

WELCOME

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

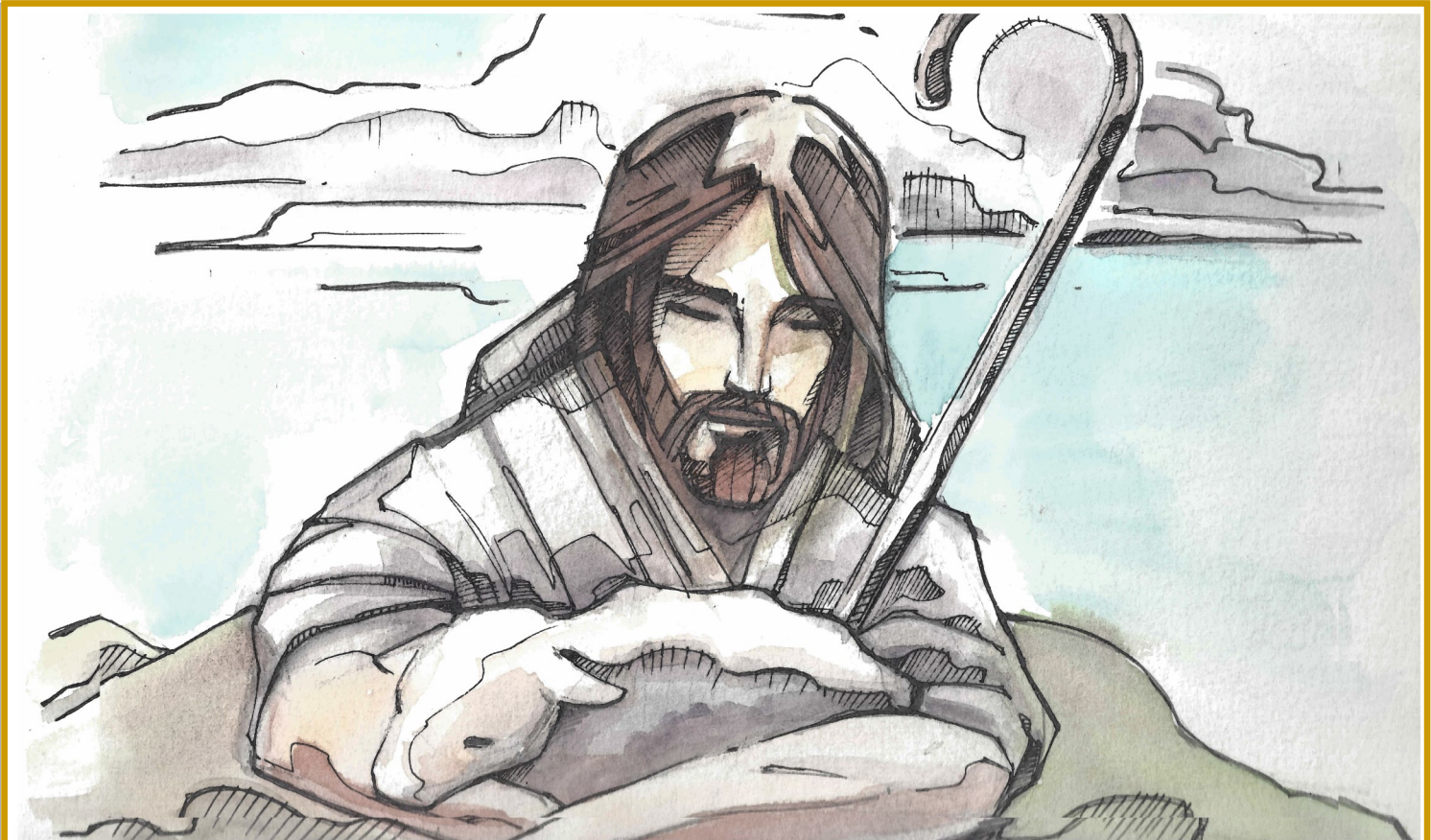
21ST APRIL 2024 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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 21.04.24

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is Good Shepherd Sunday. John introduces the image of the shepherd by describing how the shepherd enters the sheepfold, calls the sheep by name, and leads the flock to pasture. Then Jesus identifies himself as the good shepherd who lays down his life for the sheep. The text mentions the suspicion often levelled at shepherds by acknowledging that those who came before Jesus were indeed 'thieves and robbers' (John 10:8).

