21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C PARISH BULLETIN, 21st August 2022

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.

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 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reproduced from God's Word 2022: Daily Reflections, published by St Pauls Publications, Strathfield It was terrible for the Jewish people when Jerusalem was destroyed and its citizens were taken into exile in Babylon. But the exile proved an eye-opening experience of other peoples and cultures and ways of doing things. Not all Jews returned to Israel after the exile. Many remained in the diaspora. In time some Jews came to see that the love of God is for all peoples and that the people of Israel were chosen by God to be a light to the nations, to reveal to them the one true God. In today's first reading, the prophet Isaiah foresees a time when people from all nations will come to Jerusalem to worship the Lord.

In today's Gospel Jesus declares that people 'from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.' He also stresses that, while the kingdom is open to all, the gateway to the kingdom is narrow. A broadminded love and compassion for all peoples is demanded of those who wish to enter. The Rule of the St Vincent de Paul Society states that 'The Society serves those in need regardless of creed, ethnic or social background, health, gender, or political opinions. It is a rule we must all adopt if we are to enter by the narrow gate.

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD Reproduced from Liturgia

First Reading Isaiah 66:18-21

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 116

R. Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

Second Reading Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

Gospel Acclamation John 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 13:22-30

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from the east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. 'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention August - *SMALL BUSINESSES*

We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.



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SPRINGTIME STALL- TUMBI

This weekend of the **20th/21st August** Rae will be holding her Springtime Stall at St John Fisher Mass Ctr. There will be plenty of plants and garden items.

Money raised will go towards the Parish Pastoral Works quota for 2022-2023.

SPECIAL COLLECTION THANK YOU

A very special thank you to all parishioners who supported the S.O.L.T. collection held in July. The total collected was **\$4350.00**, an outstanding result.

These funds will be forwarded directly to the Philippines to help in the refurbishment of the Novitiate House for the Asian-Pacific region.

Fathers Raul and Alex appreciate your support and thank you all for your generous donation.

Funding Application Volunteer

Our Parish is in need of a volunteer who has experience in sourcing, preparing and applications submitting funding and correspondence to both local organizations and politicians to gain funding for repairs, maintenance and replacement/additions to our grounds and buildings. If you are interested and can help please contact the parish office. Your assistance would be a great help to the parish and parishioners.

Parish Bulletin

E-BULLETIN If you would like to have the bulletin emailed to you, please send an email with "e-bulletin" as the subject to: wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au

BUNNINGS' BARBECUE FUNDRAISER HELP NEEDED on 3 SEPTEMBER

Help is needed in hourly slots from 11:30 to 1:30 at Bunnings Barbecue on <u>Saturday 3 September</u>. This is the opportunity, where through the raising of funds to help those less fortunate than ourselves, we do not have to use our own personal money but to give 1 hour of time.

Following a meeting with the Bunnings Activities Organiser, who indicated there is to be a special launch at Bunnings on the 3 September, it is essential we make good use of this opportunity. Bunnings expects this will be a very big sale day.

There are two time slots where we need at least 2 more helpers in each hour. These hours are from 11:30 to 12:30 and 12:30 to 1:30. If you can give us an hour of your time would you please record your name on the Roster sheet at the back of each Church or please phone Kerry Bugden on 43882938 and leave your name and number and you will be contacted.

Thank you for the help which you will give!

Men and Womens Lectio Divina Nights

Catholic Youth Broken Bay is offering a space to come together, as men and women, to pray by Lectio Divina while enjoying the warmth of fellowship!

Lectio Divina is a popular spirituality exercise and an easy form of prayer to do with others or by oneself. It's a practice of reading the Scriptures and letting God speak to you through the Word.

The men's lectio group will kick off this month on August 8th, and then both men's and women's groups will start to meet regularly on the 1st Monday of each month, starting in September.

RSVP in the link: <u>https://forms.gle/1myPBeMUZ3gT5vHG7</u>

When: First Monday of the month, 7:30pm - 9:00pm (men start 8 August, then men and women meet on 1st Monday from September onwards)
Who: 18-35 year olds
Where: Men's Sessions | Joseph House, Willoughby Women's Sessions | TBC

RSVP:https://forms.gle/1myPBeMUZ3gT5vHG7

or see the Facebook Event for more details!



