

# 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

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## PARISH BULLETIN, 18TH JULY 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*

### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for July Social Friendship

We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

### REFLECTION Gospel Mk 6:30-34

*Reproduced from God's Word 2021: Daily Reflections, published by St Pauls Publications, Strathfield*

Today's readings compare the people of God to sheep and their leaders to shepherds. Jeremiah the Prophet expresses the Lord's disappointment with the shepherds: 'You have scattered my flock; you have driven them away and have not taken care of them.' But the Lord will not abandon them. Speaking through the prophet, the Lord says, 'I myself shall gather them from all the countries where I have dispersed them and will bring them back to their pastures; they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers.' To gather his sheep the Lord will raise up for David's branch an upright and just shepherd. This prophecy points to Jesus, the incarnate Son of God. Saint Paul refers to him thus: 'He is the peace between us and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier.... Restoring peace through the cross, to unite (all) in a single body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility.'

Jesus the Good Shepherd appears in today's Gospel as having compassion for the crowd, 'because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.' In Jesus we have the shepherd who laid down his life for us in order to save us and lead us to the green pastures of the kingdom of heaven.



## THE FOUNDATION DAY of the Society of Our Lady of The Most Holy Trinity (SOLT)

is on Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

Please join us as we livestream Mass on Friday 16th July at 10am. Please see the link below.

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## SAFEGUARDING MESSAGE:

Learn more about the Rights of the Child Framework published by the Diocese of Broken Bay. Consider how your personal practices reflect the human and spiritual rights of the child in everyday encounters with children and young people.

Visit link below:

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/ourfaith/safeguarding/diocesansafeguarding>

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## GREATER BANK CENTRAL COAST.

Wyong Parish is nominated for the July round of the Greater Central Coast community funding program.

We will be vying for a share of \$3000 which is to be split between three organisations. If we have the most votes we receive \$2000, if not we receive \$500.

Voting is limited to one vote per hour per voter from 9am Monday 5 July until 5pm Wednesday 28 July.

To vote go to [www.greater.com.au/greatercentralcoast](http://www.greater.com.au/greatercentralcoast) you can use your phone, computer or iPad.

**Remember we must have the most votes to win.**

**IMPORTANT** - Stay at home orders to control COVID-19 spread extended until 11.59pm Friday 16th July.

The NSW Government has announced a one week extension to the Public Health Order that requires the Central Coast, Greater Sydney, the Blue Mountains, Wollongong and Shellharbour to follow stay at home orders.

Due to this announcement St Cecilia's Church and St John Fisher Mass Ctr will remain closed until the stay home order is lifted. The Parish office is not open to visitors at this time, you can contact the office on 0424 763 734 or 4352 1011.

Please join us as we livestream Mass this Sunday at 9.30am on Facebook.

Please see the link below, don't forget to like and follow our Facebook page.

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Plenary Council  
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

## Fan the Flame

Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021

*'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while' Mark 6:30-34*

Our Aboriginal culture has taught us to be still and to wait... We wait for the rain to fill our rivers and water the thirsty earth... We wait on God, too. We don't worry. We know that in time and in the spirit of dadirri (that deep listening and quiet stillness) his way will be clear.

(Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr, "Dadirri: Inner Deep Listening and Quiet Still Awareness", Miriam-Rose Foundation, accessed 23 April 2021, <https://www.miriamrosefoundation.org.au/about-dadirri>.)

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## National Catholic Men's Gathering 2021

*"They were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other Apostles, Brothers - what then must we do?" Acts 2:37*

The National Catholic Men's Gathering for 2021 will be launched online on Saturday 31 July. Join a diocesan group with your Bishop, or with your Men's Ministry/Parish group or individually.

Three sessions will be provided online, along with reflection questions for group discussion or individual reflection.

**Aim: To inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish/diocese and the world.**

**Cost: FREE**

**Registration:** [www.catholicmensgathering.com.au](http://www.catholicmensgathering.com.au)

**Program:** Available from Saturday 31 July 2021

**Legion of Mary** will celebrate its Centenary on 7th September 2021. We will be having the Centenary statue of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal here at St Cecilia's Church during the day on Sunday 25th July.

All Legionary past, present, auxiliary members and parishioners are invited to join us.

More details to follow in the coming weeks.



## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### JULY BIRTHDAYS

Lucy Smith 16/7  
Moya Wicks 7/7  
Margaret Bastick 1/7  
Vince Allport  
Betty Bohm 17/7  
Nick Murace 23/7

### JULY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Doreen & Michael Whipps  
16/7/1965

Please contact the parish office with your Birthdays and Anniversaries, we will have a Mass said for you. Ph;4352 1011 or text Jo 0424 763 734

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING MINISTRIES

### Court House Helpers needed

A group of parishioners who on a roster basis every 6 weeks from 9.30am to 11am, provide morning tea in our local court. We are currently low on members to help provide morning tea. If you would like to help with this important ministry please call Kay on 0419 021 214.

