

WELCOME

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*

16TH JULY 2023 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WYONG CATHOLIC PARISH

ST CECILIA'S CHURCH, ST JOHN FISHER MASS CTR & ST PETER'S CHAPEL

Under the Pastoral Care of the

Society of Our Lady of The Most Holy Trinity (SOLT)



CONGRATULATIONS

We welcome Bishop Anthony Randazzo to our Parish this weekend. Bishop Anthony will minister the Sacrament of Confirmation to our children at St Peter's College this Saturday.

We extend our Congratulations to each child and pray that the light of the Holy Spirit will always burn brightly in you. Blessings on your Confirmation.

'God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us'. (Romans 5:5)

The children's journey of faith would not have been possible without the support of parents, family members, sponsors and teachers. We also express our gratitude to those who assisted us with our Ceremony. Your support is truly appreciated.

May God Bless you and your families.

Reflection 16.7.2023 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today, we are faced with the challenging question: do I really listen? In our Gospel, Jesus uses the image of a sower to explain the ways in which people can receive God's word. Some might be easily led astray. Others might lose courage or conviction at the sign of a challenge or be tempted to choose other things over God's word. And others will hear, listen, and take to heart what they have heard. Listening to both God and others takes time, commitment and attention. It's probably not hard for us to remember a time when we really felt listened to, and to remember how that felt. If we listen deeply to God's word, especially as it comes to us in the readings, we will be able to grow in our openness and ability to really listen to others. So, do I really listen? How can I listen better?

THE FOUNDATION DAY of the Society of Our Lady of The Most Holy Trinity (SOLT) Sunday the 16th July

We are very Blessed to have with us both Fr Raul and Fr Alex who belong to this Order and live, and share the mission of this Society with us.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to them for their ministry with us and we pray that God will continue to Bless them.

Congratulations & Welcome

We warmly welcome Gabrielle Scherer to our Parish as Youth Ministry Leader and look forward to supporting her .

Gabrielle's enthusiasm and love of faith will have a positive impact on the youth in our Parish.

May God Bless and guide you in all your efforts.

Change in Liturgy Training

A short training session (15 minutes) will be held after each Mass on the next two weekends.

15/16 July Lector Training

22/23 July Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion Training

Vinnies Thank You

A big thank you to all who supported our recent appeal. With your very generous support we have received just over \$2,500 as well as sufficient food to provide hampers for the next couple of months.

A great effort. Thank you also to the schools for their fantastic support too. Thank you also from the people we assist. God Bless

Please Note

Communion: For any communicant who wishes to receive Holy Communion on the tongue, the Australian Bishops have decreed that these communicants are to be given Holy Communion last.

The General Instruction to Roman Missal, 3rd Edition

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Taxation Receipts for **Pastoral Works** and **Caritas** are now ready for your collection at the back of the Church/Mass Ctr. Thank you for your support to these appeals.

We sincerely thank you again. We reached our quota for Pastoral Works.



Parish Christmas in July—Tues 18th July 12 Noon St Peter's College

Our annual 'Christmas in July' is this Tuesday 18th July. We look forward to this Parish get together and to the wonderful 'cooking skills' of the students of St Peter's College.

The venue is St Peter's Catholic College dining area (in the Technical Building) and parking has been arranged in the staff car park at the top of the hill. It is just a short walk from there down to the venue.

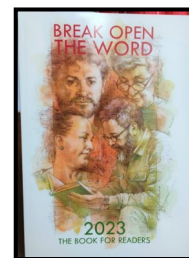
Break Open Word

At the most recent Liturgy Committee meeting it was discussed if the resource Break Open The Word could be made available to the Readers in the Parish.

This book gives the readings and psalms for each Sunday with a commentary designed to provide not only background to the text but assistance on how to proclaim it. A pronunciation guide is included as well as a section entitled 'The Ministry of Reader'.

It is available to purchase online from Liturgy Brisbane for \$24 or if 30 or more are purchased they are \$20 each. We are hoping to reach out to the parish community to see if anyone is interested in purchasing a copy and depending on numbers we could hopefully purchase a bulk order.

Libby Gleeson



Urgently Needed—Church Cleaners

Please we **urgently** need some volunteer cleaners for our Church. The upkeep of our Church is so important.

Could you please consider volunteering 1 hour every 5-6 weeks (if we have the required numbers).