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Weekday Mass Mon-Sat: 8.00am

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

Emergency Priest Contact

Fr Raul ph: 0450 115 099 Fr Alex ph: 0432 947 245

PARISH OFFICE 23 Byron Street Wyong Phone: 02 4352 1011 Po Box 385 Wyong 2259 OFFICE HOURS: Mon to Thurs 9.30am to 2.30pm & Fri 9.30am to 12pm

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KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS *Prayer: The most valuable gift you can give someone.*

ŠICK: 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, Margaret Hobbs, Christine, Jacqui Stacey, Josie Campbell, Carol Dafter, Dave Rodney, Gwen Dwyer, Helen Waters, Rod & Pauline Cornwell, Marie & Peter Rheinberger, Hannah Hopwood, Fay King, Joan Mabbutt, Irene Dainty, John Cornwell, Eoin, Paula.

RECENTLY DECEASED: John Edward Dwyer, Len Miller, John Baxter.

ANNIVERSARY AUGUST: Lucy Smith, Ruth & Cecil Booth

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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

> 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 Cecilia's 9.30am Mass Sunday 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 02 4388 2938

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9 AUGUST



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PEOPLE CAN ATTEND ALL SESSIONS, THE ONES THEY NEED TO COMPLETE FOR FULL AUTHORISATION, OR THE ONES THAT MIGHT INTEREST THEM.



16 AUGUST



LESSON PLANNING: TEACHING THE AUTHORISED CURRICULUM

30 AUGUST



6 SEPTEMBER

DEVELOPMENT OF THE CHILD AND ADOLESCENT



CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT

13 SEPTEMBER INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE





Taking the Gospel to the World

20 SEPTEMBER Lesson Planning: Using Digital Resources

REGISTER NO LATER THAN 1 WEEK PRIOR TO EACH SESSION REGISTRATIONS VIA EMAIL REGISTRATIONS@BBCATHOLIC.ORG.AU

COURSE HANDOUTS AND ZOOM LINK WILL BE EMAILED TO YOU CLOSE TO THE TRAINING DATE





Thinking about World Youth Day 2023? Bishop Anthony Randazzo is inviting young people of the Diocese to join him on an experience of a lifetime.

Go on pilgrimage to Italy to see the homes and sites of the saints, and on to Lisbon, Portugal to join youth from around the world for WYD23. Check out the CYBB WYD website for further information and subscribe to join the mailing list to start your journey.

Check out the CYBB WYD website! WYD Lisbon 2023 - Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay (bbwyd.org.au)

Safeguarding Message

The protection of children and vulnerable adults within our Diocese will be achieved as every member of our community strives to be a person who LISTENS to others with an open heart and mind, and responds well so that concerns and risks may be identified early and addressed.

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 Joanne. Individual mobile numbers are on the back of the bulletin.

or email wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au

KNOWING JESUS DAILY DEVOTIONAL VIDEOS starting Monday 15 August

Join us as we seek to dive deep into the life of Jesus to expand our understanding of who He is and help us live and become more like Him.

This FREE Daily Devotional series Knowing Jesus, is presented by Bruce Downes who is also known as The Catholic Guy. People have registered to receive our prayerful, inspirational resources in every state of the USA and in over 180 countries around the world by both Church attenders and those who are searching.

What people have said about the Daily Devotional Videos:

At the age of sixty odd, I WISH there was someone who had explained all of this to us the way you are Bruce. Perhaps as younger people we would have had a much deeper walk with God and not just going through the motions year after year. Thank you for following what God has sent you to do. God bless you all. - Lynne

I thank the Lord for you! You kept me from suicide and put my feet back on the narrow path. Every day, you give us a small do-able bite, or invitation to grow. These bites turn out to be foundational and so strengthening! Keep up the good work. Keep praying for America! - Vicki

Bruce, I have listened to Bishops, Billy Graham, and many other theologians over decades. Today's message was as important as any I have been privileged to hear. - Barry

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