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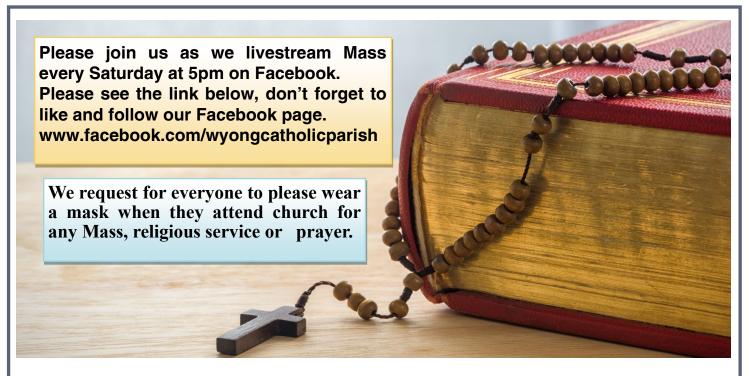
WYONG CATHOLIC PARISH

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



ALL SAINTS
1ST NOVEMBER 2020



SUNDAY MASS 1 NOVEMBER 2020

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING REVELATION 7:2-4, 9-14

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 23:1-6

R. Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

SECOND READING 1 JOHN 3:1-3

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.





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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION MATTHEW 11:28

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come to me all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL MATTHEW 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

REFLECTION 1ST NOVEMBER

We are so familiar with the Beatitudes that the radicalism of Jesus' 'mission statement' can be missed. But if we begin with the last few verses of this Gospel, the challenge given by Jesus hits us. 'Happy are those who are persecuted...'Are we happy when we are persecuted? Do we bless those who insult us? Maybe not. Yet when I consider the Christians persecuted across the world, I realise that there are many saints living in our world doing just that. As we ponder their lives, we can come to recognize such holiness closer to home. Parents who continue to care for difficult and selfish children, always hoping for change, live with a form of 'persecution'. Others who remain kind to demanding and problematic parents or neighbours live under abuse and calumny. It is such holiness, such ordinary holiness that we celebrate on this day.

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POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER

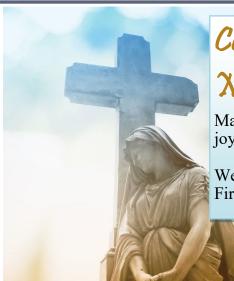
Artificial Intelligence

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

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Congratulations May God Bless you on your First Eucharist

May you always know the peace of Jesus, the light of his love and the joy of his life within you.

We Congratulate all the children in our parish who will be making their First Eucharist on a Friday evening over the next three weeks.

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: George Mercieca

Anniversary November: Eileen Preston, Geoff White, Agnes Myers, James Smith, Michael Bouchet, Jill Hill, Maxine Nell, Matthew Di Losa, Zenaida, Barry Austin, Donald King, Ron Mahoney, Peggy Joyce, Joseph Costa,

PRAYER

WE PRAY FOR ALL THE STUDENTS SITTING THEIR HSC EXAMS

Heavenly Father, we bring before you our HSC students. Give them the gifts of wisdom, right judgement, knowledge and courage. Bless them with calm hearts and clarity of mind as they sit for their exams. May they be affirmed in their efforts and may they know that you are there with them. We pray that they will stay calm under pressure and work to the best of their ability. May they feel your loving presence in their lives, now and always, and may they be strengthened by the prayerful support of their families and communities. Amen.



Birthdays and

Anniversaries

Best Wishes

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS
Father Alex 31/10/71
NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Kerrie Dedera 2/11/1953 Phil Bastick 7/11/1932 Paul Flynn Enid Dwyer Teresa Vella 11/11/1948 Gerry Martin 14/11

Warmest Congratulations
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100 CLUB

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

WEEK 2 WINNERS

1st prize \$100 Stephen Price no.117 2nd prize \$60 Helen Bath no.114 3rd Prize \$40 Marie Boden no.140 WEEK 3 WINNERS

1st prize \$100 David Crass no.25 2nd prize \$60 Pat Archer no.126

3rd Prize \$40 Christine Cause no.120

Weeks 4-9

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

Week 10

1st Prize \$450

2nd Prize \$250

3rd Prize \$150

4th Prize \$50.

4th draw is Saturday 31st October after the 4pm 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 \$1310.60 TO DATE.

