OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE YEAR B PARISH BULLETIN, 21st November 2021

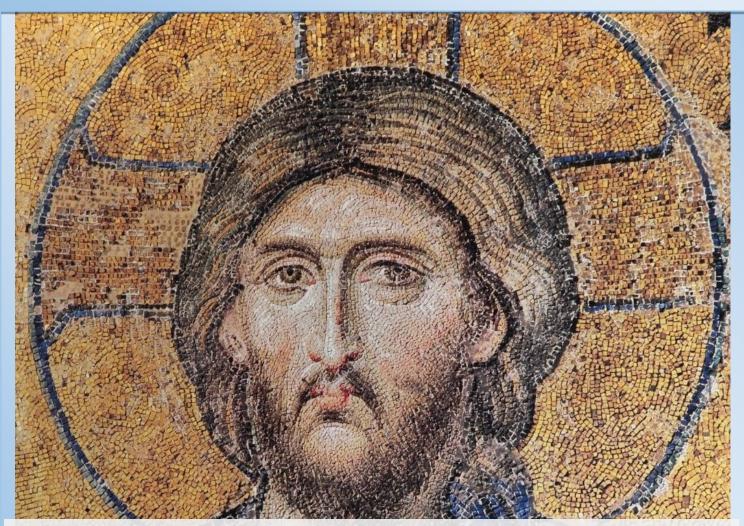
Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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 NOVEMBER John 18 33-37

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The last Sunday of the Church's Year celebrates the universal kingship of Christ, with encouraging and hope-filled readings! Daniel reminds us that Christ's sovereignty and empire are eternal and everlasting. The psalm affirms our king's trustworthiness is forever. The second reading assures us that Jesus Christ loves us and calls us to service. Before reading the Gospel, pause a moment to imagine Jesus in the harrowing hours before he faced Pilate: being arrested, knowing he'd been betrayed by his companions; being struck, bound and dragged before the ruling authority because the Jewish leaders feared how he stood with and for the people. Coming to today's Gospel, Pilate asks Jesus a question which seems out of 'left field': 'Are you the king of the Jews?' When Jesus affirms this, we learn what kingship means to him. We are blessed to be 'subjects' of the king who does not choose power for the sake of power over' and does not seek possessions or fame. Jesus desires only to empower the hearts of those he loves with truth ("I am the truth', John 14: 6) while asking that we bear witness to the truth and listen to his voice. In doing this, we live enabled by our king who is Love.

Prayer:

King Collect for Christ the Almighty and merciful God, you break the power of evil and make all things new in your Son Jesus Christ, the King of the universe. May all in heaven and earth acclaim your glory and never cease to praise you. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen

November Month of Remembrance

It is customary for us to acknowledge All Souls in November.

Book of Remembrance (Memorial) in the parish will be put up near the Sanctuary of St Cecilia's Church from All Souls Day and will remain throughout November.

NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS

There are envelopes available for you to write the names of your beloved deceased. Please put the envelopes into the special box near the sanctuary or into our weekend collection baskets. All Masses in November will be offered for our departed brothers and sisters.

Christmas Stall

ST JOHN FISHER

On the 28th/29th November at Saturday 5pm and Sunday 8.30am Masses, Rae will be running a Christmas Stall.

All money raised will be going towards our Pastoral Works quota. There will be some wonderful Christmas gift ideas and stocking fillers.

Parish Finance update for the year ending *30 June 2021*

Total income for the year has dropped to \$101,574 (from \$126,824) last year) mostly due to a decrease in second collections. Total Expenses for the year have decreased to \$136,923 (from \$147,652) last year). Much of this decrease relates to cost reductions in repairs and Pastoral programmes. Whilst this should have left our Parish with an operating shortfall we are fortunate that government assistance (e.g. Jobkeeper subsidy) has enabled our parish to remain with a surplus of \$25,197.

As always, new Parishioners are encouraged to join our planned giving programme and existing Parishioners are also encouraged to review their pledges. Please contact the Parish office for more information. Keep an eye out for the Broken Bay Parish Giving app which allows you to set up regular contributions to our parish first and second collections without the need for physical money (eg notes & coins)

As you know, November is the month in which we pray for the deceased. This is a timely reminder to our parishioners that by leaving a gift to "Wyong Catholic Parish" in your Will, you will leave a legacy of faith. A legacy to help ensure that the mission and pastoral outreach (that has been important to you, your family and friends) will continue both for today's needs and into the future.

Thank you for your continued support of our Parish. Joe Cesca

Chairman of the Parish Finance Committee

Christmas Get together

On Friday 17th December at St John Fisher Hall, a special get together is being organised for our parish this year, in particular, this Christmas get together has special significance, as with the easing of COVID restrictions we can once again join together, renew friendships face-to-face and celebrate.



All parishioners and family members are invited and are most welcome.

The Christmas dinner will commence at 6pm with a meal (barbecue, meats, salads and sweets) followed by Christmas carols.

