

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*



20TH SEPTEMBER 2020,
25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A
The Lord is near to all who call him

**SAFEGUARDING
AWARENESS
MONTH!
SEPTEMBER
2020**



Promoting Rights of the Child

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This year is the 30th anniversary of Australia ratifying the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.



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BROKEN BAY**



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, Val Martin, Margaret Hobbs, Shane & Christine, John Baxter, Joey Moloney.

Recently Deceased: Neville Bowman, Martin Wicks,

Anniversary September: Gail Parsons, Michael Bouchet, Thelma Newbury, Barry Austin, Donald King

Baptisms

We warmly welcome **Brodie Mark** who is to be baptized this weekend after the 9.30am Mass into our Parish Community: May the grace of the Lord Jesus bless you and your family.

Birthdays and

Anniversaries

Best Wishes

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Marilyn 3/9/1936

Michael Drain 4/9/1947

Kerry Bugden 13/9/1938

Vic Gibbs 90th 16/9/30

Warmest Congratulations

ANNIVERSARIES

Patricia & Peter Meury 15/9 55years

Jenny & Stephen Browne 19/9/87

PROMOTING RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

“Upholding and protecting the dignity of children who have been made in the image of God is foundational to our faith, and not simply a matter of civil compliance.

As disciples of the Risen Lord we commit ourselves to giving witness to the life of Jesus Christ in our world today and recognising the face of Christ in the most vulnerable.”

Bishop Anthony Randazzo, September 2020

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER

INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

RESPECT FOR THE PLANET'S RESOURCES

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.



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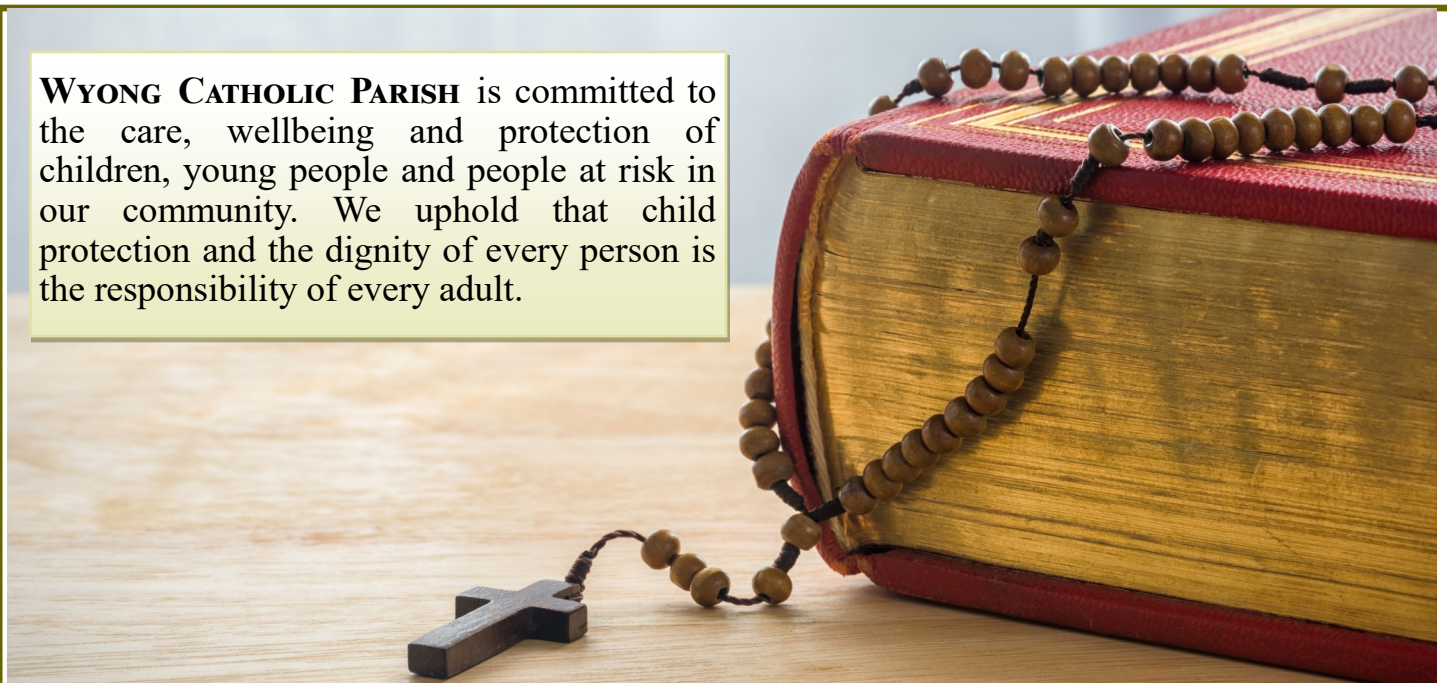
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WYONG CATHOLIC PARISH is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. We uphold that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult.



