

## PARISH BULLETIN, 18TH APRIL 2021

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*

**BB35**  
**CELEBRATING**  
**35 YEARS**  
DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY



**THE YEAR**  
**OF ST JOSEPH**  
**& THE FAMILY**  
**2021**

Thirty five years ago, the Diocese of Broken Bay was established and this anniversary is an opportunity to look back and remember the story of our Diocesan journey with hearts of gratitude, so that we might look forward to the future in hope.

In the Universal Church, Pope Francis has also proclaimed a year for St Joseph, as well as an Amoris Lae-itia Family Year for 2021. The combination of these themes allows us to approach our activities and mission this year with renewed depth of faith in what God is calling us to be in the community of the Church of Broken Bay .

Last Thursday night, 8th April Bishop Anthony celebrated Mass in the Cathedral to mark the beginning of this anniversary.

### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER GOSPEL REFLECTION LUKE 24: 35-48

**18th April 2021**

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In our Gospel reading from St Luke this Sunday Jesus appears among the disciples. They realise that Jesus is alive but in a different way than he was before the events of Good Friday. Their joy is so overwhelming they are speechless. As he did with the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, he explains the mystery of the cross and opens their minds to the wonders of the scriptures. What happens next is most important. He sends them out to preach and teach 'all the nations'. They are to witness to Jesus and what he has done for humanity through his self-gift on the cross.

We today receive the same commission. As the descendants of the first disciples through faith in Jesus, we too are called to preach and to teach. But, how? As Christians our call from Christ is in four parts: to hear God's word in the sacraments of the Church and in God's creation, to receive God's word into our hearts, to live out God's word in our lives and to make real God's word in the world. The only way we can achieve any of this is through God's grace and love. Are we ready to be Christ's witnesses? Do we live out in our ordinary lives our great joy in the Christ of the resurrection? How are we helping to make God's word real in this world?

## Extra Mower's Required

We are appealing for more mowers for 2021.

If there is any person who would be kind enough to join us in the mowing and general maintenance of the Church (approx. 1 hr four times a year depending on the numbers we have) please contact Brian on 4388 2938.

To make life a little easier our equipment consists of a ride-on-mower and a self-propelled mower.

Thank you.



**ANZAC DAY**  
*Lest We Forget*

Next Sunday April 25<sup>th</sup>, all around Australia, in Churches and at various shrines of remembrance and War Memorials, people will gather to honour those men and women who have gone off to war. It is the dawn of another **ANZAC DAY**. It is a day of remembrance of the deaths and sufferings in war, the valour of fighting women and men and the ever present hope for the people of the world to live together in harmony and lasting peace. On this Anzac Day may we pray that in all our dealings we promote a peace-filled world.

You are welcome to attend the Anzac Ceremony following Mass and wear your medals and ribbons.

**St Cecilia's Wyong 9.30am Mass**  
and

**St John Fisher Tumby Umbi**  
**8.30am Mass**

## MOTHER'S DAY STALL

On the following dates we will be having a Mother's Day stall in our Parish. There will be lots of lovely gifts to choose from, so please support this fundraiser. Thank you.

**Saturday 17th April - 5pm Mass Tumby**

**Sunday 18th April - 8.30 Mass Tumby**

**Saturday 24th April - 5pm Mass Wyong**

**Sunday 2nd May -- 7.30 and 9.30 Masses at Wyong**

## COLLECTION FOR MEN & WOMEN DURING LENT

Thank you everyone for your very generous donations towards our collection for Men and Women, supporting people in need or without homes within our local community.



## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Alicia McCabe

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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

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## Can you sew?

With our Confirmation Ceremony coming up in a few weeks time we would like some sashes made to go on the backs of some chairs/end of Pews. If you can help please call Jo on 0424 763 734.

The material will be provided we just need your wonderful sewing skills.

## Help Needed

St Cecilia's is desperately needing more volunteers for our Church cleaning roster. The upkeep of our Church is very important. You would only be required for 1 hour every 5 to 6 weeks. Could you please consider volunteering. Please call Barbara Fish on 4352 1293 Thank you.

## ALL WELCOME

Please come and join Fr Raul and Fr Alex for our **COMBINED WOMEN'S GET-TOGETHER AND MEN'S BREAKFAST**

- ♦ MONDAY 3RD MAY 2021
- ♦ 10.30AM
- ♦ PARISH HALL 23 BYRON ST WYONG
- ♦ PLEASE RSVP to Jo on 0424 763 734

Please keep in your prayers the children in our Parish who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Let us remember them and their families in our prayers.



## Spirituality in the Pub

*Theme 2021: "Influences on my Spiritual Journey"*

**SPEAKER: Debra Lansdowne:** Author, dancing-yogi and art therapist, Debra was raised Catholic. Wanting to explore other cultural beliefs, she studied Yoga and Meditation and trained in Ancient Mystery School Wisdom secrets, and Shamanic practices. An initiation awakened her to be a voice for the voiceless. Walking consciously and respecting all species are the heart of her spirituality.

