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## Parish Collections

For our Parishioners who donate to our Planned Giving credit cards, we are humbled by your generosity and thank you for your continued support. For Parishioners who have supported us by placing your donations or envelopes on the collection plate, we couldn't exist without you. In our Parish, your contributions make up 95% of our income. Knowing that some people will not be able to contribute as they used to, we ask that you might like to consider going onto Planned Giving by credit card, to do this please contact the Parish Office.

You can also make your donation directly into our bank account:

**1<sup>st</sup> Collection; Society of Our Lady of The Most Holy Trinity (SOLT) BSB 062 195 Account 10229389** (upkeep/living expenses for our Parish Priests)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection; Wyong Catholic Parish BSB 062 784 Account 13528001** (These donations provide for all the pastoral and operating expenses of the Parish) or you may even like to post a cheque to Po Box 385 Wyong 2259. Giving to the church is a significant part of our worship and we encourage you to give what you can during this pandemic crisis.

In these confusing and stressful times, we want to gratefully acknowledge the community of **Wyong Catholic Parish**. We have asked so much of you all over the years and your unflinching generosity has ensured that we have a strong community today. Whilst we cannot worship together in our churches for the time being, please know that there are many ways that you can still remain connected to us in the following ways:

Keep in contact with Jo and Helen in the Parish Office on 4352 1011 or Jo 0424 763 734. Facetime Jo on 0424 763 734 in the Parish office between 9.30am—2.30pm Mon—Thurs & 9.30am—12pm Friday. Reconciliation by appointment. To make an appointment call 4352 1011, Fr Raul 0450 115 099 or Fr Alex 0432 947 245

We have many resources that can be collected from outside the church for example: 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.


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.

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](mailto:wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au)

Parish Website: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/wyong/> (our website will be undergoing some changes over the coming weeks). Facebook: [www.facebook.com/wyongcatholicparish](http://www.facebook.com/wyongcatholicparish)

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## Wyong Catholic Parish

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*Under the Pastoral Care of the*

*Society of Our Lady of The Most Holy Trinity (SOLT)*

**Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy),**

**Year A ,19th April 2020**

**Welcome to Divine Mercy Sunday, Second Sunday of Easter. Devotion to the Divine Mercy is inspired by the apparitions of Jesus to St Maria Faustina. Divine Mercy reminds us of the gift of mercy given to each of us through Christ's death, burial and resurrection. In receiving the life-changing gift of mercy, we are called to show love and mercy to others, so that they may encounter Christ through our witness, and experience the mercy and peace of Christ.**



### PRAYER:

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion - inexhaustible. Look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments, we might not despair, nor become despondent, but with great confidence, submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.

<https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/pray-the-chaplet>

### Bishop Anthony's

**Homilies...** Did you know, Bishop Anthony is now loading his homilies onto our Diocesan website for the community to read. This includes the homilies for the Easter services.

**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.....**

Our design features two icons: Mary Magdalene announcing the resurrection ([www.printeryhouse.org](http://www.printeryhouse.org)), and the three Mary's who visited the tomb to prepare the body of Jesus. It also features the central Christ figure, designed by one of the Benedictine Nuns at Jamberoo Abbey. The two figures that make up the Christ are the human and the resurrected Christ. As a community we witness to this. We can't do this alone. We need each other. We stand together to announce the resurrection and to witness to Christ Risen within and among us.

"I have seen the Lord!" Mary Magdalene stands facing the eleven apostles, earnestly trying to communicate the wonderful news that Jesus is alive! Their faces reflect a mixture of puzzlement and scepticism, sadness and hopelessness, having themselves only just experienced the arrest, crucifixion, and burial of their beloved Lord. A fanciful representation of the city of Jerusalem forms the background, with a rainbow providing a symbol of the Resurrection... The only apostle traditionally identified in scenes such as this is Peter, the figure in a blue robe nearest Mary. Each person is depicted with elongated bodies in a style made famous by Dionysius, a Russian iconographer from the 14th century. The ratio of the height of the figures to the height of their heads is about nine, compared to the normal human proportion of seven. This is done in certain icons to emphasize the importance of the saints depicted. Each apostle and Mary Magdalene have halos of gold leaf surrounding their heads. This ancient symbol of sanctity is meant to symbolize the Divine light of God shining forth through the work of this holy woman and these holy men.