Thank you. Kay 0419 021 214

250 Club Update

THANK YOU FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING SUPPORT

250 NUMBERS SOLD

Weekly Prizes are \$50 – 1st & \$20 – 2nd

Monthly Prizes are \$200 – 1st & \$50 – 2nd and will be last weekend of the month.

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15/16 July	Weekly	178	Marie Fogarty	118	Margaret Davidson

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Sunday 16th July 2023 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD (Year A)

First Reading Isaiah 55:10-11

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 64:10-14

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Second Reading Romans 8:18-23

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

Gospel Acclamation GA

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 13:1-23

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive.

For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'



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ST CECILIA'S CHURCH

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Sat Vigil 5.00pm Sun 7.30am & 9.30am

Weekday Mass

Mon-Sat: 8.00am, Monday 9.15am (School Term)

Reconciliation/Confession Saturday morning after the 8am Mass & Saturday at 4.30pm

ST JOHN FISHER MASS CENTRE

Hicks Lane Tumbi Umbi

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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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Children's Liturgy at the following Masses

St Cecilia's 5pm Mass Saturday
St Cecilia's 9.30am Mass Sunday
St John Fisher 5pm Mass Sunday

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE

Mass St Barnabas, Yarramalong
1st Sun of month 11.15am
Filipino Mass St Cecilia's Church
3rd Sun of the month 12pm

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

Eucharistic Adoration

St Cecilia's Daily 7am-8am

St John Fisher 1st Fri 8.45 - 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

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

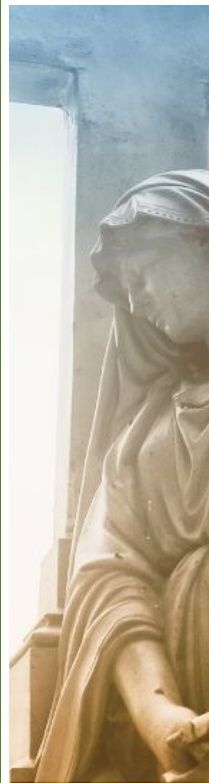
KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS

Prayer: The most valuable gift you can give someone.

SICK: 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, Jacqui Stacey, Josie Campbell, Carol Dafter, Dave Rodney, Gwen Dwyer, Helen Waters, Rod & Pauline Cornwell, Marie Rheinberger, Hannah Hopwood, Fay King, Joan Mabbutt, Irene Dainty, Eoin, Paula, Peter Meury, Lyn Nash, Jai Coleman, Danielle, Frank Farrugia, Betty McDermott.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARY JULY: Tom Dermondy, Bridget Dermody, Frank Costa, Pauleene Crass, John Dwyer, Nora Dillon, Sr Sylvia Markulin, James Bastick, Phyll Angela Reeves



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Safeguarding Message

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. The contact details are on the back to the Bulletin.



Office of the Bishop

Vox Populi 13 July 2023

Many of you will recall Pope Francis announcing the Synod of Bishops in October 2021 and its topic of "synodality".

In outlining the theme of this Synod at the time, "Communion, Participation, Mission", Pope Francis said a synod involved mutual listening in which everyone has something to learn – hence the more common expression for this current synod is "Synod of Synodality".

Originally the two-year global consultation process was to culminate in the Assembly of the Synod of Bishops in Rome in October 2023, however Pope Francis added a second session for October 2024.

The word synod derives from an ancient Greek term meaning "coming together" or "travelling together".

Pope Francis is very enthusiastic about the synodal journey because the process is walking and listening together as the People of God on pilgrimage.

This whole process has been divided into stages. There was the initial diocesan listening phase; the continental phase being a time of listening, dialogue and discernment among the Churches of the same geographical region; and the final phase which will begin with the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops at the Vatican in October this year and October 2024.

Late last week Pope Francis announced the 10 non-bishop members chosen from the Oceania region for the upcoming October gathering.

One of those selected is our Chancellor here at Broken Bay, Kelly Paget.

It is a great honour for both Kelly and the Diocese.

Bishop Anthony, who was elected president of the Federation of Catholic Bishops Conference of Oceania earlier this year, and who has also been asked to attend the October gatherings, said he believes our region is one of the most diverse in the world.

"That diversity enriches the Church in Oceania, and it will do so at the Synodal gatherings in Rome.

"We are a young Church in comparison to many other parts of the world, but we are a Church of many and varied talents, which will now feature more prominently on the global stage."