### Altar Society - prepare flowers for St Cecilia's Church

The Altar Society comprises a group of dedicated parishioners who prepare the Altar for Sunday Mass. They prepare flower arrangements for the Altar and they clean and replace the Altar cloths. **The Altar Society is currently asking for volunteers to help prepare flowers for St Cecilia's Church.** Please contact Jo on 0424 763 734 for more information.

### Legion of Mary & Marion Movement of Priests

Work for and with Our Lady. We meet Wednesday mornings after 8.00am Mass in Wyong and visit hospitals, nursing homes, the housebound, sick and elderly. **Are you being called to this special ministry?** For more information Irene Smith on 0422 574 853

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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

Fr Raul ph: 0450 115 099

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**PARISH OFFICE** 23 Byron Street Wyong

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**OFFICE HOURS:** Mon to Thurs 9.30am to 2.30pm & Fri 9.30am to 12pm

### PARISH CONTACTS

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Parish Secretary **Helen Bath** ph:4352 1011 (Wed & Thurs)

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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 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  
ph 4388 2938

**Catechist Meeting**

**Liturgy Meeting**

**Sacramental Team Meeting**

**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, Jacqui Stacey, Josie Campbell, Frank Costa, Carol Dafter, Dave Rodney, Lucy Smith, Gerard Byrne.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Leslie Puckeridge, Patricia Malone, Sr Sylvia Markulin,

**ANNIVERSARY JULY:** Pauleene Crass, John Dwyer, Nora Dillon, Bridget Dermody, Colleen Warren, Ray Booby

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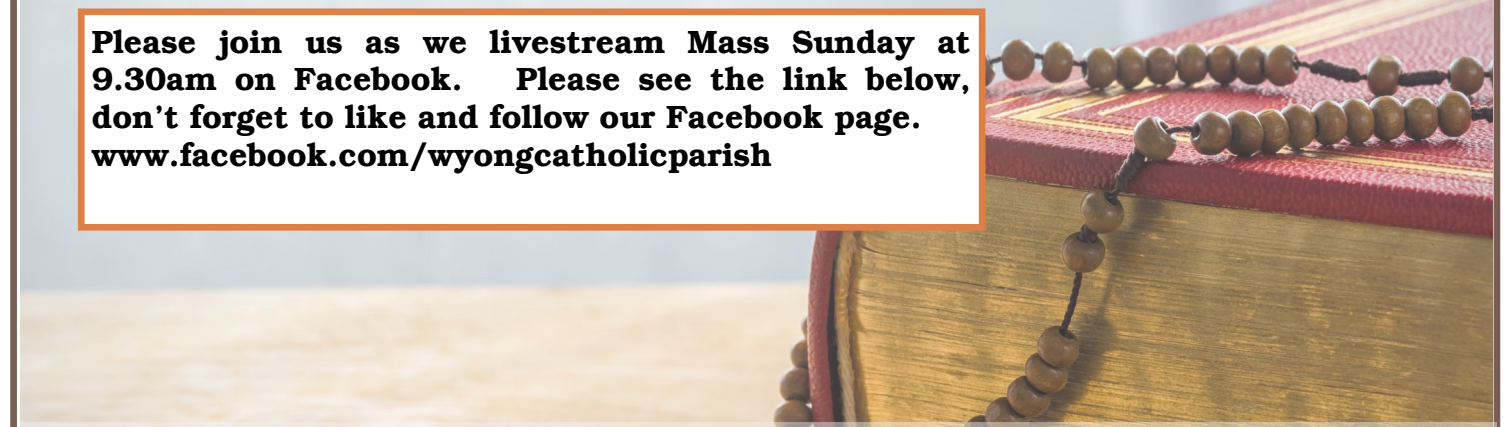
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**Sunday Mass 18 July 2021**  
**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD** *Reproduced from Liturgia*

**First Reading Jeremiah 23:1-6**

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered - it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds - it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost - it is the Lord who speaks!

'See the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. and this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 22**

**R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. **R.**

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **R.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **R.**

**Second Reading Ephesians 2:13-18**

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

**Gospel Acclamation John 10:27**

Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

**Gospel Mark 6:30-34**

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.



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**How to vote:** you can vote every hour of every day

**When to vote:** Monday 5th July to Wednesday 28th July

**Where to vote:** [www.greater.com.au/greatercentralcoast](http://www.greater.com.au/greatercentralcoast)

**Why:** The Parish could win up to \$2000.00 (if we have the most votes)



## 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.

- Many parishioners assist us by donating to our plan giving program via automatic credit card donations weekly or monthly.
- As we are becoming a more cashless society we ask you to please consider this option. If you wish to donate by credit card, please complete the attached credit card form or call Jo in the parish office on 0424 763 734. You can also give **by credit card** over the phone.
- For parishioners who would like to continue using plan giving envelopes, for your convenience, you are welcome to use the credit card option on the back of the plan giving envelopes.

