

PARISH BULLETIN
18TH OCTOBER 2020,
29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

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*



A PRAYER TO THE CREATOR

LORD, FATHER OF OUR HUMAN FAMILY,
YOU CREATED ALL HUMAN BEINGS EQUAL IN DIGNITY:
POUR FORTH INTO OUR HEARTS A FRATERNAL SPIRIT
AND INSPIRE IN US A DREAM OF RENEWED ENCOUNTER,
DIALOGUE, JUSTICE AND PEACE.
MOVE US TO CREATE HEALTHIER SOCIETIES
AND A MORE DIGNIFIED WORLD,
A WORLD WITHOUT HUNGER, POVERTY, VIOLENCE AND WAR.

MAY OUR HEARTS BE OPEN
TO ALL THE PEOPLES AND NATIONS OF THE EARTH.
MAY WE RECOGNIZE THE GOODNESS AND BEAUTY
THAT YOU HAVE SOWN IN EACH OF US,
AND THUS FORGE BONDS OF UNITY, COMMON PROJECTS,
AND SHARED DREAMS. AMEN.

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We request for everyone to please wear a mask when they attend church for any Mass, religious service or prayer.

SUNDAY MASS 18 OCTOBER 2020 THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING ISAIAH 45:1, 4-6

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me.

I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me.

Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 95:1, 3-5, 7-10

R. Give the Lord glory and honour.

SECOND READING 1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-5

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION PHILIPPIANS 2:15-16

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL MATTHEW 22:15-21

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he replied, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's,' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar - and to God what belongs to God.'

REFLECTION 18TH OCTOBER

The Sunday Gospel reading today offers us the opportunity to reflect on the importance of being honest regarding our civil responsibilities. The Pharisees make another effort to trap Jesus by asking him a question about paying taxes to Caesar. They want to create problems and force Jesus into agree with him on matters relating to religious traditions and civic duties. However, Jesus provides a counter-balance to the argument and instead gives them a lesson in honesty and transparency. This Gospel reading can teach us about the need to fulfil our responsibilities towards the civil society in which we live and about the significance of the sacred. What are the essential duties that we need to fulfil in the communities where we live? How do we, who are made in God's image and likeness, give to what belongs to God? Using the gifts God has given us to respect and value life is one way we may begin this process.

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PRAYER

Lord, our God,

Help us to walk with you on the pathway of the beatitudes and to live out your mission in today's world.

Bind us to all men and women of our time so that together we may bring the Good News to the ends of the earth.

Open our hearts and our Christian communities to the needy, the afflicted and the oppressed.

May we radiate the Living Christ and transform our lives in the hope of the Resurrection.

This prayer we make to you who are the living God now and forever.

Amen.

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PRAYER FOR STUDENTS

We pray for all the students sitting their HSC exams.

Bless them with keen understanding and grant them your gifts of Wisdom and Knowledge.

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, Leeann Hazelton, Catherine Amey, Philip Dwyer, Bernadette Kiely, Steve Durnford, Ann Durnford, Maureen Mulheron, Angela Watts, William Martin, Terence (Ted) Dafter, Finn McConnon, Margaret Hobbs, Shane & Christine, John Baxter, Joey Moloney, Noel Muir.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARY OCTOBER: Kerry Baldwin, Agnes Myers, James Smith, Michael Bouchet, Jill Hill, Eileen Preston, Matthew Di Losa, Zenaida, Barry Austin, Donald King.



Birthdays

and

Anniversaries

Best Wishes

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Father Raul 7/10/1971
Christine Greentree 10/10/1949
Brian Bugden 10/10/1938
Mark Helm 12/10/66
John Baxter 25/10/
Father Alex 31/10/71

Warmest Congratulations

ANNIVERSARIES

Kerrie and Anthony Deder
16/10/1982
Margaret & Michael Drain
18/10/1974

C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S

Last Wednesday 7 October, Bishop Anthony ordained **Roger Delmonte** to the Order of Deacons at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. It is a busy month, as **Aldrin Valdehueza** was ordained last night Wednesday 14 October at Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood, and **Sam French** next week on Thursday 22 October at St Agatha's Pennant Hills.