Pray for Bishop Anthony and Kelly as they embark on this journey.

Please pray also for all pilgrims and leaders who are leaving on their WYD 2023 journey very shortly when they will join thousands of pilgrims from around the world coming together in Lisbon, Portugal and an experience of joy, wonder and encounter.

Vocations

Annual Seminarian Benefit Dinner

Calling all #BrokenBay faithful! Come join us for an amazing evening Saturday, September 2nd 2023. Enjoy delicious food, friendly company and musical performances put on by our very own seminarians. Most importantly, support our diocese's commitment to inspiring vocations! Seats are limited. Tickets are \$60pp, all are welcome! Secure yours now at the [link](#).

Date: Saturday, September 2, 2023, at

Time: 6:30pm, after the 5pm Vigil Mass.

Venue: Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood Parish – Harrington Hall, 94 Archer Street, Chatswood 206

Tickets: \$60 per person

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WYONG PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2023

We are delighted that you are bringing your child to receive the Sacraments, we look forward to sharing with you and your child, this journey of faith as he/she prepares to receive this sacrament.

In Baptism, your child began a life-long journey and a way of life. At Confirmation, the graces received in Baptism were sealed with the reception of the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit. First Eucharist completes their reception of the Sacraments of Initiation into the Christian life.

The Family plays a central role in the faith formation of children, and as parents, you are your child's primary teacher as he/she develops a relationship with the person of Christ and his Church. We are also grateful to the grandparents, godparents, aunts and uncles, older siblings, other relatives, and family friends who undertake this role.

As family, friends, parish personnel, teachers, and volunteers work with the children in the activity of preparing them for the sacraments, the Holy Spirit inspires and draws them into the relationship with Christ. It is a sacred time and we encourage you to enter this process whole-heartedly with the children as they prepare to receive this sacrament.

Wyong Parish will be commencing their Sacramental Program for 2023 in February. Please contact the Parish Office on 0424 763 734 to make arrangements for your child to receive instruction for Confirmation, Reconciliation, and First Eucharist. We look forward to seeing you at the Parent information night.

RECONCILIATION FOR CHILDREN IN YEAR 4 AND ABOVE WHO HAVE COMPLETED CONFIRMATION

Parent Information night 7 pm Monday 20th February St Cecilia's Church 23 Byron Street Wyong

Enrolment Presentation weekend at all weekend Masses 25th /26th February

Children will be asked to attend Mass for the 4 weeks leading up to the Reconciliation Ceremony.

Reconciliation Ceremony Tumbi Monday 20th March 4 pm

Reconciliation Ceremony Wyong Tuesday 21st March 4 pm

CONFIRMATION FOR CHILDREN IN YEAR 3 AND ABOVE WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTISED

Parent Information night 7 pm Monday 29th May St Cecilia's Church 23 Byron Street Wyong

Enrolment Presentation weekend at all weekend Masses 3rd /4th June

Children will be asked to attend Mass for the 4 weeks leading up to the Confirmation Ceremony

Confirmation Ceremony St Peters College Saturday 15th July

FIRST EUCHARIST FOR CHILDREN IN YEAR 4 AND ABOVE WHO HAVE COMPLETED CONFIRMATION & RECONCILIATION

Parent Information night 7 pm Monday 7th August St Cecilia's Church 23 Byron Street Wyong

Enrolment Presentation weekend at all weekend Masses 12th/13th August

Children will be asked to attend Mass for the 4 weeks leading up to the First Eucharist Ceremony

First Eucharist Ceremony Friday 8th September St John Fisher Mass Ctr 5 pm and 6.30 pm

First Eucharist Ceremony Friday 15th September St Cecilia's Church 5 pm and 6.30 pm

Safeguarding (Chancery & Parishes)

World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly 23 July 2023

Pope Francis instituted the Day in 2021 to be held the fourth Sunday in July, close to the feast of Jesus' grandparents, Saints Joachim and Anne. The Pope has chosen this year's theme "His mercy if from age to age" (Lk 1:50), which he recalled, takes us back to the joyful meeting between Mary and her elderly relative Elizabeth (Lk1:39-56). The Holy Spirit had descended upon Elizabeth, and had earlier, descended upon Mary, prompting her to respond with the *Magnificat*, in which she proclaimed that the Lord's mercy is from generation to generation. The message from the Holy Father connects to the celebration of World Youth Day in August. His message encourages us to create bonds between the young and the older.