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 20 SEPTEMBER 2020

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

We requested for everyone to please wear a mask when they attend church for any Mass, religious service or prayer.

FIRST READING ISAIAH 55:6-9

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near.
Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts.
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways - it is the Lord who speaks.
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

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SECOND READING PHILIPPIANS 1:20-24, 27

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results - I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.
Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION OF ACTS 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL MATTHEW 20:1-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

REFLECTION 20TH SEPTEMBER

Today's responsorial psalm contain Israel's oldest theological assertion about God - 'The Lord is kind, full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love, good and compassionate to all'. From the time of the exodus from Egypt (Exodus 34: 6-7) this was to be the Israelites' experience of God.

Today's liturgy puts to us a question that, at first sight, is quite surprising: Are we happy that God is good and compassionate to all?

Certainly, we are pleased that God is merciful towards ourselves. But how do we feel when we observe the mercy of God towards others, especially those we feel are less deserving of God's love? Are we like the workers in the vineyard mentioned in today's Gospel parable who have worked all day and feel resentful that the owner is so generous to the latecomers? Perhaps we feel that God is more generous to others than to us.

The prophet Isaiah tells us that such thoughts are evil and should be abandoned. Though God's ways are often beyond our comprehension, we can be sure that the kindness of God flows also to us without measure or limit. Rather than be resentful, let us rejoice with all creation in God whose mercy and compassion far surpass any of our limited notions of fairness and justice.

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100 CLUB

Thank you to our early members to the 100 club, currently 32 tickets have been sold

RETURN AND EARN

From when we started collecting recycled bottles in October 2019 **RETURN AND EARN HAS RAISED \$1146.90 TO DATE.**

Parish Fundraiser with Environmental Benefits

A very big **THANK YOU** to everyone bringing in your recycled cans and bottles. Please keep them coming.....

SEPTEMBER 2020 CWF APPEAL

We are deeply grateful to our Parish Community for supporting our Charitable Works Fund.

You can collect a Charitable Works envelope as you enter the church, or you can call the Parish Office and contribute by Credit card over the phone 4352 1011.

You may also do a direct deposit into the **Wyong Catholic Parish account (reference CWF) BSB 062 784 Account 13528001**

When you give to the CWF, you can be assured that your donation is working for the faith and the people of the Diocese of Broken Bay.

Donations \$2 and over are tax-deductible.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

The Social Justice committee would appreciate your signature to the petition which will be available at the church doors over the next 2 to 3 weeks.

The St Vincent de Paul Society has organised the petition to ask the NSW Government to deliver more social housing. The petition states that 'across NSW, thousands of people, including children, are without a place to call home. Many are living on the streets, sleeping in parks, and living out of their cars. Others rely on emergency accommodation, boarding houses, and the generosity of family and friends. Some are forced to live in severely overcrowded conditions. In the most tragic of circumstances, women and children are staying with violent partners because they have nowhere else to go. At the same time, many people are living with chronic housing stress. This can mean they do not have enough money to pay for other household essentials including food and electricity. It can be a catalyst for relationship breakdown, substance abuse, and mental ill-health. Without a secure home it is hard to get a job, keep up with school or access health and community services. Social housing should be a safety net to support people experiencing homelessness and housing stress. But there is not enough. More than 50,000 applicants are waiting for social housing in NSW. In parts of the state the wait time is in excess of 10 years'

A minimum of 10,000 signatures is necessary and currently there are 7,000. The additional signatures must be collected before the November sitting of Parliament.

Thank you for your support.

Kerry Bugden Secretary Social Justice.

PRAISEFEST

Catholic Youth Broken Bay invites all young people to PRAISEFEST (Online)! Come join young people across the diocese as we gather online, participate in community, and break open our faith in a new and fresh way!

We will have very special guest and friend, Fr Rob Galea take us deeper into our theme 'Christ in Me'. Not to mention, there will be some fun and creative segments we've never done before on this online environment that you surely will not want to miss!!!

So make sure you join us on Zoom or tune in via live stream!

Date: Friday 18 September 2020

Time: 6:00pm

Venue: Zoom Meeting & Live Stream

<https://www.facebook.com/events/361345181560667>

Dear Parishioner,

We have all been affected in different ways by the current pandemic and I do hope that you are all coping well and feeling safe in your own situation.

The many different and unusual changes have been very dramatic for our Church and Parish. As well as the restrictions imposed for Mass and religious services, our usual social activities have completely stalled. There has been no morning teas, luncheons, Christmas in July, shoe box collection, Bunnings' Barbecue or any other social or fundraising activities.

The Parish income this year has not gone close to previous years, while our daily expenditure has not changed, but rather has increased because of the additional expenditure necessary to ensure we are meeting all the Covid sanitation and safety requirements.

For the above reasons it has been decided there will be a '100 Club' run over 10 weeks between October and December. These funds will help with the continuing overall expenses.

Thank you for your support of our parish during these difficult times.

