

W E L C O M E

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*

1ST OCTOBER 2023 TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WYONG CATHOLIC PARISH

ST CECILIA'S CHURCH, ST JOHN FISHER MASS CTR & ST PETER'S CHAPEL

**Under the Pastoral Care of the
Society of Our Lady of The Most Holy Trinity (SOLT)**



Reflection 1.10.2023 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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The readings today speak about conscious change. Is it possible for a person to consciously change their life, consciously change their habits and way of living? The unchanging conviction of the bible is 'yes', conscious change is possible.

Today's Gospel offers us an interesting example of conscious and unconscious change. One son said 'yes' to his father but did not do what his father asked. I suspect that what happened here was unconscious change. He said he would go to the vineyard, and he probably intended to, but just didn't get around to it. The other son, said 'no' but then he consciously thought about it, and changed his decision and went.

What massive changes the tax collectors and prostitutes must have made in their lives to follow Jesus. For many reasons, including financial, this could not have been easy, nothing short of a radical change in their way of life. But they did it. They made the change.

When we talk about conscious change, the supreme example is Jesus Christ, as St Paul notes in today's second reading: 'his state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave and become as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross; but God raised him on high.'

In our efforts to change we can take great heart from the Eucharist. In this act of worship remarkable changes happen. Not only are the bread and wine changes into the body and blood of Christ, but by our participation in the Eucharist we too are changed—together we become more fully the body of Christ in our world.

St Barnabas Church Yarramalong

Mass will be celebrated at
St Barnabas Church, Yarramalong
Sunday 1st October at 11.15am.
All are welcome.

CONGRATULATIONS—

Fr Raul & Fr Alex celebrate their 25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood in October.

We congratulate them both and keep them in our prayers as they celebrate this wonderful jubilee in God's ministry.

Congratulations to the following Catechists who will be receiving awards this year:

- Micheline Yardin on 15 years of service
- Francoise Munoz on 5 years of Service
- Veronica Quiroga on 10 Years of Service

We appreciate and thank you for all that you do.



Anointing of the Sick Friday 6th October First Friday of the Month

St Cecilia's -During 8.00am Mass

CANCELLED 11.30am Mass

St John Fisher- During 9.15am Mass

Pope Francis' October Intentions

For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

Invitation—Children's Liturgy

All children are invited to attend the children's Liturgy at our weekend masses. Children's Liturgy is when the children leave the congregation to celebrate and reflect on the Sunday Gospel reading in an age appropriate way. The children are led through prayers, songs and readings that are adapted to their level of understanding. (Parents are always welcome to attend the Children's Liturgy).

Attending Mass together is a part of being a Catholic Family, while Children's Liturgy allows children to enter the celebration more fully by catering to their needs).

Please see below the weekend masses with Children's Liturgy

St Cecilia's Church,
Saturday Vigil 5pm & Sunday 9.30am
St John Fisher Mass Centre
Saturday Vigil 5pm & Sunday 5pm



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Sunday Mass 1st October 2023

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Ezekiel 18:25-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 24:4-9

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Second Reading Philippians 2:1-11

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus: His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God 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 Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go", but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

Safeguarding in our Parish means....

We the people of Wyong Catholic Parish are committed to fostering a community of safety and care for all people, especially for children and others in the community who are vulnerable.

Our commitment is underscored by our faith in Jesus Christ.



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Sat Vigil 5.00pm Sun 7.30am & 9.30am

Weekday Mass

Mon-Sat: 8.00am, Monday 9.15am (School Term)

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

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Children's Liturgy at the following Masses

St Cecilia's 5pm Mass Saturday

St Cecilia's 9.30am Mass Sunday

St John Fisher 5pm Mass Sunday

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE

Mass St Barnabas, Yarramalong

1st Sun of month 11.15am

Filipino Mass St Cecilia's Church

3rd Sun of the month 12pm

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

Eucharistic Adoration

St Cecilia's Daily 7am-8am

St John Fisher 1st Fri 8.45 - 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

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

KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS

Prayer: The most valuable gift you can give someone.

SICK: Harriet Powell, Danae Roe, Peter Ford, Harry Hall, Michael Briggs, Christine Heffernan, Jennese Thompson, Leeann Hazelton, Bernadette Kiely, Steve Durnford, Ann Durnford, Maureen Mulheron, Angela Watts, William Martin, Terence (Ted) Dafter, Finn McConnon, Christine, Jacqui Stacey, Josie Campbell, Dave, Rodney, Gwen Dwyer, Helen Waters, Rod & Pauline Cornwell, Marie Rheinberger, Hannah Hopwood, Fay King, Joan Mabbutt, Irene Dainty, Eoin, Paula, Peter Meury, Jai Coleman, Danielle, Frank Farrugia, Betty McDermott, Carmel Myers, Clara Banda, Marc Sabat

RECENTLY DECEASED: Richard Mahinay, Carol Dafter, Raymond (Ray) Baker

ANNIVERSARY SEPTEMBER: Gerard Byrne, Peter Donnelly, Jack Harris, Helen Cole, Donald King,



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Safeguarding Message

Wyong parish is committed to safeguarding. All children, young persons and vulnerable adults have a right to feel safe and be safe. If you have a concern about the safety of anyone in the parish, please raise your concern with Fr Raul, Fr Alex or Fr Teody. The contact details are on the back to the Bulletin.

SAFEGUARDING is everyone's responsibility



Everyone must practice **A DUTY OF CARE**. We are called to step up and speak out.

Need to be listening & watching to understand if there are any concerns and take them seriously



Tell one of our designated persons in authority

- Fr Raúl 0450 115 099
- Maureen Roast 0435 245 849
- Anne Hooley 0428 149 793

Contact will be made with Diocesan Safeguarding Office



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TRIVIA NIGHT

Calling anyone in our Parish who likes trivia and wants a fun night out - form a team (4 minimum) and head over to MacKillop College Hall Warnervale on **Saturday 7th October 6:30pm – 8:30pm.**

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