

SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION
PARISH BULLETIN, 17TH APRIL 2022

*Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord*

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*



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GOSPEL REFLECTION JOHN 20: 1-9
17th April 2022

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It was still dark when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb and found the stone moved away. Her first thought was not resurrection, but that someone had taken Jesus' body, so she ran to get help. When Peter arrived, he saw the burial cloths. When John arrived, he saw the same scene, but he believed'. John, known as Jesus' beloved disciple, saw with the eyes of his heart and just knew that God had raised Jesus from the dead. Easter Sunday celebrates that darkness was overcome by light. But Easter is not a once-only event. We catch something of the reality of resurrection whenever we experience new life emerging from hopelessness. This transformation can be personal to our own circumstances when relationships break down or disaster of one sort or another strikes. And it can be global. What about the Good News stories that emerge from violent situations and crises such as pandemics? It is all a matter of seeing reality through the eyes of our heart. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

A very warm welcome to any new families and visitors to our Parish. We hope you enjoy your stay.

I take this opportunity to sincerely thank all those involved in any way in preparing our Lenten and Easter liturgies. We value the time and effort all our volunteers generously give to our parish. The care you give to your ministry is evident in our celebrations.

On behalf of Fr Alex and our Parish Staff Jo and Helen, I wish you and your families a very Blessed and Happy Easter.

May you feel Christ's Love in your Heart and be filled with His Peace & Joy this Easter Season and always!

Fr Raul

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD *Reproduced from Liturgia*

FIRST READING ACTS 10:34, 37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.' Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

SECOND READING COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him. .

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 1 CORINTHIANS 5:7-8

Sequence

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled. Death with life contended: combat strangely ended! Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way. The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose! The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting. Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL JOHN 20:1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.' So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

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Parish fundraising - All money raised will be going towards our Parishes Pastoral Works quota for the year. Thank you to Rae, Irene, Marie, Cath and Christine for organising and running this fundraising.

The Garden and Plant stall raised \$205.50

Donated items sold on line raised \$925.00

Parish Easter Egg Raffle raised \$741.00

1st Prize John Robinson and 2nd Prize Peter Davidson

A very Big thank you to our Parish community for your generosity in supporting these fundraising activities.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

In preparation for the Feast of Divine Mercy on 24th April, the Lord asked St Faustina to make known a novena of prayer from Good Friday to the following Saturday 23rd April. These nine days of prayer in the upper room before the Feast of Mercy are like the nine days of prayer in the upper room before the day of Pentecost. For each of the nine days our Lord gave St Faustina a different intention.

Copies of this Divine Mercy Novena which commences on Good Friday are available in both Churches.

Divine Mercy Sunday 24th April

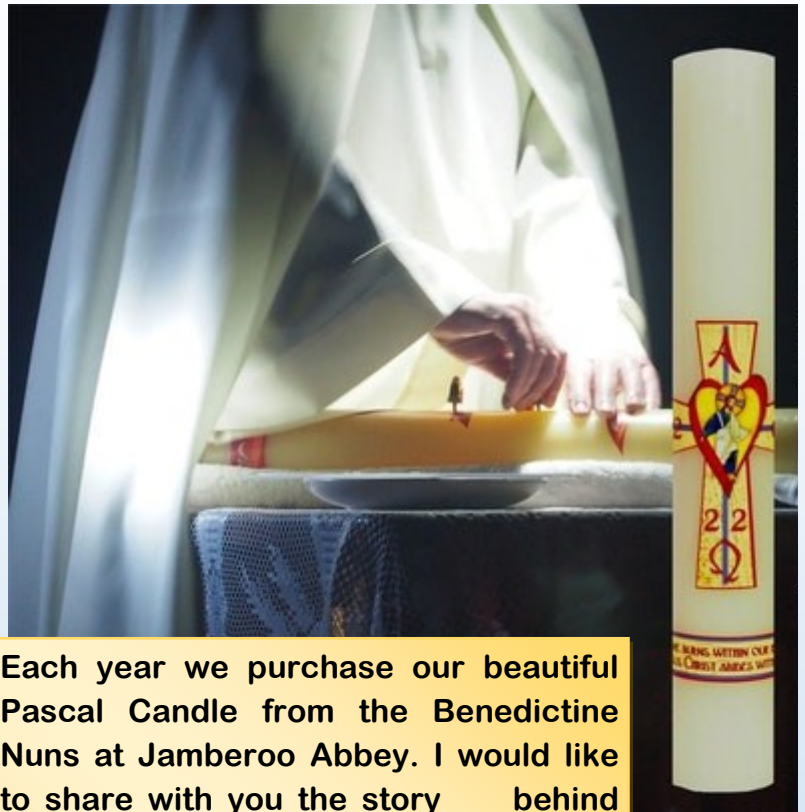
We will be having Benediction, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet at St Cecilia's Church 2-3pm

Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Caritas Australia would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2022. If you still have your Project Compassion box could you please return them to the Parish.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed 19th April and Friday 22nd April. We will re-open as usual on Tuesday 26th April. Thank You



Each year we purchase our beautiful Pascal Candle from the Benedictine Nuns at Jamberoo Abbey. I would like to share with you the story behind this years design.....

