

PARISH BULLETIN, 21ST MARCH 2021

WYONG CATHOLIC PARISH

ST CECILIA'S CHURCH & ST JOHN FISHER MASS CTR

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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*

PARISH LENTEN PREPARATION ST CECILIA'S CHURCH

Friday evenings in Lent 6.30pm Stations of the Cross. Please join us, as we prayerfully walk the Way of the Cross (Pope Benedict XVI version)

2nd Rite Reconciliation Wednesday 24th March 6pm

Fifth Sunday Of Lent

HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES 2021

Reconciliation 2nd Rite

St Cecilia's Church 6pm Wednesday 24th March

Reconciliation 1st Rite

St John Fisher Mass Ctr

27th March Saturday Vigil

Reconciliation following the 5pm Mass

28th March Sunday

Reconciliation following the 5pm Mass

Holy Thursday

1st April

Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
(Reconciliation will be available)

Good Friday

2nd April

Mass of the Last Supper

St John Fisher Tumby 7pm

Stations of the Cross

St Cecilia's Wyong 10am

St John Fisher Tumby 10am

The Lord's Passion

St Cecilia's Wyong 3pm

St John Fisher Tumby 3pm

Holy Saturday

3rd April

763 734 to book your attendance.

Easter Vigil Mass

Please message or call Jo 0424

St Cecilia's Wyong 7pm

Easter Sunday

4th April

message or call Jo 0424 763734 to book your attendance.

Mass of the Resurrection

St Cecilia's Wyong Please

7.30am & 9.30am

St John Fisher Tumby
8.30am & 5pm

EASTER CEREMONIES

After discussions with Fr Raul, Fr Alex, The Parish Liturgy Committee and the Parish Pastoral Council, it has been decided to continue with the same format used the last 3 years for our Easter ceremonies;

Holy Thursday service in our Parish will take place at Tumby Umbi only, and that the Easter Saturday Vigil service will take place at Wyong only.

This allows the opportunity for the whole parish to come together as one on these two significant occasions and allows our priests the opportunity of concelebrating Mass on the feast of the institution of the priesthood (Holy Thursdays Mass of the Last Supper) and the Mass which many regard as being the most symbolic in our liturgical year (The Easter Saturday Vigil).

Good Friday and Easter Sunday services will still take place at both Tumby and Wyong as per previous years.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

GOSPEL REFLECTION JOHN 12:20-30

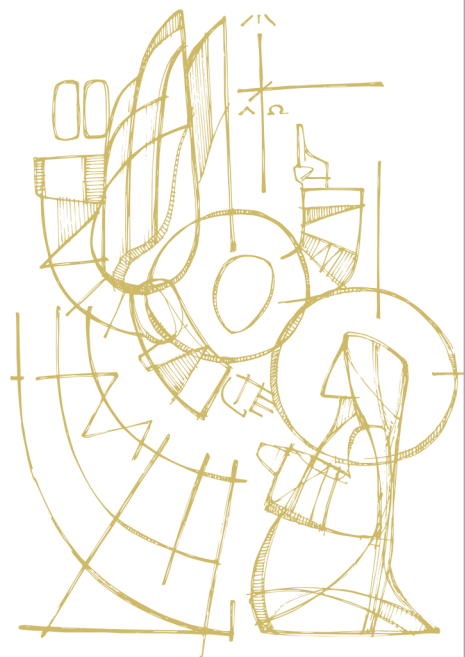
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A powerful scene at the beginning of Jesus' Passion is the Agony in the Garden, recorded in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. John's Gospel does not record the Agony in the Garden. However, biblical scholars describe today's Gospel as the 'agony' scene in John. Jesus tells two of his disciples that his soul is troubled, and that he is ready to cry out to the Father, 'save me from this hour!'

In John's account, some Greeks who want to see Jesus arrive at the very moment he is experiencing his agony. And I believe that in some way these Greeks are the answer to Jesus' prayer to be saved from the anguish of his hour. Jesus cannot dwell on what awaits him; their cry reminds him that there are people who need him, who need his saving love. The whole purpose of his being lifted on the cross is to draw all people to himself – all people, Jews and Greeks alike.

When we feel that our own troubles are getting too great, we can share our feelings with others as Jesus did. Like Jesus we can also cry out, 'Father save me from this hour!' Our good God will save us, probably not by solving our problems, but by helping us to hear the cries of others who need us, the cries of those who are less fortunate than we are. Remarkably, responding to their needs will bring healing peace to our life as well.



ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD SOLEMNITY

Please join Fr Raul and Fr Alex for Mass 8am at St Cecilia's Church and St John Fisher Mass Ctr.