The image is transformed completely when the title 'good shepherd' is applied to Jesus. The context makes clear that Jesus is not claiming expertise in animal husbandry; rather, it suggests that he is claiming a special relationship with the flock. Responsible leaders, like good shepherds, were expected to seek the welfare of the flock and even risk their lives for the flock, but only Jesus, the good shepherd, would lay down his life for the sheep.

People today, most of whom see shepherds only in movies or on television, are nonetheless moved by the comforting image of a shepherd. In times of difficulty or intense sorrow, they derive comfort from praying Psalm 23: "The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (v. 1). Moreover, the image of Jesus as Good Shepherd challenges religious leaders to be 'shepherds after God's own heart' and inspires the people, the 'flock', to turn to him for love and security.

SPECIAL MORNING TEA

A special morning tea will be held after Mass on Sunday 21 April at 10:15 am.

This morning tea is our opportunity to say thank you to our Parliamentary representatives for the grants which updated and repaired the windows of St Cecilia's. Emma McBride---Federal Member and David Harris ---State member will join us.

This will also be the opportunity to make the parliamentarians aware of the development of the Shrine to St Cecilia and what this means to our parish.

A plate donation for the morning tea would be appreciated. Please leave this in the Parish meeting room before the commencement of the 9:30 am Mass.



CATHOLIC BOOKS—FREE TO GOOD HOME

We have been donated a range of Catholic books. Please come to the office (Tue, Wed & Fri between 9:30am -2:30pm) if you're interested to have a look. You're welcome to take your books of choice home.
Margaret



WYONG NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

Thank you to all who donated items towards the Wyong Neighbourhood Centre.

All items were much needed and appreciated.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

We pray for all victims whose lives were lost, their grieving families, the injured and all people involved in the distressing recent attacks in Bondi Junction and on Assyrian Bishop Mar Mari Emmanuel and Fr Isaac Royel at Christ the Good Shepherd Church in the suburb of Wakeley.

May we unite as a community, support each other, show respect to each other, and pray for one another, for it is said, "Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." (Matthew 18:19-20)

Mary our Mother, we pray that your intercession may protect us and all people from hatred and discord. Direct our hearts into the ways of justice, love and peace, that your Son taught and exemplified.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING SUPPORT

250 Club Update 2024

250 NUMBERS SOLD

Weekly Prizes are \$50 – 1st & \$20 – 2nd
Monthly Prizes are \$200 – 1st & \$50 – 2nd
and will be last weekend of the month.

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20th/21st April	weekly	67	Kathleen Feehely	183	Kathleen Feehely

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ANZAC DAY— LEST WE FORGET

On **April 25th**, all around Australia, in Churches and at various shrines of remembrance and War Memorials, people will gather to honour those men and women who have gone off to war. It is the dawn of another **ANZAC DAY**. It is a day of remembrance of the deaths and sufferings in war, the valour of fighting women and men and the ever present hope for the people of the world to live

together in harmony and lasting peace.

On this day let us remember those people who live the reality of war each day.....for the people of many other countries who as you read this are experiencing the devastation of conflict.

Let us remember all those who are striving to bring peace to these war torn environments.

On this Anzac Day may we pray that in all our dealings we promote a peace-filled world.

You are welcome to attend the following Masses and wear your medals and ribbons.

St Cecilia's Wyong—8am Mass

St John Fisher Tumbi Umbi—8am Mass

MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE

Our Mother's Day raffle will be held over the next few weeks.

The tickets will be sold for **\$2 each**.

Proceeds will be donated to the Mother Teresa Nuns – Missionaries of Charity and Church maintenance.