For catering purposes, it is essential you text or phone Jo on 0424 763 734 and register your attendance.

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Sisters of Charity Raffle

1st Prize Red 91 Robyn Lloyd 2nd Prize Green 100 Elizabeth McVie 3rd Prize Green 96 Maureen Dopp The Sum of \$720.00 was raised, which will be shared between Missionary Sisters of Charity at Katherine, Alice Springs and Orange. Thank kindly for your wonderful support. Marie Dyer.

IMPORTANT

It is essential that anyone visiting our churches use the QR code to register their visit, sanitize, and always wear a mask.

From Monday 8 November until 15 December, or NSW reaches a 95% double vaccination rate, the following will apply:

- Density limits for places of worship will be 1 person per 2 square meters.
- Electronic sign-in is mandatory by one of the following methods:
- o An individual using their device to check in with the venue's **QR Code**
- o Welcomers assist those without their own device by checking them in via the **Service NSW** webform . This webform allows for:
- + manual sign-in by typing in the individual's details or
- + scanning their COVID check-in card.
- Singing and dancing by unvaccinated congregants is not allowed in indoor areas. Although singing and dancing by vaccinated congregants are now allowed, we will continue to discourage congregational singing until the whole congregation can sing.
- Face masks remain mandatory.
- We will continue to postpone face-to-face gatherings in parish facilities other than the Place of Worship until after 15 December, or we reach a 95% double vaccination rate.

Red Wednesday is an annual event to remember and pray for all who are persecuted and oppressed for their Christian faith. Churches and public buildings around the world will light up in red to show solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Red Wednesday is an initiative of Aid to the Church in Need.

The Diocese of Broken Bay will mark this occasion with a Red Wednesday Mass. Details are as follows:

Date: Wednesday 24 November 2021

Time: 7:30pm Mass

Venue: Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church, 94 Archer St Chatswood Celebrant: Fr David Ranson VG

Registration for the Mass is essential. Please register at www.bbcatholic.org.au/redwednesday

The Mass will also be live streamed, and can be accessed from this webpage.

Take a prayer card from the back of the church to join in prayer for Christians persecuted around the world. Please consider supporting the work of Aid to the Church in Need at https://aidtochurch.org/

Parish Fundraiser with Environmental Benefits

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

From October 2019 when we started Recycling bottles we have raised \$2658.00 Please keep them coming.......

- Cans (e.g. soft drinks)
- Bottles (e.g. beer bottles)
- Cartons
- Juice boxes or poppers



ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS APPEAL:

Our Christmas appeal will be held over the next 3 weekends. The SVDP Wishing Well will be at the back of the church for you to fill.

Each hamper needs tinned ham, Christmas Cake & pudding, custard as well as basics such as cereal, bicscuits, pasta & sauce etc. We are also seeking donations of Coles/Woolworths gift eards as well as cash donations. Whatever you can donate will be greatly appreciated. Many thanks for your continued support.



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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

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

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

Fri 9.30am to 12pm
PARISH CONTACTS

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Assistant Priest Fr Alex Barnedo, SOLT ph:0432 947 245

Parish Coordinator Jo Helm ph: 0424 763 734 (Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri)

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Parish Secretary Helen Bath ph:4352 1011 (Wed & Thurs)

PARISH EMAIL: wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au **PARISH WEBSITE:** https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/wyong/ **FACEBOOK:** www.facebook.com/wyongcatholicparish

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

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, Jacqui Stacey, Josie Campbell, Carol Dafter, Dave Rodney, Gwen Dwyer, Helen Waters, Rove Varman, Rod & Pauline Cornwell, Marie & Peter Rheinberger

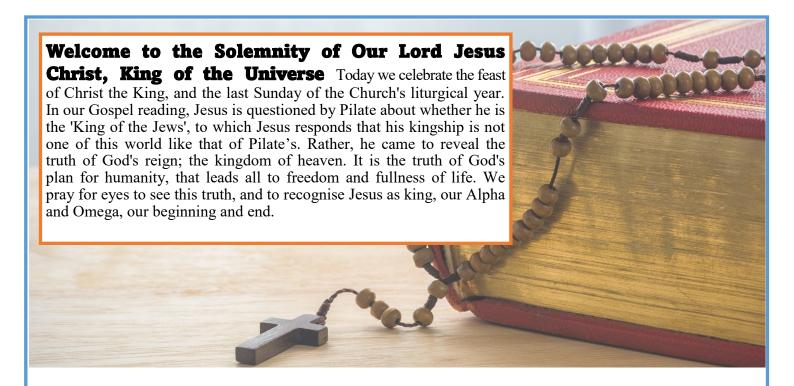
RECENTLY DECEASED: Catherine Connely, Frank Costa, Maria Galea, Dennis Booth, Patrick Smyth, Gerard Byrne, Tony Pilay,

Anniversary November: Ron Mahoney, Bill Cullinan

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Sunday Mass 21st November 2021 THE LITURGY OF THE WORD Reproduced from Liturgia

FIRST READING DANIEL 7:13-14

I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire be destroyed.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 92:1-2, 5

R. The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed; the Lord has robed himself with might, he has girded himself with power. R.

