

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*



WELCOME TO THE 20TH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
Year A,
16th August 2020

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 16 August 2020 THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING ISAIAH 56:1, 6-7

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants - all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant - these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

SECOND READING ROMANS 11:13-15, 29-32

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now - and only because of the mercy shown to you - will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION MATTHEW 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

GOSPEL MATTHEW 15:21-28

At that time, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon.

And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon."

But Jesus did not say a word in answer to her. Jesus' disciples came and asked him, "Send her away, for she keeps calling out after us."

He said in reply, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

But the woman came and did Jesus homage, saying, "Lord, help me." He said in reply,

"It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs."

She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Then Jesus said to her in reply,

"O woman, great is your faith!

Let it be done for you as you wish."

And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour.

REFLECTION FOR 16TH AUGUST

The three readings today highlight that God's love is for everyone. The foreigner in Israel, the pagans mentioned in Paul's letter to the Romans, and the Canaanite woman in the Gospel were all seen as outsiders by the Jewish people. Yet, the readings stress that all are accepted by God if we choose to follow God's law, repent and turn to receive God's love. As I reflect on today's readings, do I need to widen my acceptance to include those who are seen as outsiders today? As I listen to the readings and reflect on God's love for everyone, how can I strive to accept everyone as Jesus did?

Reproduced from God's Word 2020: Daily Reflections, published by St Pauls Publications, Strathfield

PRAYER

Gracious God. Hear this our prayer in these disturbing times.

We ask you to hear the sounds of those who are gasping for each breath in hospitals, nursing homes and old age facilities, and those suffering alone on the streets of our cities and towns. Reach out with your healing power to those who are grieving the loss of loved ones.

Be present to the doctors, nurses and front line careers who are exhausted from their efforts in this time of a pandemic that threatens the lives of so many of your people worldwide.

Strengthen with your wisdom our public government and health officials who are seeking ways to stop and control the spread of this virus by encouraging their citizenry to be calm, reflective and obedient to the restrictions imposed for the benefit of all.

We make this prayer in your most holy name.

Amen.

— Columban Fr. Mike Dodd

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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, Martin Wicks, 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, Neville Bowman, John Baxter

Anniversary August: Fredrick Kennedy, Violet Dyer, Joe Farrugia, Monica Bito-on, Ruth & Cecil Booth, Brian Flints, Peter Ford, Abelardo Santiago, Judy Kennedy, Phillip Amey.

**Saturday 15th August The Solemnity of
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
8am Mass, St Cecilia's Church**

PRAYER:

PRAYER TO OUR LADY, ASSUMED INTO HEAVEN

Immaculate Virgin, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, we believe in your triumphant assumption into heaven where the angels and saints acclaim you as Queen. We join them in praising you and bless the Lord who raised you above all creatures. With them we offer you our devotion and love. We are confident that you watch over our daily efforts and needs, and we take comfort from the faith in the coming resurrection. We look to you, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. After this earthly life, show us Jesus, the blest fruit of your womb, O kind, O loving, O sweet virgin Mary.

https://www.catholic.org/prayers/prayeroftheday/?select_date=2020-08-15

Congratulations

We warmly welcome **Hine Kakea** and **Capri Awatea** who is to be Baptized this weekend into our Parish Community: *May the grace of the Lord Jesus bless you and your family.*

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Best Wishes

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Josie Campbell
Pat Byrne 10/8
Rita Kerr 20/8

Warmest Congratulations

ANNIVERSARIES

Trish & Doug Calder 1/8/1970
(50 Years)

Helen & Peter Beamish 15/8/1970
(50 years)

Christine & Garry Greentree 25/8/1973
(47 years)

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(65 years)



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STRONG RECOMMENDATION TO WEAR MASKS

As many would already be aware, on Sunday 2 August the Premier, along with the Chief medical officer announced the strong recommendation to wear masks in the following situations:

- in indoor settings where physical distancing is hard to maintain, such as on public transport or in supermarkets
- in indoor settings with a higher risk of transmission, such as for the staff of hospitality and customer-facing venues i.e. cafes, restaurants, pubs and clubs
- **during attendance at places of worship.**

In line with this, we strongly recommend to our parishioners, the use of face masks when they attend church for any Mass, religious service or prayer.

Please note that at this stage, it is not a mandate and does not replace any other COVID-19 safe practices, such as social distancing.

Encouraging the use of face masks will be another step in helping to keep our communities safe during this time.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Due -COVID-19 when you collect your **weekly Bulletin**, Broken Bay News, Vocations Prayer Card please take them home with you. Please do not leave them in the church after you have handled them.

The August **BROKEN BAY NEWS** will be available for you to take home this week. The August issue is also available in digital form. Below is the link to the online edition.

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/news-events/broken-bay-news/broken-bay-news-editions>

VOCATIONS PRAYER CARD will also be available. Bishop Anthony has written a special prayer for Vocations to Priesthood in Broken Bay. The Prayer Card features the image *The Hand of God* by Yongsung Kim

54 DAY ROSARY NOVENA

Please join us in Prayer at St Cecilia's Church
August 15 2020 until October 7 2020
Every day after 8am Mass Mon to Sat
And after 9.30 Mass Sunday
For Peace in America and the whole world.
And for God's Blessing in the upcoming US election.



We would like say thank you to our wonderful priests Fr Raul and Alex, Jo and Helen in office and all our friends from our gorgeous Wyong Catholic Church for their friendship and support over the years we have been in the Shire. We are heading for the mid north coast on the 20.8.2020 for another adventure in our lives.