Please see the information below this will outline all the details of cost, prizes and dates.

May the Holy Family continue to bless you and keep you safe.

Kerry Bugden PPC Secretary.

PARISH '100 CLUB'

The funds raised through this '100 Club' will be used to help defray overall Parish expenses.

The '100 Club' will run for 10 weeks with results published each week in the Church Bulletin from 11 October to 13 December. A results chart will be on display at each Church.

COST AND PAYMENT INFORMATION

The **one off cost** of a number for 10 weeks is \$40. The total amount can be paid in full by 7 October or by three (3) separate payments of

\$10 by 20 September

\$15 by 27 September

\$15 by 7 October

PAYMENTS can be made by placing money in an envelope clearly marked

100 Club

Name

Contact Details (phone or address)

Amount enclosed

Please place your envelope into the box labelled 100 CLUB inside the Church. Otherwise you can hand them to Kerry Bugden at St John Fisher, Barbara Fish, Arlene Barnett or Rove at St Cecilia's.

PRIZES

Weeks 1-9	1 st	\$80
	2 nd	\$40
WEEK 10	1 st	\$400
	2 nd	\$200
	3 rd	\$100

Please note – Should the '100 Club' not be fully subscribed, prizes will be adjusted.

NUMBER DRAW will occur following relevant weekend Masses and subscribers will be notified.

PRIZE DRAW will take place after one Mass each weekend with results published in the Parish Bulletin.

Charts showing subscribers and winners will be posted at each church.

Additional Information or Questions please phone Kerry Bugden 02 4388 2938

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo
Bishop of Broken Bay

Message for BBNeighbourhoods
15 September 2020

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

This week in the Cathedral, we will be celebrating the annual Chrism Mass. Normally this celebration is held during Holy Week, however due to the COVID environment, I decided to postpone it until it was safe for priests and people to attend. We are still limited by the government restrictions for gathering, however, we are confident that a small assembly will be able to gather safely and responsibly.

The Chrism Mass is an opportunity to focus particularly upon two areas of ecclesial life. The first is the unity of all the baptised who are anointed in the power of the Holy Spirit and who form one Body in Christ. The second focus is the gift of the ministerial priesthood which has been entrusted to our priests who have been anointed to teach, lead, and sanctify the one Body of Christ – the Church.

I often speak about the community of the Church and in so doing my desire is that each one of us will take the time to reflect, discern, and pray about our work within the body as well as our mission beyond. Likewise, I would like us as a community to reflect upon the gift of the ministerial priesthood. In so doing, we might become more aware of the sacred duties entrusted to our priests who are ordained for the sanctification and service of the entire People of God.

You may have heard me say that the priest is on a pedestal. That language normally raises a few eyebrows. But, before you stop reading, bear with me as I explain what I mean. In the Gospel of John, the Evangelist John justifies my claim (John 3:13-17). John announces the lifting up of Christ on the pedestal of the cross. There is only one pedestal for the priest who is configured to Christ, and that is the Cross of Our Lord. The cross lies at the very centre of Jesus' mission and ministry. Through the death of Jesus salvation is given to the world. Salvation is the work of God.

Saint Paul writes in the letter to the Philippians "The state of Jesus Christ was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God... he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross" (cf. Phil 2:6-11).

One commentator points out that this is the paradox of the cross. God is both merciful and exacting at the same time. Saint Paul also reminds us that for those who are perishing this is mere foolishness, but for us who believe it is the power of God that saves. (cf. 1Cor 1:18)

The cross demonstrates God's rage against sin and at the same time it shows God's mercy and love to the repentant sinner. The cross demands a response from you and me, from each person who is part of the Body of Christ.

Pope Francis invites us to contemplate the mystery of mercy (*Misericordiae vultus 2*). He reminds us that God's Mercy will always be greater than any sin, and no one can place limits on the love of God who is ever ready to forgive (*MV3*).

The first work of the priest is to be drawn to the cross and cherish its mercy. In so doing, his mission will be to lead others into the merciful presence of God. Before this can happen, the priest himself must taste God's mercy which can only happen if he is lifted up on the pedestal of the Cross of Christ.

This week as we prepare to celebrate the Chrism Mass, I commend to your prayer the priests of our Diocese of Broken Bay. Pray that the Lord will give them faith to claim as their only glory the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Remember them with thanksgiving to God.

There is power in the cross to draw all people to Jesus Christ for salvation. As Jesus himself promised, "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all people to myself" (Jn 12:32).

+Anthony

WEEKEND AND WEEKDAY MASSES

St Cecilia's Church and St John Fisher Mass Ctr have a **limitation of 45 people per Mass**, we kindly remind you that you **MUST 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 18TH AUGUST 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

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

Anointing 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.
- **The Diocese of Broken Bay has requested for everyone to please wear a mask when they attend church for any Mass, religious service or prayer.**
- For Weekend/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

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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:**

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