The world you made firm, not to be moved; your throne has stood firm from of old. From all eternity, O Lord, you are. R.

Truly your decrees are to be trusted. Holiness is fitting to your house, O Lord, until the end of time. R.

SECOND READING REVELATION 1:5-8

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION MARK 11:9, 10

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL JOHN 18:33-37

Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'



Parish Giving Broken Bay is a new digital App for the Catholic community in Broken Bay, which offers pastoral features and giving options to your local Parish.

With the dash towards digital and contactless engagement, the App is modern, straightforward and easy to use, and offers the ability to:

- **give** regular weekly offerings to your parish community
- see readings of the day;
- find Mass times and locations
- **discover** Catholic news highlights.

As you might know, collections are a major source of funds for Parish mission and ministry. With the ability to easily set up Giving to your Parish, the new App offer a fantastic way for parishioners to support at a time when envelopes and cash are increasingly less common.

The App is available on desktops or mobile phones from www.bbcatholic.org.au/parishgiving.

Alternatively, search for "Parish Giving Broken Bay" where the App can be download from your mobile store.

Please do take a few moments to check out and download today!





November 2021 Appeal

St Edmund's College is one of the five beneficiaries of Pastoral Works Broken Bay.

The College supports 120 students with disabilities such as intellectual, sensory impairment or autism, providing skills and experience for them to fully engage in life.

Your generous donations help with vital fee assistance to families in our Catholic community so that their children can access the services offered by St Edmund's.

Watch the attached short film to see the amazing impact your donations support https://youtu.be/3r5BE26o2H4.

To donate, complete the collection envelope in your parish, or visit www.bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks.

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.















PARISH FUNDRAISING

Rae has been very busy during lockdown and has made these beautiful coat hangers -- they are in packs of two for \$10 -- presented in cellophane. She also has some singles for \$5 each.

Rae also has quantity of these musical jewellery boxes - four colours -- fraction of the original price selling for \$5 each

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.

- Many parishioners assist us by donating to our plan giving program via automatic credit card donations weekly or monthly.
- As we are becoming a more cashless society we ask you to please consider this option. If you wish to donate by credit card, please complete the attached credit card form or call Jo in the parish office on 0424 763 734. You can also give by credit card over the phone.
- For parishioners who would like to continue using plan giving envelopes, for your convenience, you are welcome to use the credit card option on the back of the plan giving envelopes.

Or you can make your donation directly into our bank account:

1ST COLLECTION; Society of Our Lady of The Most Holy Trinity (SOLT)

BSB 062 195 Account 10229389

2ND COLLECTION; Wyong Catholic Parish

BSB 062 784 Account 13528001





CatholicCare Psychologist available now

CatholicCare is our social services agency in the Diocese. Psychologist Mary McMullen has capacity to take on new clients, and is available for Medicare rebates, Victims Services (VOC) and NDIS. She also can bulk bill depending on circumstance. Mary has a particular interest in working with clients living with anxiety and depression, PTSD and a range of mental health disorders relating to trauma. Mary is experienced in working with both adolescents and adults having worked in child protection, community mental health, parenting programs as well as in private practice. Right now Mary is providing telehealth sessions during lockdown, moving back to face -to-face appointments when safe to do so. For more information or to book an appointment call 1800 324 924 or visit www.catholiccaredbb.org.au.



Divine Renovation Australasia Virtual Conference 2021

Join the team from Divine Renovation Australasia for a time of prayer, live keynotes, inspiring panel sessions and more in this online Conference.

Moving from a model of maintenance to one of mission can be a challenging venture, and change does not take place overnight. Hear live keynotes from **Fr James Mallon** and **Dr Ralph Martin**, as well as stories of parishes on the Divine Renovation journey and the amazing ways the Holy Spirit moves and impacts the lives of priests, parishioners and the communities around us. Come and be inspired and equipped for the work of parish renewal, along with many others from parishes and dioceses around Australia and New Zealand.

All Clergy, PPC members, ministry leaders and interested parishioners are encouraged to attend. The conference will be relevant to all, whether or not you may be familiar with the Divine Renovation Ministry.

Date: Saturday 20 November 2021

Time: 9:00am - 12:30pm

Free registration at: https://www.divinerenovation.org/dr-aus-called-to-discipleship-conference

Enquiries: Pina Bernard pina.bernard@bbcatholic.org.au or 0432 682 239



WORLD YOUTH DAY

This year World Youth Day will be held on Sunday 21st November! Previously celebrated each year on Palm Sunday, the Holy Father has changed the annual celebration to the last Sunday of the liturgical year, being the feast of Christ the King. Watch this space and Catholic Youth Broken Bay for more information relating to World Youth Day this year and in the future!

"He is our king. He desires ardently to rule our hearts, because we are children of God." – St. Josemaria Escriva