God Bless you
Paul n Laura Cox



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Parish Fundraiser with Environmental Benefits

From when we started collecting recycled bottles in October 2019 **RETURN AND EARN HAS RAISED \$1009.40 TO DATE.**

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

STAY CONNECTED

Whilst we cannot worship together as we usually would, please know that there are many ways that you can still remain connected to us in the following ways:

- ◆ Contact Jo on 0424 763 734 to book your attendance at one of our Masses.
- ◆ Join our Facebook page to watch 9.30am Sunday Mass Live
www.facebook.com/wyongcatholicparish
- ◆ Keep in contact with Jo and Helen in the Parish Office on 4352 1011 or Jo 0424 763 734.
- ◆ **Reconciliation by appointment.** To make an appointment call 4352 1011, Fr Raul 0450 115 099 or Fr Alex 0432 947 245
- ◆ **Prayer intentions**—send an email or call the Parish Office with your prayer intentions. These will be prayed for by Fr Raul and Fr Alex in the daily Masses.
- ◆ If you know of someone who does not have an email or access to the internet, please advise the Parish Office, so we can arrange for the parish bulletin to be delivered to them or you may like to deliver the Bulletin to them.
- ◆ We have many resources that can be collected from outside the church for example: Weekly Bulletin, the Holy Rosary booklet and Stations of the Cross booklet.

As a community we invite you to Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet each day with a special intention for those who are dying due to the COVID-19.

There are many ways that you can stay in contact with us: through email, by phone or checking our website.

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Liturgy of Lament – Listening to the Past: Caring for the future

Tuesday 1 September 2020,
7.00pm @ Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral,
Waitara.

The liturgy will also be lived streamed. To view connect at www.bbcatholic.org.au

All are invited to gather to pray together in acknowledging the suffering caused to our most vulnerable and to give public expressions to our sorrow.

Expression of Interest for FUTURE FOCUSED SCHOOL LEADERS

“You can do what I cannot do.

I can do what you cannot do.

Together we can do great things.” Mother Teresa

We are seeking ambitious, inspirational and future-focussed leaders to join our Broken Bay system of Catholic schools in 2021. The Diocese of Broken Bay encompasses 44 systemic Catholic schools stretching across Sydney’s North Shore, Northern Beaches, and up through the Central Coast. Creating positive outcomes for our students and enriching our school communities imbued with the Spirit of Christ is at the heart of everything we do in the Diocese of Broken Bay. Experience the benefits of a forward looking, growth focused system of Catholic schools with opportunities for quality leadership development and targeted professional learning. Be inspired by the vision of authentic professional Catholic education delivered with care and compassion. Under the leadership of Bishop Anthony Randazzo, we are entering an exciting time of transformation to equip our schools and our people to be future ready, inspiring hearts and minds to know Christ, to love learning and to use their talents to be the very best they can be. To express your interest in positions of responsibility including Principal, Assistant Principal and Religious Education Coordinator, please email our recruitment team at hr@dbb.catholic.edu.au or call us on 9847 0596. Alternatively, start right now and apply here. We look forward to hearing from you.

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo
Bishop of Broken Bay

Message for BBNeighbourhoods
11 August 2020

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Have you ever noticed that some people are incredibly passionate about issues in life? Issues such as the family, work, religion, politics, the environment, beginning and end of life, racism, justice and peace – the list is endless. The Oxford Dictionary defines the word passionate as “having or showing strong feelings of enthusiasm for something or belief in something”. Yet, the word itself means so much more than having strong feelings. It is derived from the Latin word *passio*, which is a term found in Christian theology from the Latin word *pati*, meaning suffer. It is linked to the word compassion, which means to suffer with.

Looking around our Church and society, we do not have to go far to see or experience human suffering. Many people are doing it tough at the moment, and so it is good that as a community, we have strong feelings of enthusiasm towards life issues. It is even better that as a community of the Church we can stand alongside others and, in Christian solidarity, suffer with them.

Saint Paul spoke about suffering on many occasions. One of his most beautiful instructions can be found in his Second Letter to the Corinthians. Reminding the Christian community that we are never to lose heart but always to be filled with hope, he said, “We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies”. (2 Corinthians 4:8-10)

For Paul, and indeed for all Christians, the paradigm of suffering is Jesus Christ, who underwent the agony of the cross and died for our salvation and the life of the world. The Apostle reminds us to put things into perspective by always placing Jesus and his cross at the centre of our lives. By doing so, we do not succumb to some sort of vague spiritual escapism, as the non-believer might have us think. We do find ourselves in communion with Christ – through his life, death, and resurrection.

Each day brings a deepening of that communion if we open our minds and hearts to the Spirit of Jesus. In the community of the Church, no one need ever be alone because we are one in Christ. This week can I encourage you to keep an eye out for those who might be alone and suffering? Through our faith in Jesus, we will be able to reach out to others. With the compassion of Christ, we will be able to suffer with them. In our love for Jesus, we will be passionate about issues of life over death, good over evil, and hope over despair.

Blessings on your week ahead.

+Anthony

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 MUST 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 1ST JUNE 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.
- You must have your name marked off the attendance sheet, this will be at the entrance of the church/mass ctr.
- For Weekday Masses you Must 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.

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or you may even like to **post a cheque** to Po Box 385 Wyong 2259.