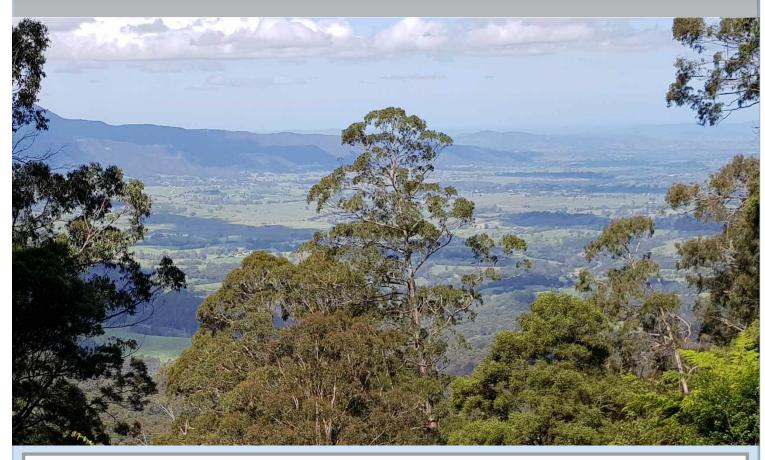
# 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME PARISH BULLETIN, 20TH FEBRUARY 2022

I give you a new commandment;

love one another as I have loved you.

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



**REFLECTION 20th January 2022** GOSPEL LUKE 6:27-38

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'Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you.' This is so hard to do and yet it is fundamental to Christian life. Imagine how happy our world would be if this was lived out on a global scale. And yet, this kind of attitude has to take root at the personal level before it can grow to global proportions. I have to learn to love not only my enemies, but even those who simply annoy me, those who seem to have a grudge against me, act unfairly towards me, or speak ill of me. One of our great models in learning how to do this is St Therese of Lisieux. In her 'Little Way' she showed us that doing something as simple as taking on the washing up duty for someone in our household who is annoying us can be an act of love. It may not change the person in question, but it changes us. Because when we choose to love, even through small acts of service, it opens our hearts to God's healing grace and mercy, and this can't help but overflow.

Dear Parishioners
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As a reminder you can now make your Planned Giving through the "Parish Giving Broken Bay" app for your smartphone. Donating this way means that your gift is taken from your account and deposited directly into the Parish Bank account. With the app there is no longer a need for you or our Priests to carry physical money to and from Mass (and it also results in less work for our office ladies and counters). Another benefit is that the app also has news from across the Diocese as well information on mass times and readings.

Thank you for your continued support of our Parish.

Joe Cesca Chairman of the Parish Finance Committee

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May Christ bless you for your gifts.

#### Bishop Anthony Randazzo Thanks Supporters of Pastoral Works Broken Bay

Thank you to all who support Pastoral Works as we endeavour to reach further and wider in helping our community. Every gift makes a real difference to someone in hospital, a school for students with special needs, the deaf community or our catechists sharing the gospel with State school students.

View Bishop Anthony Randazzo's message here. Invitation to the ladies of Wyong Catholic Parish. We would love to share our prayers with you.

# World Day of Prayer

Place: St James Anglican Church Date: Friday 4th March Time: 10am Morning tea will be served Covid permitting

Countries to be focused upon are: England, Northern Ireland and Wales.

The World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian laywomen's initiative. It is run under the motto "Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action," and is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March. The movement aims to bring together women of various races, cultures and traditions in a yearly common Day of Prayer, as well as in closer fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year.

# **Spirituality in the Pub SIP CENTRAL COAST**

The Grange Hotel Function Room Cnr: Renwick St & Pacific Hwy, WYOMING Bistro opens at 5-30pm

 $1^{st}$  Tuesday of the month March – October and  $2^{nd}$  Tuesday in November

Theme 2022: "My Spiritual Journey in Challenging Times"

Tuesday 1st March, 2022, 7.30pm - 9.00pm

**Mark Trevaskis:** A qualified Social Worker, Mark has worked in the community sector for more than 25 years. Having held senior management roles over the past ten years, he holds significant experience and knowledge in child protection, disability, housing and out-of-home care. Growing up in Wagga, Mark's first real engagement with the community started with volunteering and helping out with St Vincent De Paul youth camps. This soon led him to studying Social Work and a career driven by purpose and connection. Currently Operations Manager at Coast Shelter, Mark's core responsibilities include leading the client services team as well as supporting the Executive team to deliver positive outcomes for our community.