Christmas Stall

ST JOHN FISHER

On the 28th/29th December at all Tumbi masses.

ST CECILIA'S CHURCH

On the 5th/6th December at all Wyong masses.

Rae will be running a Christmas Stall.

All money raised will be going towards our Parish Charitable Works quota. There will be some wonderful Christmas gift ideas and stocking fillers.

November

Month of Remembrance

It is customary for us to acknowledge All Souls in November.

"It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins." 2 Maccabees 12.46

Our Book of Remembrance (Memorial) in the parish will be put up near the Sanctuary of St Cecilia's Church from All Souls Day and will remain throughout November.

NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS

There are envelopes available for you to write the names of your beloved deceased. Please put the envelopes into the special box near the sanctuary or into our weekend collection baskets. All Masses in November will be offered for our departed brothers and sisters.

Thank You

In Wyong Catholic Parish we have 24 Catechists, who provide a formal Catholic Education to around 300 children in public schools in our area.

> For every lesson you've prepared The love of God has been shared

We take this opportunity to sincerely thank the Catechist/Helpers of our parish for sharing the Joy, Love and Faith of Jesus with the children.

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo Bishop of Broken Bay

Message for BBNeighbourhoods 27 October 2020

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Tomorrow, Wednesday 28 October, marks the centenary of the birth of Bishop Patrick Murphy, the First Bishop of Broken Bay.

Bishop Murphy was born at Eastwood. He attended St Kevin's Catholic Primary School for his early education, completing his schooling at St Patrick's Christian Brothers College, Strathfield. After high school, he worked for six months in the Commonwealth Bank.

Patrick Murphy undertook studies at St Columba's Seminary Springwood from 1937 to 1940 and then at St Patrick's College, Manly, from 1941 to 1944. He was ordained a priest on 22 July 1944 in St Mary's Cathedral Sydney. On 20 December 1976, after 32 years of priestly ministry, academic studies, and teaching, he was named a bishop by Pope Paul VI and consecrated on 22 January 1977. Bishop Murphy was appointed as an Auxiliary Bishop to the Archbishop of Sydney, Cardinal James Freeman. On 8 April 1986, Pope John Paul II nominated him as the Bishop of the newly established Diocese of Broken Bay. He was installed on 28 May 1986.

It has been said that during his episcopate, Bishop Murphy maintained a style of hard-work, lean administration, and firm leadership, right through to his retirement on 9 July 1996. He lived quietly until his death at the age of 86 on 18 March 2007.

I commend Bishop Murphy to your prayers, as we give thanks to God for his life and ministry as priest and bishop.

Over the past year since my installation as the Fourth Bishop of Broken Bay I have written a short message to you each week in BBNeighbourhoods. I have found it to be a very useful way to keep in touch, especially during the periods of restricted movement and physical distancing.

I am grateful for the numerous people throughout the diocese who have either spoken to me personally or written to me expressing their gratitude for these short messages, which communicate something of the vox Episcopi, "the voice of the bishop".

Beginning in November, I have decided that I will invite different members of our community of the Church around Broken Bay to join me in BBNeighbourhoods. I hope that it will be one way to give expression to the vox Populi, "the voice of the people". This will occur on alternate weeks to my message.

It is not meant to be a political manifesto, nor a sermon, or a homily on the Sunday Scripture readings. What I am hoping to do is highlight the unique and Spirit-filled perspective in our community as you live out your baptismal vocation as a young / senior / married / single / religious / priestly / diaconal / professional person. I am confident that by listening respectfully to the voices from around our community, we might also listen and discern what the Spirit is saying to us as the community of the Church of Broken Bay.

Please join with me in praying that the Holy Spirit will move the hearts, minds, and lives of all people in our community. Pray also for spiritual insight based on your life and relationship with God. I trust that your unique experience and perspective will speak to others and contribute to the shared wisdom in our Church community and beyond.

Peace be with you,

+Anthony

WEEKEND AND WEEKDAY MASSES

St Cecilia's Church has a **limitation of 45 people per Mass**, we kindly remind you that you <u>MUST</u> 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 LIMITATION OF 45 PEOPLE PER MASS

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

ST JOHN FISHER MASS CTR LIMITATION OF 100 PEOPLE PER MASS

- 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 <u>Must</u> 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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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.

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

1ST COLLECTION;

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2ND COLLECTION; Wyong Catholic Parish Please contact the Parish Office for BSB and Account details

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