

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*

23RD APRIL 2023 THIRD 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

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Road to Emmaus

Reflection 23.4.2023 Third Sunday of Easter

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Though loneliness can at times lead to desperation, it can also be the start of a journey to faith. To be lonely occasionally is a reminder that within us is a void that can be filled only by Jesus who walks with us, even if his presence is often unrecognised.

This is the symbolism of the 'journey to Emmaus'. The two disciples who walk the road to Emmaus are lonely. The week before, they saw Jesus acclaimed as king coming 'in the name of the Lord', then betrayed and crucified. Now they walk out of Jerusalem defeated, trying to understand the course of events and gather together the pieces of their lives broken by the death of their master.

In their troubled state, they do not at first recognise Jesus who joins them in their journey and explains to them that the Messiah had to suffer and die. Slowly their eyes are opened: loneliness gives way to a fire burning inside and hope finally blooms when they recognise Jesus in the 'breaking of bread' (the term early Christians used for Eucharist). Having experienced Jesus' presence, the two disciples immediately become missionaries, returning to Jerusalem to bring this good news that they know will rekindle the faith and hope of the other disciples.

Christianity does not guarantee a secure life. A Christian may sometimes feel so alone and God so distant because of unfulfilled expectations and hopes. The experience of Jesus' presence brings joy. At the same time, however, it challenges one to mission.

CONGRATULATIONS

We extend our Congratulations to **Claire Garth** who became a full member of the Catholic Church last weekend.

May God's Holy Spirit be your constant light.

St Cecilia's Church 9.15am Monday Morning Mass

There will be **NO** Monday 9.15am Mass at St Cecilia's church for the following Mondays 17th & 24th April.


The next 9.15am Mass will be Monday 1st May.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed Thursday 27th April and Thursday 4th May. Thank You

Missionary Sisters of Charity Mother's Day Raffle

This will be held at St John Fisher Tumbi on 29th/30th April and St Cecilia's Wyong on 6th/7th May. Thank you for your support.



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
and
St John Fisher Tumbi Umbi 9.15am Mass**

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Pastoral Council members for 2023 are: Steve Johnson (Chairperson), Ray Romanos (Vice-chair), Kerry Bugden (Secretary), Georgina Mastroianni (Assistant Secretary), Anne Hooley, Christine Shilling, Milva Kefu, Maureen Roast, Barbie McBride, and Yvonne Pierman.

Special thank you to Anna Atayde and Phil Bastick for their service. Anna and Phil resigned at the end of 2022.

The repairs to the windows in St Cecilia's Church will commence before the end of May. The payment from the Government is expected this week.

The next Council Meeting will be on **Tuesday 9 May** at 6:00pm. Any parishioners who have ideas, suggestions or concerns they would like raised are asked to speak to one of the Council members or our priests.

Contact can also be made by phone with PPC Secretary on 43882938 or by email at kbbugden@bigpond.com

