

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 16TH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
Year A,
19th July 2020

GOSPEL READING: MATT 10:38 ‘Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?’ ‘Some enemy has done this,’ he answered.”

REFLECTION: “Jesus recognised good and evil lived together... How could God allow such evil in the world? Shouldn't God act to save his people? Why did he delay?” <http://www.word-sunday.com/Files/a/16-a/A-16-a.html>

WELCOME TO THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Since the beginning of time people have grappled with understanding good and evil, and why evil exists in the world. Evil is around us, and looks different in different situations, we must be aware and diligent of this reality. However, it is of great comfort to know that God is always with us, that he is all powerful and nothing can overcome his Kingdom. By understanding this, we are called to make the response to choose to walk with God and to trust him, even in those moments of life, where we find it hard to make sense of situations and evil seems to be surrounding us. Jesus, I trust in you.



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

SUNDAY MASS 19 JULY 2020

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING WISDOM 12:13, 16-19

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.

Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.

You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people

how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

SECOND READING ROMANS 8:26-27

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION CF MATTHEW 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

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GOSPEL MATTHEW 13:24-43

Jesus proposed another parable to the crowds, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off. When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well. The slaves of the householder came to him and said, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where have the weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ His slaves said to him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’ He replied, ‘No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, “First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.”’

He proposed another parable to them. “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants. It becomes a large bush, and the ‘birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches.’ He spoke to them another parable.

“The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch was leavened.” All these things Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables. He spoke to them only in parables, to fulfill what had been said through the prophet: *I will open my mouth in parables, I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation of the world.*

Then, dismissing the crowds, he went into the house. His disciples approached him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.” He said in reply, “He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

Just as weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all who cause others to sin and all evildoers.

They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears ought to hear.”

REFLECTION FOR 19TH JULY

The sower has sown good seed in his field for a healthy wheat harvest, but there are also weeds growing in the same patch. It resembles wheat but it is not. Like the disciples, instinctively, one would like to pull out the weeds growing with the wheat, but to do that would also risk damaging the wheat. Both need to co-exist for a while before the weeds can be pulled out. In our life we may encounter situations or people that we consider necessary to ‘pull out’. How often do we want to get rid of what we consider the ‘weeds’ in our life: a person who disagrees with our way of thinking or the colleague at work who challenges us? How impatient are we even with ourselves to get rid of our failings? Nevertheless, Jesus wants us to understand that we need to learn to coexist with the ‘weeds’. There will be a right time to separate the wheat from the weeds. How do I co-exist with what is unpleasant, disagreeable and in conflict with my personality? Am I patient in discerning the time I need to co-exist with these situations and people? How discerning am I to know when to separate from them?

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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, Steve Durnford, Ann Durnford, Maureen Mulheron, Angela Watts, William Martin, Terence (Ted) Dafter, Finn McConnon, Val Martin.

Recently Deceased: Charles William Helm, Allan May, Nigel John Smith, Neville Grange Bendall.

Anniversary July: Pauleene Crass, John Dwyer, Tom & Bridget Dermody, Nora Dillon, James Bastick, Brian Flints

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY

OUR FAMILIES

We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

Congratulations Newlyweds

Congratulations to Rebecca and Sean Perera who received the Sacrament of Marriage on Friday 3rd July at St Cecilia's Church. May God Bless you abundantly with Love, Joy and Happiness.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Best Wishes

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Lucy Smith 16/7, 90th
Moya Wicks 7/7
Margaret Bastick 1/7
Vince Allport
Maureen Dobb 16/7
Betty Bohm 17/7
Nick Murace 23/7
Ken Green 16/7

Warmest Congratulations

ANNIVERSARIES

Doreen & Michael Whipps 16/7/1965
(55 years)
Stephanie & John Burke 28/7
(30 years)



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STAY CONNECTED

Whilst we cannot worship together as we usually would, 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 the 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 or you may like to deliver the Bulletin 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.

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

Facebook:

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THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC MEN'S GATHERING FOR 2020

is now being offered as an online program for registered participants. This modified program will be delivered in four pre-recorded sessions of approximately 1 hour in length. Each session will offer input from a variety of speakers and musicians, along with reflection questions for group discussion or individual reflection. The program offers flexibility so that you may participate individually or gather with others from your parish/diocese or men's ministry group.

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

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

The St Vincent de Paul Society are currently holding their Winter Appeal.

Donations of food will be gratefully accepted.

We are also seeking donations of clothing and linen in **GOOD CONDITION**.

There are a lot of people who are on reduced hours and are finding it very difficult at this time. All donations will be very much appreciated.

PRAYER:

A Prayer for Peace of Mind

FORTIFY me with the grace of Your Holy Spirit and give Your peace to my soul that I may be free from all needless anxiety, solicitude and worry. Help me to desire always that which is pleasing and acceptable to You so that Your will may be my will. Amen by Saint Francis Xavier Cabrini

https://www.catholic.org/prayers/prayeroftheday/?select_date=2020-07-19

WEEKEND AND WEEKDAY MASSES

Thankfully, we are now able to come together and worship in greater numbers in our Churches.

As we still have a limitation of 40 people per Mass, we kindly remind you that you **MUST RING EACH WEEK** to book in your attendance for our **WEEKEND MASSES**.

Please keep in mind that there may be weekends where it will be impossible to accommodate everyone who wishes to attend. We ask for your understanding and patience. Thank you.

To book your attendance for the Weekend Masses please text or call

Jo on 0424 763 734 during office hours;

Monday to Thursday 9.30am to 2.30am and Friday 9.30am to 12pm.

Please note the phone is not manned outside of office hours.

Remember when texting or leaving a message we need to know:

- Is it St Cecilia's or St John Fisher you wish to attend?
- Full names of people attending.
- Time of Mass you wish to attend.
- (Your booking will be confirmed with either a reply text or phone call)

No need to book in for weekday Masses. (however you Must make sure you have your name and contact details recorded on the attendance sheet as you come into the church.

UPDATED MASS TIMES AS OF THE 1ST JUNE 2020

ST CECILIA'S CHURCH MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil Masses **4pm** and **5pm**

Sunday Masses **8.30am** and **9.30am**

Weekday Mass times Monday to Saturday 8am (no need to book in for the weekday masses)

ST JOHN FISHER MASS CTR

Saturday Vigil Masses **4pm** and **5pm**

Sunday Masses **8.30am** and **9.30am**

Weekday Mass times Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 8am and Tuesday, Friday 9.15am (no need to book in for the weekday masses)

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

Group Meetings: We will not recommence group meeting in the parish until we receive notification from the Diocese.

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.
- You must have your name marked off the attendance sheet, this will be at the entrance of the church/mass ctr.
- For 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

Emergency Priest Contact

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Fr Alex ph: 0432 947 245

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

WE HAVE EXCITING NEWS

Weekend and Weekday Masses have resumed in Wyong Catholic Parish with **limitations of 40 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).

Please join us as we Live-stream Mass every Sunday at 9.30am on Facebook. please use this link, don't forget to like and follow our page.

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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 (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.

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

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

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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.

TAX RECEIPTS:

Tax Receipts for Charitable Works and Caritas are now ready for you to collect from both St Cecilia's Church and St John Fisher Mass Ctr