Or you can make your **donation directly into our bank account:**

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## ***Vox Populi* - The Voice of the People**

This week's Vox Populi comes from Iggy Pintado, who was recently appointed as Communications Director, Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay. He is an accomplished and experienced leader with significant communications, social media, and online expertise. He lived in the Broken Bay area from 1972 to 1984, attending St Leo's College with his four brothers. He is a regular parishioner at St Bernadette's Parish, Castle Hill.

### **Digital Connection to Faith By Iggy Pintado**

Like many others, I experienced the challenge that was the COVID lockdown last year. I found that over the years and having been raised in a large Spanish Catholic family, I got used to coming together in groups to strengthen and enhance my faith in regular celebration.

I missed the opportunity to pray and reflect in Church, participate in the liturgy face-to-face at Mass on Sundays and gather with the Parish community at various evening events. Without the opportunity to do this due to self-isolation and social distancing, it challenged me personally to find other ways to stay connected to Jesus Christ.

With the return of the lockdown in Sydney at this time, we are challenged once again with the closure of churches, to stay close to God. It is incumbent on us to find ways to continue to maintain that connection with our faith and the holy Church.

It struck me that we all spend so much time on our 'screens' – those personal devices such as our mobile phones and laptops. In this 21st century, there had to be resources online that would enable a virtual spiritual engagement at a time when personal contact wasn't possible.

So, I did a little research. Using selected keywords in Google, it didn't take me long to find some relevant resources that I could listen to and watch, in my own time and in my own space.

In the spirit of sharing, here are some of these great online resources across various platforms that have helped me stay connected to the holy Church and to my faith. I hope you find these useful in enhancing and embellishing your own spiritual journeys.

Bishop Anthony Randazzo's Facebook page – as a proactive and engaging Church leader, Bishop Anthony shares his own thoughts and reflections on his personal Facebook page. His posts contain updates on his community experiences, perspectives on the issues of the day and spiritual reflections on the lives of the saints.

Fr David Ranson YouTube Channel – it's always interesting for me to hear the pastoral Parish perspective. As an experienced Parish Priest and revered Vicar General of the Diocese, Fr David's inciteful video messages include his unique homilies and messages of hope for his local parishioners, and for the general community.

The Faith Explained – a regular podcast by Cale Clark that does what the title says. It's a 30- minute show that reviews the Scriptures, Catechism, and Sacred Traditions and provides an in-depth look at what the Catholic Church believes. It is easily downloadable on the Podbean app. So far, I've listened and learnt from episodes that cover The Gospel of St Mark, the Book of Revelations, and the Book of Genesis, while walking or commuting. It's amazing how much you can reflect on in such a short time!

Mass for You at Home – while there are many options in this space, I found this virtual Mass as the most engaging. Produced by the Diocese of Wollongong on their Mass for You at Home channel on YouTube, it is a solemn presentation of Sunday Mass, delivered with reverence and grace. Recently, our own Fr Chima Ofor celebrated Mass with readings from Diocesan staff. It is broadcast on Channel 10 each Sunday at 6.00am and can also be accessed on 10Play.

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***Ad Astra*** is a program for the young leaders of the Diocese of Broken Bay who desire to grow in leadership and aspire for the heights of ministry and relationship with God. The goal of *Ad Astra* is not just to enhance a prayer life, but to transform one's capacity for ministry. As an intentional community, we will journey together in a number of ways:

- **Formation Nights** – We will gather for our Formation Nights at Wahroonga Parish Sunroom where we will eat together, pray together and receive cutting edge formation through talks and workshops. Topics include: The Heart of Ministry, Revelation: Why do we listen to the Church? Charisms & Temperaments, Social Media and Graphic Design, Vocation and Mission, Anthropology and Self Care, What is Spiritual Warfare and more (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month from 6:30pm – 9:00pm except for this coming July, due to Y-Factor we will have it on the 3rd Thursday).
  - **Community Nights** – We will gather for Community Nights in someone's home, sharing company, ministry life, a meal and prayer. (4th Thursday of the month from 6:30pm – 9:00pm).
  - **Mentorship & Ministry** – Each leader who joins *Ad Astra* will have a mentor from the CYBB team, for bi-monthly support meetings and each leader will have a parish placement.
- Evangelisation School – In January we will attend an intensive all-expenses paid Evangelisation School.  
Do you know a young person in your parish, who might benefit from this program?  
Send them an online application form today! <https://forms.gle/Lgr8pEK9MVdd8YNKA>

## **Rescheduled seminar on Wills, Enduring Guardianship and Powers of Attorney.**

Due to current COVID-19 restrictions, the free seminar on Wills, Enduring Guardianship and Powers of Attorney for the Catholic community of Broken Bay is postponed and rescheduled. The new date is **25 September 2021**, pending restrictions on gatherings at that time. Previous bookings for Saturday 17 July 2021 remain valid and will be transferred to the new date.

For more information and details go to <https://www.trybooking.com/BPNGJ> or contact David Armstrong at [david.armstrong@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:david.armstrong@bbcatholic.org.au) should you have any questions.