# SIP Central Coast is an Ecumenical & Interfaith Speakers Forum with Q's & A's.

The focus is on developing understanding & encouraging conversation about Spirituality through sharing one's life journey. We meet 1st Tuesday in the month from March to October and  $2^{nd}$  Tuesday in November.

It would be appreciated if attendees <u>reply a.s.a.p. by email</u> to <u>maryke.k@bigpond.com</u> if they intend to come and be there well before the 7.30pm start (<u>preferably by 7.00pm</u>).

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# **Catechist Sunday!!**

This weekend we acknowledge and commission our parish Catechists and Assistants who provide the children with lessons and information on our Catholic Faith. This is such an important ministry as it spreads the 'Good News' to these children.

# **7TH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME Sunday Mass 20th February 2022** THE LITURGY OF THE WORD *Reproduced from Liturgia*

## FIRST READING 1 SAMUEL 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13**

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

#### **SECOND READING 1 CORINTHIANS 15:45-49**

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION JOHN 13:34**

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment; love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

#### **GOSPEL LUKE 6:27-38**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'



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# **MASS TIMES**

# **ST CECILIA'S CHURCH**

**23 Byron St Wyong Saturday Vigil / Sunday Mass Times** Sat Vigil 5.00pm Sun 7.30am & 9.30am

Weekday Mass Mon-Sat: 8.00am

**Reconciliation/Confession** Saturday morning after the 8am Mass & Saturday at 4.30pm

## **Emergency Priest Contact**

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**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Bruce Keir, Colleen Salbestro, Albert Attard, **ANNIVERSARY FEBRUARY:** Bill Cullinan,

John Kiernan, Rosie Attard, Natividad Dieta, Rita Muscat, Rod McCarthy, Victor Gibbs.

#### **ST JOHN FISHER MASS CENTRE** Hicks Lane Tumbi Umbi Saturday Vigil / Sunday Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 7 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

> 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

**St Barnabas, Yarramalong** 1st Sun of month 11.15am

**Eucharistic Adoration St Cecilia's** Daily 7am-8am **St John Fisher** 1st Fri 8.15 - 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

Fr Raul/Fr Alex and the Legion of Mary **visit Berkley Vale Nursing home** 3rd Wednesday of the Month

**Children's Liturgy** St Cecilia's 5pm Mass Saturday St John Fisher 5pm Mass Sunday

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 night 5pm to 6pm

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting PPC Secretary; Kerry Bugden ph 4388 2938

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# **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

The first PPC meeting for 2022 was held on 8<sup>th</sup> February. This meeting provided the opportunity to say farewell, thank you and welcome to parishioners who have been prepared to give of the time and expertise to serve on the Council.

The 2021 year meant many changes needed to be made to the makeup of the PPC for 2022. First in 2021 we said farewell to Jack Harris and Rove Varman who both passed away, and then in December Tony Camenzuli and Arlene Barnett indicated they were no longer able to continue and so resigned. Thank you all for your dedicated and insightful service. Fortunately, five parishioners volunteered to join the Council and fill these vacancies. Thank you, Georgina Mastroianni, Milva Kefu and Elizabeth Schultz, Maureen Roast and Anna Atayde.

The full Council for 2022 is:

**Parishioners**: Steve Johnson (Chair), Kerry Bugden (Secretary), Anne Hooley, Raymond Romanos, Christine Schilling, Phil Bastick and the five new members mentioned above.

**Principals:** Tim Hildebrandt (St Peter's), Marta Chylewska (St Cecilia's) and Marcel Arendse (St John Fisher) and Our two Priests and Jo Helm (Parish Coordinator).

Should you have issues you would like raised at any meeting, please speak to one of these parishioners.

Pastoral Discernment was the major issue on this month's agenda. A written submission on this topic must be completed by 31 March and forwarded to Bishop Anthony. At Masses, on the 26/27 February, an explanation of what is meant by the term Pastoral Discernment will be given. Follow up 1 hour meetings will be held then on the 9 and 11 March where parishioners will be asked to provide their input. Following these meetings the final submission will be completed and forwarded to the Bishop.

Planning for this year has been made on the assumption there will be no Covid interruptions, and we know we will return as a stronger and better community in 2022. The first social and fundraising events will focus on Easter. A morning tea will be provided after Mass on Easter Sunday and the planning for the Easter Raffle is well underway.

Christmas in July; Parish Get Together; Christmas Thank You Barbecue, as well as Shoe- Box collection; 100 Club; Bunnings Barbecue and Ray's markets have all been included and more information will be given once dates/organisation have been completed.