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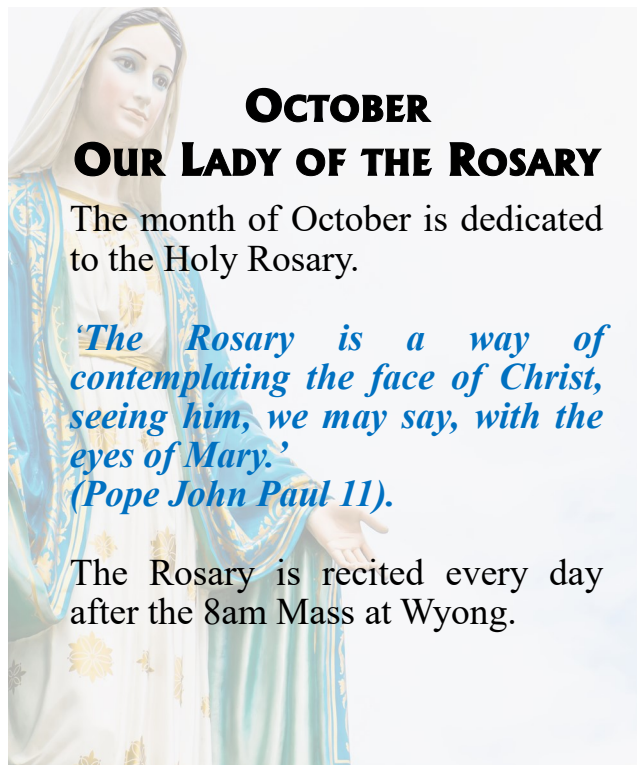
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OCTOBER

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary.

'The Rosary is a way of contemplating the face of Christ, seeing him, we may say, with the eyes of Mary.'
(Pope John Paul II).

The Rosary is recited every day after the 8am Mass at Wyong.

100 AND SOMETHING CLUB

Thank you to everyone, who has supported the 100 Club we have had such a wonderful response. The total 150 numbers are now sold.

WEEK 1 WINNERS

- 1st prize \$100 Mary Kerry no.146
- 2nd prize \$60 Monica O'Sullivan no.116
- 3rd Prize \$40 Noreen Bolten Wood no.54

WEEKS 2 – 9

- 1st prize \$100
- 2nd prize \$60
- 3rd Prize \$40

WEEK 10

- 1st Prize \$450
- 2nd Prize \$250
- 3rd Prize \$150
- 4th Prize \$50.

Second draw is Saturday 17th October after the 5pm Mass at St John Fisher.
Good luck!

RETURN AND EARN

From when we started collecting recycled bottles in October 2019 **RETURN AND EARN HAS RAISED \$1222.20 TO DATE.**

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

THE LAITY'S MISSION IN THE CHURCH

We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

EXTRA MOWER'S REQUIRED

We are appealing for more mowers. 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.

ST CECILIA'S MOTHERS CLUB REUNION

Due to COVID we are UNABLE TO MEET THIS OCTOBER a later date will be organised.

Keep well.
Marie



BROKEN BAY NEWS has been sent to print and should be in parishes by early next week. The digital edition is now online and you can share the link in your parish newsletters.

https://issuu.com/bbcatholic/docs/broken_bay_news__october_2020_issue_20

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo
Bishop of Broken Bay

Message for BBNeighbourhoods
13 October 2020

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

In our Catholic tradition, the month of October is dedicated to the Rosary. It is particularly meaningful for us in the Diocese of Broken Bay because our Cathedral is dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary. The Parishes of Wyoming and The Entrance also enjoy the patronage of Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary.

The Gospel reading for the Mass of the feast is Luke's account of the Annunciation (Luke 1: 26-38). The Gospel recounts for us the moment when Mary is told that she will be a blessed Mother. The Church in her wisdom has made this moment part of our liturgical year, to remind us of this momentous junction in the story of our salvation.

