



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 **Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year A, 17th May 2020.**



Being Christian we come from Christ and Christ lives in us. What does this mean then for the way we live our life as a witness to Christ who lives in us? We are an Easter people; people of love, hope and joy, filled with the power of the Holy Spirit. We are called to an agape love; when people experience this type of love from us, in the name of Jesus, we are to have an answer ready for them when they ask us the reason for the hope and love which we have (1 Pet 3:15).

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

Gospel Reading: John 14:15-21 "Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me."

Reflection: "Jesus commanded his followers to love. This command had two consequences: the promise of the Spirit and life everlasting. Both were based on intimacy with the Lord."

<http://word-sunday.com/Files/a/6Easter-a/A-6Easter-a.html>

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

WE HAVE EXCITING NEWS

Weekend and Weekday Masses will resume with **limitations of 10 people per Mass**. If you wish to attend Mass please contact Jo from the parish office on 0424 763 734 to book your attendance.

Please note: The dispensation for all the Faithful in the Diocese from the obligation to participate at Mass on Sunday and Holy Days of obligation (cc.87§1 ;1247) is still in effect. The Faithful are encouraged to keep the Lord's Day holy and celebrate Sundays as a domestic church by taking time to pray together as a household (c. 1248§2).

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Given that it is possible for only a very small number of people within the parish to attend Sunday Mass - **the suspension of Sunday obligation remains for all the Faithful.**

The live-streaming of Mass on Sunday will remain for the time being.

This is the link for our Livestream Sunday Mass 9.30am www.facebook.com/wyongcatholicparish

ST CECILIA'S CHURCH MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil Masses 4pm and 5pm

Sunday Masses 8.30am, 9.30am and 10.30am

Weekday Mass times Monday to Saturday 8am

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Sunday Mass 17 May 2020

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING ACTS 8:5-8, 14-17

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

SECOND READING 1 PETER 3:15-18

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION OF JOHN 14:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord said: I will not leave you orphans. I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice. Alleluia!

GOSPEL JOHN 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples:

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him.

But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you.

I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live.

On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you.

Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me.

And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.”

REFLECTION FOR 17TH MAY

Jesus is preparing his disciples for the time when he will no longer be physically present among them. He promises that the Father will send them the Holy Spirit, another Advocate’, to be with them forever. ‘Advocate’ is a legal term. An advocate is one who pleads our cause in court, who speaks on our behalf, who utters the words that we cannot, who stands beside us in very difficult situations.

As we give thanks for the Holy Spirit who is our Advocate, we recognize that we in turn are called to be advocates for those people in our community who cannot speak for themselves. There are many organisations, often inspired by the Gospels that are involved in advocacy – for refugees, for women and children being trafficked, for the mentally ill, the unborn and the aged who are unable to plead their own cause. And as St Peter reminds us in today’s second reading, we are also called to be advocates for Christ by having an answer ready for people who ask us the reason for the hope we have. Let us remember that it is always the witness of our lives and our own personal stories, rather than complex theological doctrines that attract people to Christ.

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PRAYER: Jesus, you are the Way, the Truth and the Life, and You call us to follow you, so that we may have life and have it to the full. Thank you for the gift of your mother, Mary, who gives us a pure example of trust in the Father and illustrates to us the self-sacrificial love of a mother for all her children. May we look to her as an example of true surrender and love. Amen

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY For Deacons

We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

Best Wishes

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Beth Hughes
John Dwyer
Gerard Byrne
Helen Beamish Happy 70th, 19/5/1950

Warmest Congratulations

ANNIVERSARIES

Kerry & Brian Bugden 12/5/1962
58 years
Enid & John Dwyer 31/5/1958
62 years

**Please contact the parish office with your Birthdays and Anniversaries, we will have a Mass said for you.
Ph;4352 1011**

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, Ross Tollow, Steve Durnford, Ann Durnford, Maureen Mulheron, Angela Watts, William Martin, Terence (Ted) Dafter.

Recently Deceased: Grahame Lesha, Leone Corrigan, Gerald McCulloch, Irene Adams and Janet Milroy (mother of Rosie Jenkins)

Anniversary: Mary Bugden, Edward Bath, Brian Myers, Mark Bastic, Mary Bastic, Deacon Jim Caulfield, Kay Taylor, Rodney Noble, Serapio Otones.

Condolences

The Parish extends our deepest condolences to Anne and her family on the passing of her husband Grahame Lesha.

Grahame was a long time member of our parish and was involved in many ministries in our parish over the years before he moved to Warnervale. He will be sadly missed.

Grahame passed away on Friday 1st May and his funeral was held at Warnervale Parish on Thursday 7th May.

May he Rest in Peace. Amen

PRAYER: O my God, I love you above all things, with my whole heart and soul, because you are all-good and worthy of all love. I love my neighbour as myself for the love of you. I forgive all who have injured me, and I ask pardon of all whom I have injured. Amen
[https://](https://www.ourcatholicprayers.com/act-oflove.html)

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Whilst we cannot worship together as we usually would for the time being, 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 their private 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.
- ◆ 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.

Parish Email: **wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au**

Website: **<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/wyong/>**

Facebook: **www.facebook.com/wyongcatholicparish**

PARISH COLLECTIONS

We are delighted that we are able to support the faith needs of our Catholic community and grateful that we are still here and able to assist you. Please show your support for your parish and the commitments we have made, by giving whatever you can. As Jesus said, “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also”. (Matthew 6:21).

1st Collection 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 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.

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

You can give **by credit card** over the phone call Jo in the Parish office 0424 763 734 or you may even like to **post a cheque** to Po Box 385 Wyong 2259.

FUNDRAISING

Presbytery Roof

Wyong Catholic Parish
BSB 062 784 Account 13528001
reference: Roof
(Donation to date \$1885.00)

Craft Stall raised \$1060

Thank you Rae Bof for organising and running the stall.

Rae still has lots of goodies to sell so please have a look on Gumtree under St Cecilia's Wyong Fundraiser.

Return and Earn raised \$615.10 to date. Please remember to save all your bottles and cans.