**SIP Central Coast is an Ecumenical & Interfaith Speakers Forum with Q's & A's.**

The focus is on developing understanding & encouraging dialogue about Spirituality through people sharing their life's journey. We meet 1st Tuesday in the month from March to October and 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in November.

**Second Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2021, 7.30pm - 9.00pm**

**The Grange Hotel Function Room**

**Cnr: Renwick St & Pacific Hwy, WYOMING**

**Bistro opens at 5-30pm.**

**Inquiries: 4365 9197 or 0498 588 261**

## SAFEGUARDING MESSAGE

A culture of Safeguarding values COMMITMENT.... "Speak out and judge fairly, defend the rights of the poor and needy." - see Proverbs 31:9 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 (4352 1011 or [wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au)) or see back of Bulletin for Mobil no.

## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April

"We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis."

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## MASS TIMES

### ST CECILIA'S CHURCH

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Saturday Vigil / Sunday Mass Times

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

### ST JOHN FISHER MASS CENTRE

Hicks Lane Tumbi Umbi

Saturday Vigil / Sunday Mass Times

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

### EMERGENCY PRIEST CONTACT

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### Anointing of the Sick First Friday of the Month

St Cecilia's During 8.00am & 11.30am Mass and

St John Fisher During 9.15am Mass

**St Barnabas, Yarramalong**

1st Sun of month 11am (4th April)

### 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

### Catechist Meeting

### Liturgy Meeting

### Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

PPC Secretary; Kerry Bugden  
ph 4388 2938

### Social Justice Meeting

**BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS**  
**PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE**

### 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, Noel Muir, Jacqui Stacey, Josie Campbell, Frank Costa, Carol Dafter.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Paul Oakes, Mary Jack

**ANNIVERSARY APRIL:** Kay Taylor, Leanne Smith, Leslie Smith

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**Most Rev Anthony Randazzo  
Bishop of Broken Bay**

**Message for BBNeighbourhoods  
13 April 2021**

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ

At Mass in our Cathedral on Easter Sunday I reminded the assembled faithful that the Season of Easter takes us all the way to Pentecost. It is a celebration that continues for 50 days. Unfortunately, there are no Easter eggs on sale in any of the shops that I have been to so unless one has been disciplined at the beginning of Easter, I fear that there will be very few sweet reminders by the time the 50 days are over.

The commercialisation of Easter and Christmas is one of those somewhat disappointing dimensions of our religious celebrations. And yet, we do not have to stop the commemoration of our faith simply because shops cease to carry our sweet reminders.

Easter is a time of recollection of our baptism. It is a time of welcome for those who have been initiated into the Body of Christ at the Vigil, and it is a time of preparation for many young people as they ready themselves for the sacrament of Confirmation. I hope that this season is a time for each of us to contemplate more deeply our baptismal call to holiness which might then lead us to ask, where and how is God calling me to live that holiness.

Asking these questions and spending time in prayer is the foundation to a culture of vocation within our community of the Church. God is calling some to married life, some to single life, some to consecrated religious life, and others to ordained life as deacons or priests. All of these begin with the universal call to holiness. The mystery of Easter plunges us into that life, in the same way that we were plunged into the waters of baptism. Might I encourage you to think and pray about this during the Easter season as individuals and as families and communities of faith. God has a purpose for each of us. Now is the time to enter a dialogue of prayer and life with God.

I have been delighted to hear from many of the priests and communities around the Diocese that people have been returning with great enthusiasm to our churches for Mass and the sacraments. The liturgies of the Triduum at the Cathedral where I celebrated Easter were extremely well attended. People have been reconnecting with each other after having been separated on and off for over a year. It has been a time of grace and life for our Catholic community. It has been encouraging to see so many people, maintaining COVID safety while opening pathways to reconnect and re-engage in our mission of proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ.

I am aware that some members of the community are still fearful of mixing in a crowd or gathering in the church building. I understand that might weigh heavily on some. This will be a time for us to assist our brothers and sisters in faith so that they are not unnecessarily burdened. While many are returning to Mass and community engagement, there will still be people who are isolated and alone. As our awareness of people's circumstances was heightened at the beginning of the pandemic, so it needs to be now as we probe the "new normal". As a community we have many opportunities to reach out to fellow pilgrims in faith. We also have shown that our mission to be the compassionate heart of Christ can make a difference in the lives of others. As we take up the new challenges in the community and in society, may we be filled with the Spirit of the Risen Lord. May our words and actions bring the love and the joy and the peace of Christ to all whom we meet.

Blessings of Easter joy to you and your families,

+Anthony

## **SUNDAY MASS 18 APRIL 2021**

### **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

#### **First Reading Acts 3:13-15, 17-19**

Peter said to the people 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the wit-nesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

#### **Responsorial Psalm Ps 4:2, 4, 7, 9**

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.

#### **Second Reading 1 John 2:1-5**

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

#### **Gospel Acclamation cf Luke 24:32**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!

#### **Gospel Luke 24:35-48**

The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread. While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself.

Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?"

They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them.

He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

