

W E L C O M E

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*

22ND OCTOBER 2023 TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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)

An Urgent Prayer for Peace

God of compassion,
We turn to you with heavy hearts
As we consider the needs of your family.
Israelis and Palestinians, we are all your
people,
Each of us loved by You
And called to live in peace and justice.
We lament the dreadful loss of life,
Destruction of property and loss of human
dignity.
We are pained by so much suffering.
We beg you to bring healing to this ancient
place.
Help your people find a way forward.
Enable everyone to look each other in the
eye,
And embrace each other as sisters and
brothers,
As they find your image in every face.
We ask that courage and grace
Will help create a wiser and more gentle
future,
Where everyone has a home.
God of wisdom, come to our aid.
Amen.

By Michael McGirr / Caritas Australia



Appealing for peace in the Holy Land, Pope Francis is expressing concern for the humanitarian situation in Gaza, calling on all parties to lay down their weapons and all Christians to pray and fast on 27 October for peace.

Please Join us on the 27th of October between 5pm – 6pm for an hour of Prayer and Adoration

Reflection 22.10.2023 Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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In the ancient world it was not uncommon for rulers to describe themselves as gods, claiming to have certain divine powers and qualities. The people of Israel would never allow their rulers to be called gods. There is only one God, the Lord. Their faith is expressed in today's psalm: 'The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods (pagan rulers). The gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens.'

The people of Israel were, however, tolerant of pagan rulers calling themselves gods. They saw these rulers as having a subordinate role in God's governance of the world. Through them God's will could be accomplished among the peoples. A good example was Cyrus, the Persian king mentioned in today's first reading, whom the Jews saw as God's chosen instrument to liberate them from their exile in Babylon.

In our own day the leaders of nations have the power to effect good and promote the values of the kingdom of God. Not all leaders do this but there are many who strive to exercise wise and just leadership. There need not be an unbridgeable gulf between civil governance and the governance of God. In fulfilling our obligations toward the State, we can in fact be promoting the values of the kingdom of God. Respecting legitimate temporal authority is one means of paying homage to God, the only One whom all praise and honor are due.

November Month of Remembrance

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

“It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins.”
2 Maccabees 12.46

Our Book of Remembrance (Memorial) 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 boxes near the sanctuary in both Churches. All Masses in November will be offered for our departed brothers and sisters.



Catholic Mission Weekend 22nd October

This week Catholic Mission will offer the opportunity to be part of a life-changing program which aims to address gaps in medical care, and provide families with essential health care and knowledge, equipping them with the confidence to act and autonomy over their health and well-being.

The Maria Auxiliadora Clinic is a vital project for the Salesian Sisters and the Church in Venilale. Since its establishment, the clinic has provided life-saving treatment for families in need, like Petrolina’s, whose daughter Vitoria was found to have tuberculosis. But, with an increase in the demand for treatment, the Sisters resources can only carry them so far.

Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/timor, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

THANK YOU, ST. CECILIA & ST JOHN FISHER.

In the last 40 years the Sisters of St Joseph have made up to \$500,000 from stamps. They are checked, collated, sorted and sold in auctions to collectors here and overseas. Our Parish has contributed much, by giving old stamps, stamp albums and forgotten collections. Before Christmas 2020 we sent in a large package and followed up with another one about Easter. All were very welcome! By continuing, we are helping the Sisters to make money for their Missions. Please continue to save and ask family, friends and neighbours to save as well. Old coins and postcards are welcome too. P.S. With Christmas coming up the Christmas stamps are sought eagerly by overseas investors, so please remember to save them. **There are boxes in the back of both churches to receive your donations.**

Patricia McCarthy

250 Club Update

THANK YOU FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING SUPPORT

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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21/22nd Oct	Weekly	49	Libby & Mike Gleeson	47	Paul Flynn

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Sunday Mass 22nd October 2023

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 95:1, 3-5, 7-10

R. Give the Lord glory and honour.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Philippians 2:15-16

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;

you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 22:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites!

Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he

replied, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's,' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar - and to God what belongs to God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Safeguarding in our Parish means....

We the people of Wyong Catholic Parish are committed to fostering a community of safety and care for all people, especially for children and others in the community who are vulnerable.

Our commitment is underscored by our faith in Jesus Christ.



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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, 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 5pm 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 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

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

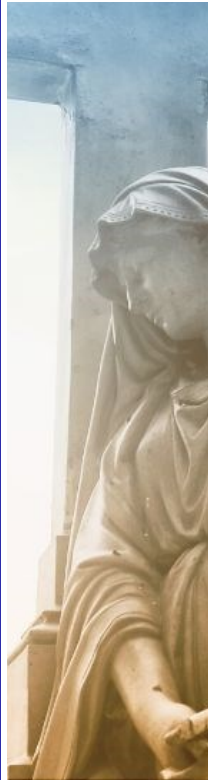
KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS

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, William Martin, Terence (Ted) Dafter, Finn McConnon, Christine, Jacqui Stacey, Josie Campbell, Dave, Rodney, Gwen Dwyer, Helen Waters, Rod & Pauline Cornwell, Marie Rheinberger, Hannah Hopwood, Joan Mabbutt, Irene Dainty, Eoin, Paula, Peter Meury, Jai Coleman, Danielle, Frank Farrugia, Betty McDermott, Marc Sabat, David Myers.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Richard Mahinay, Carol Dafter, Raymond (Ray) Baker, Fay King (Regina Preston's Aunt).

ANNIVERSARY OCTOBER: Margaret Donnoley, Frank Costa, Kerry Baldwin, Eileen Preston, James Smith.



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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.

SAFEGUARDING is everyone's responsibility



Everyone must practice **A DUTY OF CARE**. We are called to step up and speak out.

Need to be listening & watching to understand if there are any concerns and take them seriously



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**

Areté Missionary Leadership Course 2024 – Applications Now Open


Applications for the Foundations of Missionary Leadership Program are now open for 2024. The Foundations program equips people with the knowledge, skills, and values to become effective missionaries and leaders in their parishes and communities. Through an enriching curriculum and immersive experiences, students will gain a deeper understanding of their faith, the centrality of evangelisation, and leadership principles of ministry.

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Please Join Us For

High Tea

ST JOHN FISHER
SCHOOL



Friday 10am After Mass
November 10th 2023



17.10.2023

Dear Parishes,

We would appreciate you including our Gaza Crisis Appeal in your parish bulletins this week and over the coming weeks. Please adapt the following information to your layout. There is a QR code for printed bulletins. Also attached to this email is a PPT slide (standard and widescreen) to show before or after mass.

If there is anything else we can provide to help you promote this appeal, please contact Nicole Dobrohotoff nicole@caritas.org.au

Thank you for your support,

Caritas Australia

Caritas Australia’s Gaza Crisis Appeal

An estimated 1 million people have been displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter, health, and psychosocial needs.

‘This is a period of incredible turmoil and sadness. The escalation of violence has only exacerbated needs for the people in Gaza and West Bank, who already live in dire conditions. We are working with our partners on the ground to provide comprehensive and critical support to over 17,000 families affected by this devastating conflict.’
Sally Thomas, Humanitarian Lead, Caritas Australia

With your support, we will be able to help our partners on the ground to assist people displaced and affected by the current conflict.

Please donate to Caritas Australia’s Gaza Crisis Appeal.

You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone 1800 024 413

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Please join us for

Vigil of Prayer for Peace in the World

**AS WE REMEMBER ALL THOSE
EXPERIENCING CONFLICT AND SUFFERING**

7.00PM THURSDAY 19 OCTOBER 2023

**OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC CHURCH
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