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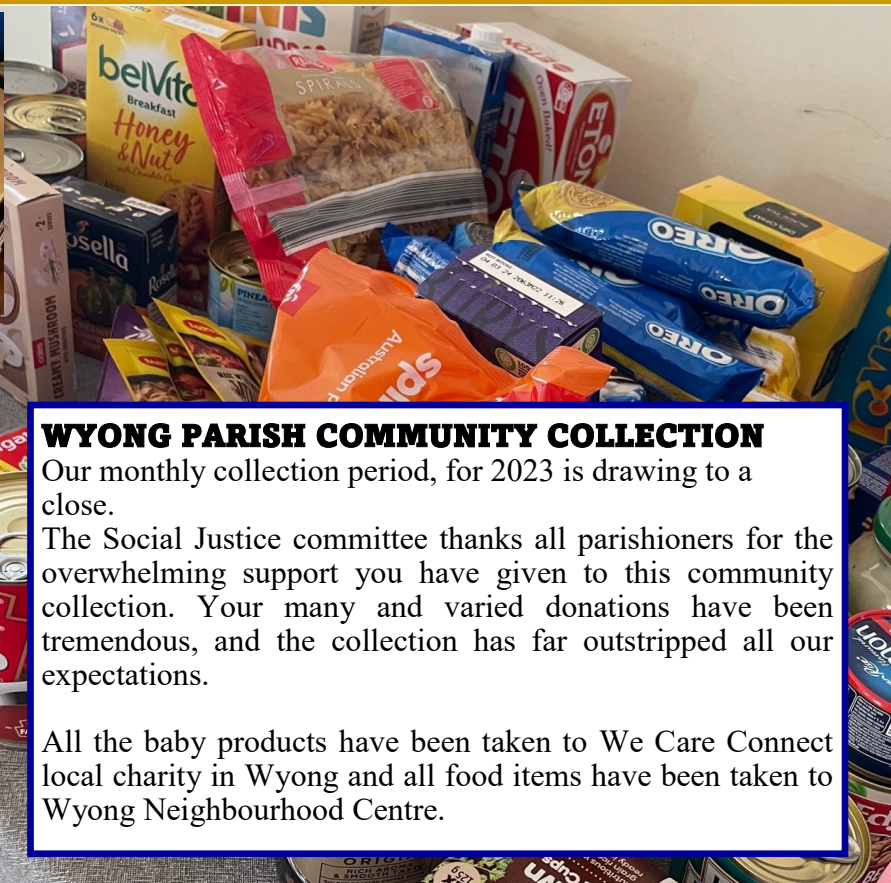
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WYONG PARISH COMMUNITY COLLECTION

Our monthly collection period, for 2023 is drawing to a close.

The Social Justice committee thanks all parishioners for the overwhelming support you have given to this community collection. Your many and varied donations have been tremendous, and the collection has far outstripped all our expectations.

All the baby products have been taken to We Care Connect local charity in Wyong and all food items have been taken to Wyong Neighbourhood Centre.

250 Club Update

THANK YOU FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING SUPPORT

250 NUMBERS SOLD! Although short of 250 when sales were finalised, generous parishioners have offered to purchase the remaining 10 tickets. The person wishes to remain anonymous.

Points to Note

Draws will be from 1/4/23 – 30/3/24. Results will be published in the Parish Bulletin weekly.

Weekly Prizes are \$50 – 1st & \$20 – 2nd

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

The Christmas Draw will be at the Christmas Function in December. Anonymous prizes will be donated to the Youth Program.

Any questions, please call **Maureen Roast 0435 245 849**

Anne Hooley 0428 149 793 Kerry Bugden 4388 2938

DATE	Type	1 ST		2 ND	
1/4/23	Weekly	188	J Bentick	66	J Roche
8/4/23	Weekly	205	D Hanrahan	196	Not for publication
15/4/23	Weekly	38	S Hodges	32	P Mooney
22/4/23	Weekly	213	Marie Fogarty	145	Joe & Jodie Cesca
29/4/23	Monthly				



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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

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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 night 5pm to 6pm

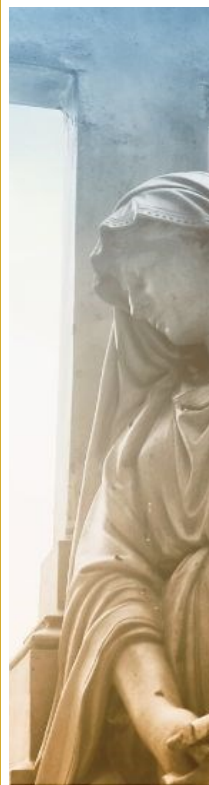
KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS

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, Margaret Hobbs, Christine, Jacqui Stacey, Josie Campbell, Carol Dafter, Dave Rodney, Gwen Dwyer, Helen Waters, Rod & Pauline Cornwell, Marie Rheinberger, Hannah Hopwood, Fay King, Joan Mabbutt, Irene Dainty, Eoin, Paula, Peter Meury, Lyn Nash, Jai Coleman, Danielle.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Margaret Hines, John Ferris, Tom O'Brien, Sr Clare Keating, Kathleen Pidgeon,

ANNIVERSARY APRIL: Aaron Collins, Kay Taylor, Leanne Smith, Leslie Smith, Beryl Moloney, Roberta (Robbie) Jones, Dominga & Eutiquio Diaz, 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 Joanne. The contact details are on the back to the Bulletin.