The next PPC meeting will be held on the **8 March** with agenda items needing to be finalised by the 1 March. Please don't hesitate to contact me by email at <u>kbbugden@bigpond.com</u> or phone at 0243882938, if you have any concerns/queries you would like raised.

Kerry Bugden (Secretary)

# Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February

#### For religious sisters and consecrated women

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

# Vox Episcopi – The Voice of the Bishop 16 February 2022

# **GREETINGS AND BLESSINGS FROM ROME!**



My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Greetings and blessings from Rome!

The streets and cafes are a lot quieter from my previous visits here as some health restrictions are still in place.

Although I have studied in Rome and lived and worked in the Vatican for a number of years, there is always something very special about returning here, visiting and praying in the Papal Basilica of St Peter in the Vatican which holds such a unique position in the Christian world.

The number of pilgrims is growing slowly each day that I have been here, and it is hoped that as people gain more confidence and the effects of the pandemic begin to stabilise, the large numbers of pilgrims usually seen at any time during the year either queuing in St Peter's Square or souvenir shopping in the side streets will soon return.

Hopefully many people will start to plan for pilgrimages to our holy places, including Rome, as the Church prepares for World Youth Day in 2023 and the Holy Year in 2025. Might we also begin to consider how as a Diocese we will approach these milestones?

St Peter's is one of four Major Basilicas in Rome, but it is considered one of the holiest Catholic shrines. It is here we find St Peter's burial site.

Although we knew St Peter the Apostle died a martyr in Rome and a church had been built over a small shrine believed to mark his burial place, it was not until 1968 that St Paul VI announced that the relics of St Peter had been "identified in a way which we can hold to be convincing," after the bones were discovered following excavations of the necropolis under St Peter's Basilica, which began in the 1940's near a monument erected in the fourth century to honour the great Apostle.

A visit to St Peter's Basilica provides an opportunity to marvel at the amazing Renaissance engineering feat, the magnificent artworks and sculptures, sit quietly in prayer in one of the many chapels in the massive interior or to join a Vatican Scavi Tour to see the Tomb of St Peter. I always find my visit to be a moving experience.

The Vatican is also the home of Pope Francis, the Apostolic Palace being his official residence.

This week, along with many clergy and laity from around the world, I attended the Symposium Priesthood at the Vatican.

Esteemed church leaders and academics gave rich and wide-ranging presentations – including reflections on tradition and new horizons; Trinity, mission and sacramentality; the challenges of formation; the missionary spirit and the culture of Vocation.

Pope Francis gave the opening lecture and spoke to us on *Faith and the Priesthood Today*. The Symposium has provided much to reflect upon, discuss and share with you when I return.

I also managed to catch up with the Australian Ambassador to the Holy See, Ms Chiara Porro.

The youngest ambassador the Vatican has ever welcomed as part of its diplomatic core, Ambassador Porro was keen to hear "first-hand news from home" and how we have coped during the pandemic and lockdowns. We also discussed the question of Religious Freedom which is another hot topic for us in Australia, and in many parts of the world.

I will be returning to Broken Bay at the end of next week. Please be assured that I remember you at Mass and that I have prayed for you, your families and loved ones before the altar at St Peter's.

With my prayers and blessing

+Anthony



For registrations go to <u>www.bbcatholic.org.au/willsday</u> or contact David Armstrong at <u>david.armstrong@bbcatholic.org.au</u> for more information.



## A Discussion on Parish Renewal & Evangelisation

Deepening our understanding of how to share our faith with others has become an urgent need in our time. Join Daniel Ang (Director of the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation) and Kevin Bailey of DR Australasia for a discussion on how we can foster renewal and evangelisation in our parishes by helping people know the personal love of God in Jesus and grow in holiness.

Date: Thursday, 24 February 2022 Time: 7:00pm Register: <u>https://divinerenovation.tfaforms.net/f/parish-renewal</u>

# What is God Saying to the Church? – 2 March

A Divine Renovation Webinar with Fr James Mallon, Bishop Robert Barron and Revd. Nick Gumbel

March 2022 marks two years since the pandemic hit much of the world. As we slowly emerge into a post-pandemic world, mission-minded parish leaders know we have an incredible opportunity to recommit our energies to finding bold and new ways to evangelise.

Discuss new ways to evangelise:

- What is the most urgent call for the Church?
- What have the past two years revealed about the Church and how she is fulfilling her mission?

• What are we being called to repent of, to turn from, and to turn towards?

Join over 2000 people from around the world have registered so far for this event.

Date: Wednesday, 2 March 2022 Time: 5:00am (Sydney time) Register: <u>https://www.divinerenovation.org/what-is-god-saying-event</u>