Your support will be very much appreciated.

Marie Dyer

LOST PROPERTY

We will be donating any lost property items that have been found at the Parish in 2 week's time.

If you believe you have lost something, please speak to one of our Parish Priests or contact me in the office.

Thank you,

Margaret.

RELIC SNIPPETS

This week's snippet talks about the different kinds of relics and their importance to us. This may help you when sharing with family and friends about what is happening this year at our church.

WHY AND WHAT IS A RELIC?

All of us have some remembrance of our loved ones, whether it is a photo; piece of jewelry; lock of hair or favourite CD or video. It is a way of keeping connection even though they are no longer with us.

In the same way the Catholic Church has relics of special members, the saints who have greatly influenced the development and growth of the Church throughout the ages. These relics help us to connect to the saints and the inspiration of their lives.

'Relics are divided into three different classes. First Class relics are relics which were an actual part of the saint, such as a limb, a bone fragment or hair. Second Class Relics are something that was owned by the saint or used to torture a martyr. Third Class Relics are anything that has touched a First Class Relic (Broken Bay Diocese, 2022.) Relics have been venerated by Catholics for more than a thousand years. They are not worshipped but are a unique way to connect with saints who inspire us through their faith and miracles.



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23 Byron St Wyong

Saturday Vigil / Sunday Mass Times

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

Fr Raul ph: 0450 115 099

Fr Alex ph: 0432 947 245

Fr Teody ph: 0414 494 823

PARISH OFFICE 23 Byron Street Wyong

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OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 9.30am to 2.30pm

PARISH CONTACTS

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Children's Liturgy at the following Masses

St Cecilia's 5:00pm 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 Saturday—**St Cecilia's** &

Wednesday—**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 night 5pm to 6pm

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

PPC Secretary; Kerry Bugden

Ph: 02 4388 2938

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, Terence (Ted) Dafer, Finn McConnon, Jacqui Stacey, Josie Campbell, Dave, Rodney, Gwen Dwyer, Helen Waters, Rod & Pauline Cornwell, Marie Rheinberger, Hannah Hopwood, Joan Mabbutt, Irene Dainty, Eoin, Peter Meury, Frank Farrugia, Betty McDermott, David Myers, Adam Smith, Frank Laoulach

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Maureen Murphy, Dorrie Betts, Maureen Martin, Fr Michael Kelly, Kathy Honor

ANNIVERSARY APRIL: Aaron Collins, Kay Taylor, Leanne Smith, Leslie Smith, Beryl Moloney, Roberta (Robbie) Jones, Dominga & Eutiquio Diaz, Jack Gill, deceased members of Croke & Kenny families, Margaret Hines, Jack Gill.



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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.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Acts 4:8-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29

R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the corner stone.

Second Reading 1 John 3:1-2

A reading from the first letter of St John

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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 10:11-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.

The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep;

this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd;

I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock and one shepherd.

The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me;

I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

ANZAC DAY

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The Palmdale Group will host ANZAC Day Ceremonies at both Palmdale and Greenway on 25th April, paying respect to the memory of our service men and women.

Services and Wreath laying ceremonies will be held at both Palmdale and Greenway.

Palmdale Lawn Cemetery & Memorial Park

57 Palmdale Road, Palmdale
Commencing at 9am, the
service will be held adjacent
to the Defence Force
Memorial.

Palmdale Phone:
4362 1203

Greenway Chapel & Memorial Gardens

460 Avoca Drive, Green Point
Commencing at 11am, the
service will be held adjacent
to the Defence Force
Memorial.

Greenway Phone:
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Please join the Catholic Charismatic Renewal NSW in celebrating Pentecost Eve "Anointing" on Saturday 18th May at Servants of Jesus Centre 15 Park Road Seven Hills for an afternoon of Praise & Worship, Testimonies and Prayer Ministry from 4-7pm hosted by youth from different streams. Booking is essential, register with link. <https://www.trybooking.com/CPMXQ?qr=true> .

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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



Our Community is **SAFE**