Sunday 23rd April 2023 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD (Year A)

First Reading Acts 2:14, 22-33

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him: I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy: my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence.'

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witness to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-11

R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Second Reading 1 Peter 1:17-21

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason - so that you would have faith and hope in God.

Gospel Acclamation of Luke 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 24:13-35

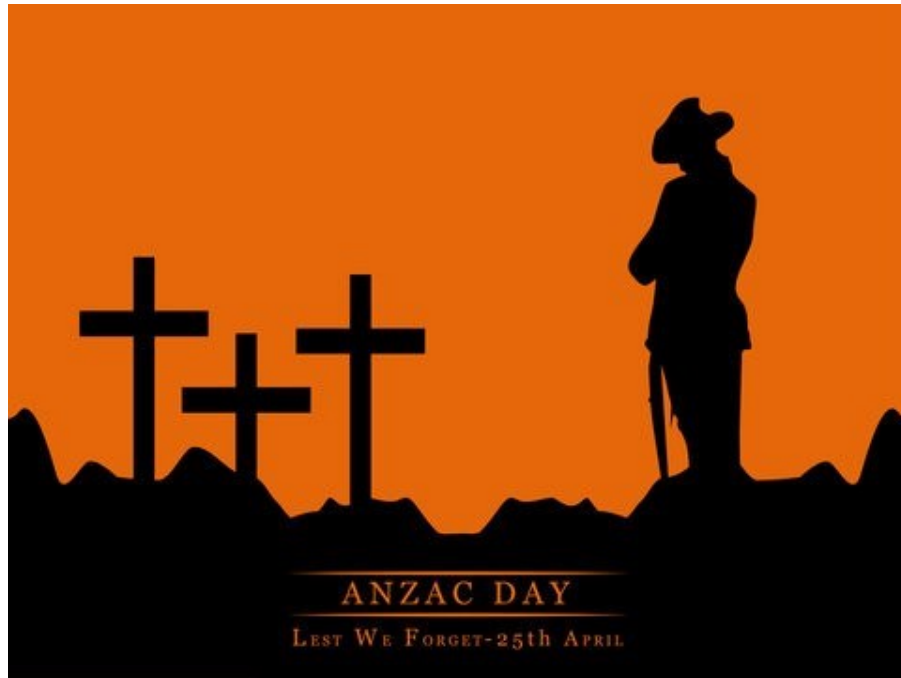
Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at the table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes it is true, The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.



Office of the Bishop

Vox Populi
19 April 2023

Service and sacrifice are words well known to the Catholic faithful. They also speak to the solemn day of commemoration we call Anzac Day.

A day of history and tradition when we honour those who fought on the Gallipoli Peninsula in WW1 and lost their lives.

With the passing of decades we have come to honour the service and sacrifice of thousands of men and women who have battled through many theatres of war, and have not returned to family and friends.

We also remember the peacekeeping missions where the same Anzac spirit has been borne-out in defence of the defenceless and the fight for freedom.

Anzac Day is an important and much loved national day. It is not about glorifying war but acknowledging our past and paying tribute to those who fought.

We pray for all those who have died or were wounded in all conflicts, and for those who are still haunted by their memories. We pray for their families and carers. We pray in gratitude and we pray for peace everywhere.

Join Bishop Anthony next Tuesday 25 April for our Anzac Day Mass of commemoration at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral at 10.30am when we pray that the service and sacrifice offered by so many has not been in vain and that their spirit may live on in us, and in generations to come.