## Sunday Mass - 19 April 2020

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### First Reading Acts 2:42-47

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone. The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed. They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

#### Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

#### Second Reading 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which had been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold - only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire - and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

#### Gospel Acclamation John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

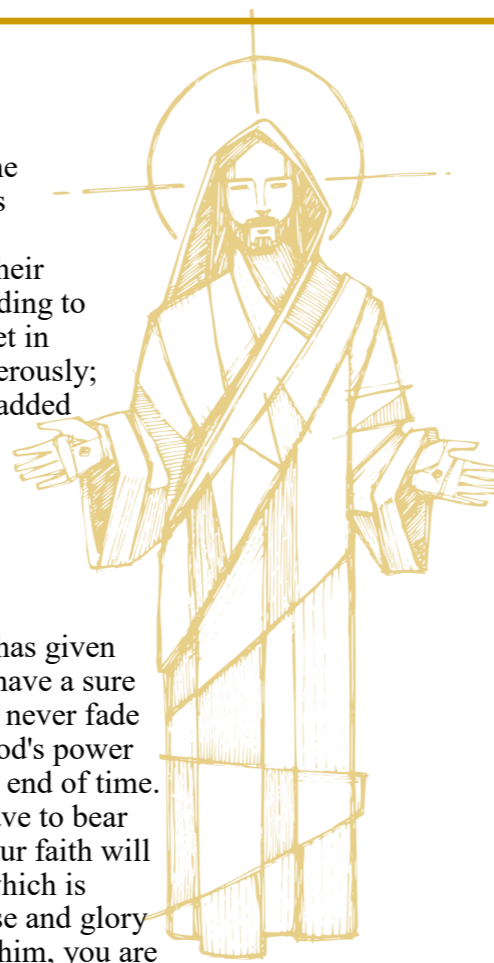
#### Gospel John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me, Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.



### 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) Dafer.

**Recently Deceased:** Gerald McCulloch, Irene Adams and Janet Milroy (mother of Rosie Jenkins)

**Anniversary:** Kay Taylor, Rodney Noble, Carole Dugdale, Manuela Anisco, Raquel Cabiles, Anne Badge, Patricia Mutton, Trevelnne Sonter, Fr Tito Ayo, SOLT, Angelita Tabije, Rita Muscat, Vincent James Dobb, David de Venuto, Corazon B House, Victor Hindmarsh, Margaret Leslie, Michael Conneely, Barbara Brigoli, Najividad Dieta, Jim Fagan, May McAndrew.

### Ordination to the Priesthood of Deacon Paul Tran Van Duong SDS

Wyong Parish extends our congratulations to Deacon Paul and we pray that God will continue to Bless him in his ordination to the priesthood.

### FUNDRAISING

**Presbytery Roof Wyong Catholic Parish**  
BSB 062 784 Account 13528001 reference: Roof  
(Donation to date \$1395)

**Craft Stall raised \$1060** Thank you Rae Bof for organising and running the stall.

**Return and Earn raised \$583** to date.

### Divine Mercy Sunday

The message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of **Saint Faustina Kowalska**, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. The message of mercy is that **God loves us — all of us — no matter how great our sins**. He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Perhaps we, as a Church, need to spend less time worrying about bringing back the "hardened sinners," and more time showing mercy to those struggling to stay despite personal hurts and rejection. We need to reach out to those who have one foot out the door, or who have already had the door closed on them.

As we meditate in gratitude for God's gracious mercy shown to us, we should look honestly at the mercy that we show to others. Our God is a God of mercy. Are we a Church of mercy?

### Plenary Council.

The first assembly of the Plenary Council scheduled for October has been postponed until further notice.

The bishops will consider proposals for an alternative timeline for the Council's two assemblies at their bi-annual meeting in May. Announcements and up-to-date information will be made through the Plenary council website.

### Important Notice

Due to the COVID-19 virus, the Diocese has advised that effective from Friday 20 March, in the Diocese of Broken Bay: **All public Masses are hereby suspended until further notice. Our Churches are to remain closed as well.**

Accordingly, this includes a dispensation for all the Faithful in the Diocese from the obligation to participate at Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation (cc.87§1 ;1247).

The Faithful are encouraged to keep the Lord's Day holy and celebrate Sunday as a domestic church by taking time to pray together as a household (c. 1248§2).

We understand that is a great concern for many of you. Please see the latest up to date correspondence on the Diocesan website:

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/>

**Please note:** We have various resources to enable you to continue to nurture your faith in these difficult times. These are available for you near our noticeboard of St Cecilia's Church.

Another way for the Parish to keep you up to date with the current changes is through our E-Bulletins. To subscribe to this please email the Parish Office on [wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au)

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