Gospel Lk 1:26-38

Reflection *Reproduced from God's Word 2021: Daily Reflections, published by St Pauls Publications, Strathfield*

Today, as we reflect on the 'yes' that Mary freely gave to God's invitation to be the mother of the Saviour, we can also reflect on the 'yes' that we have given in our lives. Significantly, as Mary learned, one 'yes' never lasts a lifetime but must be repeated many times over as circumstances change. Mary had to repeat her 'yes' during Jesus' public ministry as she struggled to understand his words and actions, and as she witnessed the violent opposition that was growing towards him. She had to repeat her 'yes' at his crucifixion and when he was taken down from the cross and placed in her arms. And again, when she was praying with the disciples in the Upper Room as they awaited the coming of the Spirit. May Mary help us to faithfully repeat our 'yes' to God and to people entrusted to us, in the everchanging circumstances of our lives.



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Easter Fundraising Stall this weekend at St Cecilia's Church Masses

Lots of home made Easter goodies...

Please support the parish fundraising stall this weekend all Masses at St Cecilia's Church.

LEGION OF MARY

Acies Ceremony (personal consecration to Our Lady) will be held after 8am Mass 25th March. All Welcome

ROSARY MARIANE MOVEMENT of Priest Cenacle will be held Tuesdays after 8am Mass followed by Divine Mercy instead of 2pm.

PALM SUNDAY CROSSES

All are welcome to come and help make our Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday Masses. **Wednesday 24th March at 11am in the Parish Centre.**

Morning Tea will be provided please bring your own lunch. Also if anyone has any palms that would be suitable to decorate our Churches for Palm Sunday could you please speak to Fr Raul or Fr Alex otherwise please contact the Parish Office.

Amoris Laetitia Family Year 2021-2022

On Friday 19 March, 2021, Pope Francis will launch the year "*Amoris Laetitia Family*" which will conclude on 26 June, 2022, on the occasion of the X World Meeting of Families in Rome. Celebrating five years since the publication of the apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*, the Pope is calling for the upcoming year to be dedicated to giving thanks once more for the beauty and joy of love in the family, and to spend time reflecting on the themes of the apostolic exhortation. Each month the Holy Father will issue a video explaining a chapter of *Amoris Laetitia* together with people sharing their everyday experiences of family life. The Pope has suggested ways the church can accompany families this year by developing 12 concrete pastoral proposals he has called "Walking with Families". More information can be found at www.amorislaetitia.va

Charitable Works Fund Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay Survey 2021

We invite you to complete the CWF Survey 2021. It will only take about 2-3 minutes of your time.

Listening to our parish community is important and we would love to know more about you and what you value most about CWF. Your feedback will help us better serve the community, plan our priorities and how to communicate with you more effectively.

The survey is open to all parishioners in the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay. Closing date for responses is **Wednesday 7 April 2021.**

The online CWF survey can be found here - www.surveymonkey.com/r/CWF2021

We take your privacy seriously, and please be assured your answers are confidential. If you require a physical copy of the survey, please call David Armstrong 02 8379 1664 with your contact details.

Your support and generosity are gratefully appreciated and makes a huge difference to those we serve. May Christ be with you during the Lenten season.

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.

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ST CECILIA'S CHURCH

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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

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

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Anointing of the Sick First Friday of the Month

St Cecilia's During 8.00am

& 11.30am Mass and

St John Fisher During 9.15am Mass

St Barnabas, Yarramalong

1st Sun of month 11am (4th April)

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 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 7 to 8pm

Catechist Meeting

Liturgy Meeting

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

PPC Secretary; Kerry Bugden
ph 4388 2938

Social Justice Meeting

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE

KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS

Prayer: The most valuable gift you can give someone.

SICK: Len Miller, Harriet Powell, Danae Roe, Peter Ford, Harry Hall, Michael Briggs, Christine Heffernan, Jennese Thompson, Leeann Hazelton, Catherine Amey, Bernadette Kiely, Steve Durnford, Ann Durnford, Maureen Mulheron, Angela Watts, William Martin, Terence (Ted) Dafter, Finn McConnon, Margaret Hobbs, Christine, John Baxter, Joey Moloney, Noel Muir, Jacqui Stacey, Josie Campbell, Frank Costa,

RECENTLY DECEASED: Victor Gibbs,

ANNIVERSARY MARCH: Reg Preston, Manuela Anisco, Raquel Cabiles, Anne Badge, Patricia Mutton, Trevelhne Sonter, Fr Tito Ayo, SOLT, Angelita Tabije, Rita Muscat, Margaret Leslie, Michael Conneely, Barbara Brigoli, Najividad Dieta, Jim Fagan, May McAndrew.