During this October, I invite you to spend some time each day praying the Rosary. Try not to make it a series of repetitious prayers. Instead, see the meditation as a moment of encounter with Jesus, in the company of His Blessed Mother. If you are not used to praying the Rosary, it might be a challenge at first. Might I suggest that you begin by praying with someone else, or with your family after dinner in the evening.

Each mystery is designed to give us a sense of the wondrous moments when God breaks into human history and therefore into our lives. The mysteries remind us that God's entering into our history is not an abstract proposition, but a personal encounter. The Lord does not just come, He comes to us. And in coming to us, the Lord gives us this invitation, to become a fragrant sacrifice for the life of the world (cf Ephesians 5:2).

Nothing gives God more joy, my sisters and brothers, than hearing that someone has accepted the Divine invitation to live life to the full. And nothing gives the world more joy, true joy, than receiving the gift of Jesus Christ into our lives. This is how stupendous a moment the Annunciation is.

The medieval saint and scholar, Bernard of Clairvaux, beautifully spelled out just how important this moment was. In a prayer to Mary, written as if he were there himself, St Bernard wrote: The price of our salvation is offered to you. We shall be set free at once if you consent... In your brief response we are to be remade in order to be recalled to life. Tearful Adam with his sorrowing family begs this of you, O loving Virgin... Abraham begs it, David begs it... This is what the whole earth waits for, prostrate at your feet... Answer quickly, O Virgin. Reply in haste to the angel, or rather through the angel to the Lord. Answer with a word, receive the Word of God. Speak your own word, conceive the Divine Word. Breathe a passing word, embrace the eternal Word.

We know Mary's words in response. And with these words, Mary becomes both the Blessed Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ and the model of discipleship for every single one of us. Like Mary, we are invited to be open to God, and say "yes" to God when we are called. Like Mary, we are invited to carry Jesus with us in our life, in the community of the Church, and to those that we encounter in the world.

In the words of St Paul, we "put on Christ" (cf Galatians 3:27), so that in our encounters with others, they may come to encounter Christ, and savour the life that God planned for the world from the very beginning. It can be an encounter with God through us, his humble servants.

This month of the Rosary is a reminder of the pivotal moment of transformation that can come with every encounter with the Lord, and the powerful transformations that occur when we respond to that encounter with Mary's yes.

May Our Lady of the Rosary pray for us all that we may come to recognise God's calling in every moment of our lives, and may we be granted Mary's courage to echo her words "Let what you have said be done unto me".

Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us.

+Anthony

WEEKEND AND WEEKDAY MASSES

St Cecilia's Church and St John Fisher Mass Ctr have a **limitation of 45 people per Mass**, we kindly remind you that you **MUST RING** to book in your attendance for our WEEKEND MASSES. To book your attendance for the Weekend Masses please text or call Jo on 0424 763 734 during office hours.

UPDATED MASS TIMES FROM 3RD/4TH OCTOBER 2020

ST CECILIA'S CHURCH MASS TIMES

- **Saturday Vigil Masses 5pm** **Sunday Masses 7.30am and 9.30am**
- Weekday Mass times Monday to Saturday 8am

ST JOHN FISHER MASS CTR

- **Saturday Vigil Masses 5pm** **Sunday Masses 8.30am and 5.00pm**
- Weekday Mass times Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 8am and Tuesday, Friday 9.15am

Anointing Mass: We will not recommence Anointing Masses at this stage.

Group Meetings: We will not recommence group meeting at this stage.

PLEASE REMEMBER WHEN COMING TO MASS THAT:

- If you have a temperature or a cold, please do not attend.
- You must sanitise your hands before entry into the church.
- **we requested for everyone to please wear a mask when they attend church for any Mass, religious service or prayer.**
- For Weekend/Weekday Masses you Must make sure you have your name and contact details recorded on the attendance sheet as you come into the church.
- Individuals (not families) are asked to respect the 1.5m distancing from each other obligation.
- Boxes for 1st and 2nd Collections are inside the church/mass ctr

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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.

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