WYONG PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2023

We are delighted that you are bringing your child to receive the Sacraments, we look forward to sharing with you and your child, this journey of faith as he/she prepares to receive this sacrament.

In Baptism, your child began a life-long journey and a way of life. At Confirmation, the graces received in Baptism were sealed with the reception of the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit. First Eucharist completes their reception of the Sacraments of Initiation into the Christian life.

The Family plays a central role in the faith formation of children, and as parents, you are your child's primary teacher as he/she develops a relationship with the person of Christ and his Church. We are also grateful to the grandparents, godparents, aunts and uncles, older siblings, other relatives, and family friends who undertake this role.

As family, friends, parish personnel, teachers, and volunteers work with the children in the activity of preparing them for the sacraments, the Holy Spirit inspires and draws them into the relationship with Christ. It is a sacred time and we encourage you to enter this process whole-heartedly with the children as they prepare to receive this sacrament.

Wyong Parish will be commencing their Sacramental Program for 2023 in February. Please contact the Parish Office on 0424 763 734 to make arrangements for your child to receive instruction for Confirmation, Reconciliation, and First Eucharist. We look forward to seeing you at the Parent information night.

RECONCILIATION FOR CHILDREN IN YEAR 4 AND ABOVE WHO HAVE COMPLETED CONFIRMATION

Parent Information night 7 pm Monday 20th February St Cecilia's Church 23 Byron Street Wyong

Enrolment Presentation weekend at all weekend Masses 25th /26th February

Children will be asked to attend Mass for the 4 weeks leading up to the Reconciliation Ceremony.

Reconciliation Ceremony Tumbi Monday 20th March 4 pm

Reconciliation Ceremony Wyong Tuesday 21st March 4 pm

CONFIRMATION FOR CHILDREN IN YEAR 3 AND ABOVE WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTISED

Parent Information night 7 pm Monday 29th May St Cecilia's Church 23 Byron Street Wyong

Enrolment Presentation weekend at all weekend Masses 3rd /4th June

Children will be asked to attend Mass for the 4 weeks leading up to the Confirmation Ceremony

Confirmation Ceremony St Peters College Saturday 15th July

FIRST EUCHARIST FOR CHILDREN IN YEAR 4 AND ABOVE WHO HAVE COMPLETED CONFIRMATION & RECONCILIATION

Parent Information night 7 pm Monday 7th August St Cecilia's Church 23 Byron Street Wyong

Enrolment Presentation weekend at all weekend Masses 12th/13th August

Children will be asked to attend Mass for the 4 weeks leading up to the First Eucharist Ceremony

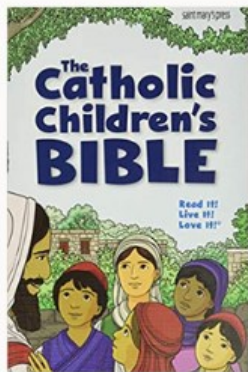
First Eucharist Ceremony Friday 8th September St John Fisher Mass Ctr 5 pm and 6.30 pm

First Eucharist Ceremony Friday 15th September St Cecilia's Church 5 pm and 6.30 pm

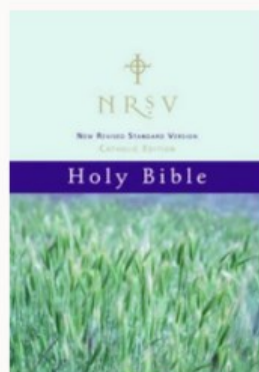
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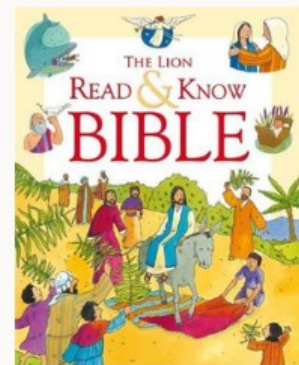
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