in the way of God's mercy reaching the least, the lost and those who feel excluded, especially those who do not yet know the love of God. God is asking us to be a Church that walks together and does not leave anyone behind. (Humble, Healing and Merciful – Discernment Paper p. 6)

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheflame/



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NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER IN THIS TIME OF PANDEMIC - SUNDAY 22 AUGUST

An ecumenical National Day of Prayer has been organised for Sunday 22 August, calling Australia to come together in prayer in light of the current COVID-19 crisis.

The theme is 'Lord have mercy', as we make this verse from Ps. 123 our own: "Our eyes look to the Lord our God till He shows us His mercy" (Ps. 123:2).

A Prayer Call on Zoom, from 9am to 9pm on Sunday 22 August, will feature Church leaders and Indigenous Christian Leaders. Participants can join for as long as they wish.

In addition, daily prayers will be offered in the week prior, from 16 August.

For more information and to register, please visit: http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org.au/LordHaveMercy/

IMPORTANT - LOCKDOWN EXTENDED BY 4 WEEKS

Given low vaccination rates, the current lockdown will remain in place for another four weeks, until Saturday, 28th August at 12:01AM across Greater Sydney including the Central Coast, Blue Mountains, Wollongong and Shellharbour.

This extra time will allow NSW residents to significantly increase the uptake of vaccines in areas most affected by the current outbreak and across the state.

Premier Gladys Berejiklian said higher vaccination rates and following the health orders are the only way to guarantee the further easing of restrictions.

Due to this announcement St Cecilia's Church and St John Fisher Mass Ctr will remain closed until the stay home order is lifted. The Parish office is not open to visitors at this time, you can contact the office on 0424 763 734 or 4352 1011.

Please join us as we livestream Mass this 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

ST VINCENT DE PAUL HELP AVAILABLE Lockdown assistance

Although our stores are closed the St Vincent de Paul support centres are open to provide emergency assistance of food parcels and Coles cards. If you or anyone you know is in need of assistance, please ring Wyong Support Centre on 4353 5614 (option 1) to make appointment. Interviews are conducted by phone with contactless food pickup at the door.



Birthdays and Anniversaries

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Josie Campbell Pat Byrne 10/8 Anthony Dedera 16/8 Rita Kerr 20/8 Christine Cause 60th, 13/8 Maureen Kiernan 27/8

AUGUST WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Trish & Doug Calder 1/8/1970 Helen & Peter Beamish 15/8/1970 Margaret & Phil Bastick 19/8/1955

Christine & Garry Greentree 25/8/1973

Please contact the parish office with your Birthdays and Anniversaries, we will have a Mass said for you. 0424 763 734

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MASS TIMES

ST CECILIA'S CHURCH

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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

of the Month

&11.30am Mass

Weekday Mass

Mon, Wed, Thurs 8:00am Tue & Fri: 9.15am

Reconciliation/Confession Saturday at 4.30pm

St Cecilia's During 8.00am

EMERGENCY PRIEST CONTACT

Fr Raul ph: 0450 115 099 Fr Alex ph: 0432 947 245

PARISH OFFICE 23 Byron Street Wyong Phone: 0423 763 734 Po Box 385 Wyong 2259 OFFICE Hours: Mon to Thurs 9.30am to 2.30pm &

Fri 9.30am to 12pm
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PARISH EMAIL: wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au **PARISH WEBSITE:** https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/wyong/ **FACEBOOK:** www.facebook.com/wyongcatholicparish

St John Fisher During 9.15am Mass **St Barnabas, Yarramalong** 1st Sun of month 11.15am

Anointing of the Sick First Friday

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 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

Catechist Meeting
Liturgy Meeting

Sacramental Team Meeting
Social Justice Meeting
BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS

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,
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, Jacqui
Stacey, Josie Campbell, Frank Costa, Carol Dafter,
Dave Rodney, Lucy Smith, Gerard Byrne, Gwen
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Anniversary August:

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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.

- Many parishioners assist us by donating to our plan giving program via automatic credit card donations weekly or monthly.
- As we are becoming a more cashless society we ask you to please consider this option. If you wish to donate by credit card, please complete the attached credit card form or call Jo in the parish office on 0424 763 734. You can also give **by credit card** over the phone.
- For parishioners who would like to continue using plan giving envelopes, for your convenience, you are welcome to use the credit card option on the back of the plan giving envelopes.

Or 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



Parish Renewal and Discipleship August eNews

This month's 'Pathways' eNews is now available, prepared by the Parish Renewal & Discipleship Team of Evangelisation Broken Bay.

Each edition features items that relate to parish renewal initiatives that can assist parishes and individuals in their missionary efforts, as well as formation opportunities from around the Diocese or externally, including suitable resources.