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
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FIRST READING JEREMIAH 31:31-34 (YEAR B)

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive - it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest - it is the Lord who speaks - since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

PS 50:3-4, 12-15 (YEAR B)

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

SECOND READING HEBREWS 5:7-9 (YEAR B)

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

JOHN 12:26 (YEAR B)

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

JOHN 12:20-30 (YEAR B)

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them: 'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!'

A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.'

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.'

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

***Vox Episcopi* - The Voice of the Bishop**

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo - Bishop of Broken Bay - 16 March 2021

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The community of the Church has been present in our part of the world since the early settlers explored the Aboriginal lands to the North of Port Jackson in the late 18th Century. They eventually crossed the Hawkesbury and ventured further North beyond the area that is said to have been named Broken Bay by Captain Cook in 1770.

This year we will celebrate 35 years as the Diocesan family of Broken Bay. Compared to over 200 years of European settlement, and thousands of years of Indigenous life and culture, 35 years sounds miniscule. And of course, as a chronological timeline, it is. However, our community of the Church is not merely defined by Chronos or chronological time, as a community of disciples of Jesus Christ, we are primarily people of the Lord's time or Kairos. As such, I am delighted to call us together as one community of the Church so that we might reflect upon the past, celebrate the present, and look with hope to the future. This edition of Broken Bay Neighbourhoods has been prepared with our BB35 celebrations in mind. I trust that you will find it informative and that it will be a source of stimulation for hearts and minds committed to the mission of Evangelisation as well as enriching our identity as sisters and brothers of our Lord Jesus Christ.

BB35 also incorporates the universal themes of Saint Joseph and the Family, established by Pope Francis for this year. Our BB35 logo, which you will see on flyers and banners throughout the year, draws together the local and universal dimensions of our Catholic community and emphasises that there is one Body of Christ, one Church.

I have been delighted to receive feedback regarding our Broken Bay Lenten program. The feedback has not just been about the content, it has extended also to the positive and inclusive way that people around the diocese have been able to participate. Again, the creative genius of many of our communities has meant that a vast variety of people have connected with each other and with the community of the Church. Thank you to all who have taken up the program as a way of probing the mystery of faith this Lent. I am pleased also that the Lenten program has allowed so many to discover more about the six priorities for our community of the Church that I wrote about in my Pastoral Letter.

The Season of Lent is a marvellous time to discover and rediscover the forgiveness and mercy of God. Our priests have ensured that the sacrament of Reconciliation is available during Lent, and they will be offering opportunities for the sacrament in these weeks leading up to Holy Week. The sacrament of forgiveness is a great way to prepare for Easter, and I would encourage men and women, young and old, to prepare for and celebrate this sacrament.

Some people, for one reason or another, are so burdened by memories of sin that they lose themselves in the shadows of darkness. The consequence is that they find it difficult or traumatic to approach the sacrament. It can play out in their scrupulosity, and consequently they can repeatedly confess the same sins, always hoping but never really believing in God's merciful love. I would like to offer this short prayer that I have written and hope that it may be of assistance to anyone who carries the burden of fear or sin.

Prayer for Healing of Memory

God, the Father of mercies, with confidence, I pray, that in your love you would heal and purify the memory of my sin. Free me from the distraction of past sin and the burden of guilt, and in your mercy pour your Spirit into my mind and heart so that with dignity I may live life to the full as your (daughter or son). Through Christ Jesus, your Son, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and for ages unending. Amen.

Being reconciled to God, to others and with ourselves, is a joy made real in the Holy Spirit. I would like to encourage all members of the faithful, brothers and sisters of the Lord, to approach our celebration of Easter with this joy and with a deep trust and hope in God.

Last Easter we were unable to gather as we normally do for the Paschal Feast. It is my hope that we will be able to gather more 'normally' this year, after last Easter and the Christmas restrictions which we all felt so acutely. By a separate letter I share guidelines as to how best we might enter our liturgies through Holy Week and Easter. We give God thanks for the way in which we have been spared the trauma of so many other places and that the situation is as controlled here as it is. Whilst it is important that we retain our sense of COVID responsibility, it is also important now that we return to a liturgical and pastoral practice as close as possible to 'normal'.

This week is full of important markers and feasts: 500 years of Christianity for the Filipinos, St Patrick's Feast Day, St Joseph's Feast Day. On Friday, 19 March this week, I will be installing and blessing a timber statue of Saint Joseph in our Cathedral. I commissioned this statue as my gift to you and I offer it in memory of my parents, Colin Randazzo and Caterina Di Losa, who are both recently deceased. I hope that you will find the image of Saint Joseph, which will be placed alongside Mother Mary and the child Jesus, a source of spiritual strength and devotion as well as an inspiration for Christian virtue and family life.

May these final days of Lent be rich in blessings for you and your families.

Saint Joseph, pray for us. +Anthony