PASCHAL CANDLE 2022

There is an urgency in this year's Paschal symbol, the Christ of the Universe strides out of the death and dark wood of the Cross laying bare the heart of God and transforming what has been dark and dreadful into golden glory. The Cross remains the Cross but it is beautiful with the Christ abiding in the heart of it.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April Health care workers

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.



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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

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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

St Barnabas, Yarramalong

1st Sun of month 11.15am

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 Cecilia's 5pm Mass Saturday

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
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BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE

KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS

Prayer: The most valuable gift you can give someone.

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(items/sizes needed are from Newborn to size 12) Socks, underwear, Singlets, nightgowns, Pajamas, Nappies, Baby wipes, Baby formula, bottles, clothing.

Long-life milk, Noodles, Pasta, and rice, Good quality tinned food and meals (with ring pulls), Soups, fruit, spaghetti, Museli bars and snacks, Breakfast Biscuits/Cereal, UHT Milk, Noodles, Crackers, Muesli Bar, Lollies/Chocolate, Biscuits/Chips, Fruit Cups/Tins, Tea, Cappuccino sachets, Cup of Soup, Water/Juice,

Please place all your items into the baskets provided at the front to the church. Thank you for your generous donations. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

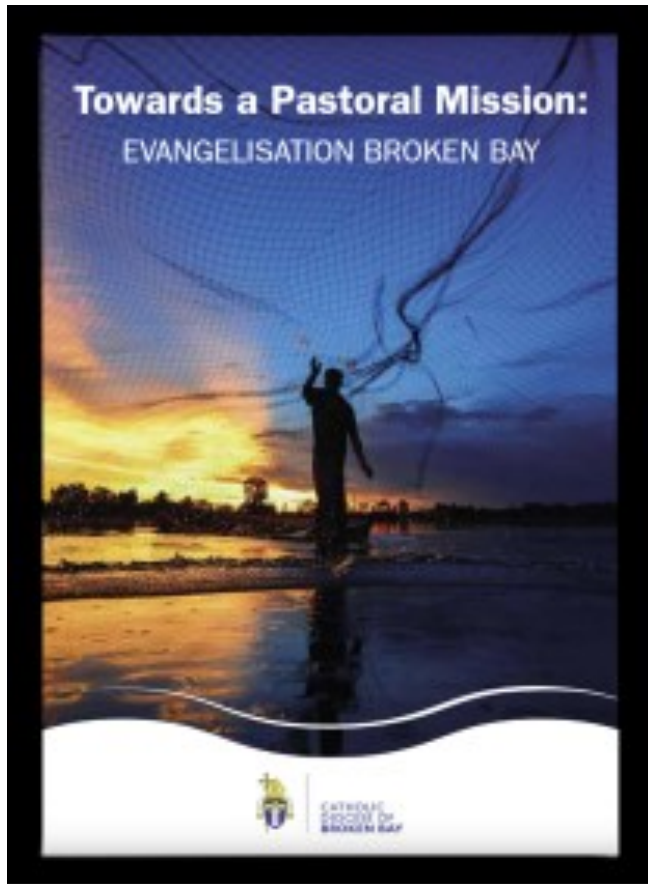
Thank you to everyone who has started bringing in all these wonderful goodies. Please keep them coming.



POST FROM WYONG NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE FACE BOOK PAGE

Today the Wyong Neighbourhood Centre staff are smiling from ear to ear with joy 🥳 today we received very generous donations from [Wyong Catholic Parish](#) (Jo and Father Alex in photo) and from very kind community members. It is great to see the community coming together to support those who really need support. This amount of support will be able to feed and support many vulnerable community members





The Evangelisation Broken Bay team are in the process of creating their Pastoral Mission which will highlight their goals and strategies around how they intend to support the evangelisation efforts of those in the community of the Church of Broken Bay. The EBB team want to hear from you to make sure the support offered is in line with the mission and vision of your particular parish/faith community.

Online submissions are officially open and the submissions closing date has been extended until **Sunday 24 April 2022**. All are invited to make a submission. Visit the link for more info and to make a submission. <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/our-faith/evangelisation/towards-a-pastoral-mission>



The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday 15 April 2022. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, and housing. It is also used to maintain Churches and Holy Places associated with the life of Jesus.

This year, the Holy Land will continue to face extreme hardship due to the effects of the global pandemic, persecution, conflict and reduction in pilgrims. Your contribution is gratefully received. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land and keep them in your prayers. Thank you.