To subscribe, please visit https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/parish-community/catholic-life-faith-formation/connect-with-us

Please join us as we livestream Mass 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 15th August 2021 THE LITURGY OF THE WORD Reproduced from Liturgia

FIRST READING REVELATION 11:19; 12:1-6, 10

The sanctuary of God in heaven opened, and the ark of the covenant could be seen inside it. Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown. She was pregnant, and in labour, crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth. Then a second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red dragon which had seven heads and ten horns, and each of the seven heads crowned with a coronet. Its tail dragged a third of the stars from the sky and dropped them to the earth, and the dragon stopped in front of the woman as she was having the child, so that he could eat it as soon as it was born from its mother. The woman brought a male child into the world, the son who was to rule all the nations with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken straight up to God and to his throne, while the woman escaped into the desert, where God had made a place of safety ready. Then I heard a voice shout from heaven, 'Victory and power and empire for ever have been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 44:10-12, 16

R. The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

The daughters of kings are among your loved ones. On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir. Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words: forget your own people and your father's house. R. So will the king desire your beauty: He is your lord, pay homage to him. They are escorted amid gladness and joy; they pass within the palace of the king. R.

SECOND READING 1 CORINTHIANS 15:20-26

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order; Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Mary is taken up to heaven, and the angels of God shout for joy. Alleluia!

GOSPEL LUKE 1:39-56

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

And Mary said:

'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my saviour; because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid. Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me. Holy is his name, and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him. He has shown the power of his arm, he has routed the proud of heart. He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly.

The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away. He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy - according to the promise he made to our ancestors - of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.' Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home.



ANNOUNCEMENT

Rebrand of CWF to Pastoral Works Broken Bay

We are delighted to announce the Charitable Works Fund (CWF) is rebranding to **Pastoral Works Broken Bay** from July 2021.

The purpose of the new name is to better reflect the authentic, life-giving pastoral work you are helping to support, and provide a name that uniquely connects it to our Diocese of Broken Bay.

Pastoral Works Broken Bay will play a vital role in building on the **six Pastoral priorities** for the Diocese, including giving vital support to life-changing ministries, nurturing families, and parish communities.

Each year, about 20,000 families and friends - those in hospitals, schools, parishes, and the wider community - will be assisted through the generous support of parish communities to Pastoral Works Broken Bay.

Thank you for your support of this important and historic initiative for the Diocese of Broken Bay.

My prayer is the change from CWF to Pastoral Works Broken Bay enables us to reach further and wider in helping our local community, and more deeply connects us to the mission of Jesus.

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD JCL, Bishop of Broken Bay

August Appeal

At this time, we appreciate support that can be given, no matter how big or small. Our ministries continue to operate and provide vital services. We encourage donations at your parish website or www.bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks.

All donations over \$2 are tax-deductible. Collection envelopes for Masses will be available when parishes re-open.

Thank you for helping to renew and rebuild lives. Every gift makes a difference to someone in hospital, school, a parish or the wider community.





AUSTRALIA BRAYS

SUNDAY 22ND AUGUST 2021

THE CHURCH TOGETHER IN PRAYER 'LORD HAVE MERCY'

"OUR EYES LOOK TO THE LORD OUR GOD TILL HE SHOWS US HIS MERCY" — PS. 123:2 WE ARE DRAWN TOGETHER TO PRAY GIVEN THE CURRENT LEVEL OF NEED AND DISTRESS CAUSED BY COVID-19

ALSO: NIGHTLY PRAYER CALLS 16TH-21ST AUGUST

REGISTER FOR ZOOM LINK + DAILY DEVOTIONS AT NATIONALDAYOFPRAYER ORG.AU/LORDHAVEMERCY

CALLING ALL WRITERS!

Entry is now open for The Good Oil 2021 Writers' Award, an initiative of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan which aims to support and encourage the development of emerging and published writers.

Entrants are asked to write on the theme **Inclusivity**, which is embodied in the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Lk 10:25-37).

Entries close at midnight AEST on Sunday 22 August, 2021.

For further information and to download the entry form and guidelines, visit https://www.goodsams.org.au/the-good-oil/the-good-oil-2021-writers-award/



SAFEGUARDING MESSAGE:

It is important to always look for ways to improve and make things safer for children and young people and provide feedback to the Clergy of the Parish and Ministry Leaders.

Learn more about the Rights of the Child Framework published by the Diocese of Broken Bay. Consider how your personal practices reflect the human and spiritual rights of the child in everyday encounters with children and young people.

Visit link below:

https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/ourfaith/safeguarding/diocesansafeguarding