

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*

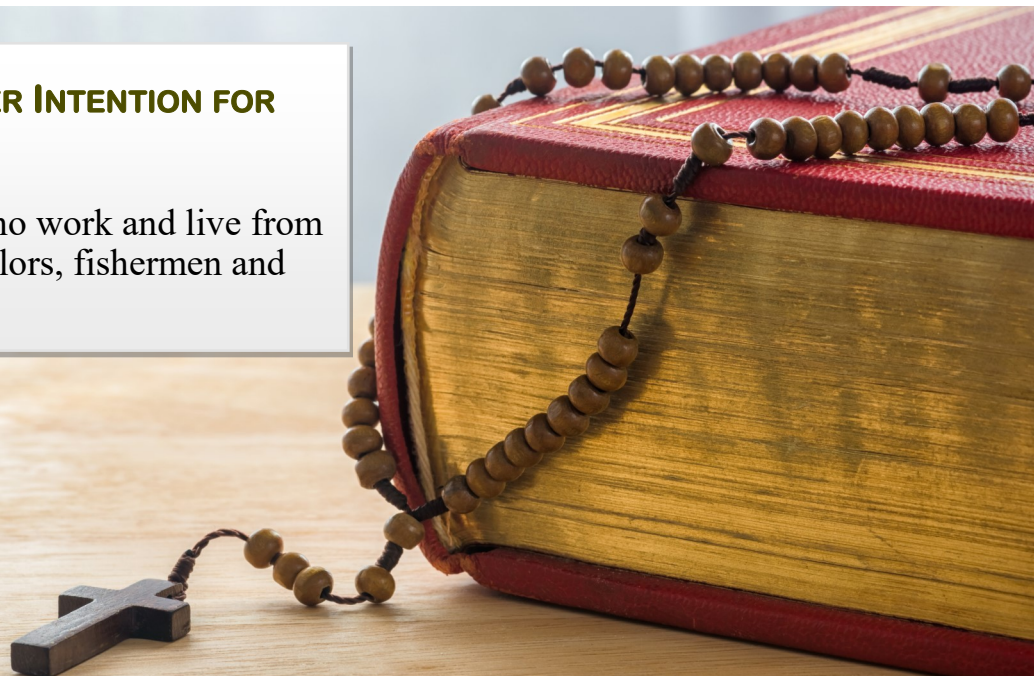


WELCOME TO THE 21ST SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
Year A,
23rd August 2020

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST

The Maritime World

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.



Please join us as we livestream Mass every Sunday at 9.30am on Facebook. Please see the link below, don't forget to like and follow our Facebook page. www.facebook.com/wyongcatholicparish

SUNDAY MASS 23 AUGUST 2020 THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING ISAIAH 22:19-23

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah.

I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah.

I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

We strongly recommend to our parishioners, the use of face masks when they attend church for any Mass, religious service or prayer.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 137:1-3, 6, 8

R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

SECOND READING ROMANS 11:33-36

How rich are the depths of God - how deep his wisdom and knowledge - and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION MATTHEW 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

GOSPEL MATTHEW 16:13-20

Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples,

“Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”

They replied, “Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter said in reply,

“You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Jesus said to him in reply,

“Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.

I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

REFLECTION 23RD AUGUST

The question Jesus asks in today’s Gospel must always be paramount in our lives – who do you say I am? What answer do I give with my words and what answer do I give with the way I live? Jesus revealed himself in the Gospels as one whose focus is on the kingdom – love, justice, forgiveness, mercy, compassion? Is that what my life is about? Am I living as a follower of a God of love whose whole life was directed towards sharing this love with everyone he encountered? Does everyone who sees me, see also the God who revealed himself in Jesus? Am I another Jesus to those I meet? Do they look at me and see Jesus? *In the end, my answer to Jesus’ question is reflected more in the life I live than in the words I utter.*

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PRAYER

May the Spirit of God Be close to you,
Renew and uplift you,
Strengthen and comfort you,
Pour gifts on you to heal you,
Enfold you in love to protect you,
Lighten your burden of illness,
Bestow peace in mind and body,
Guide you in the way of Christ
And so lead you into glory.
Amen

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KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS

Prayer: The most valuable gift you can give someone.

Sick: Len Miller, Victor Gibbs, Harriet Powell, Danae Roe, Peter Ford, Harry Hall, Michael Briggs, Christine Heffernan, Jennese Thompson, Martin Wicks, Leeann Hazelton, Catherine Amey, Philip Dwyer, Bernadette Kiely, Steve Durnford, Ann Durnford, Maureen Mulheron, Angela Watts, William Martin, Terence (Ted) Dafter, Finn McConnon, Val Martin, Margaret Hobbs, Shane & Christine, John Baxter, Joey Moloney.

Recently Deceased: Neville Bowman.

Anniversary August: Fredrick Kennedy, Violet Dyer, Joe Farrugia, Monica Bito-on, Ruth & Cecil Booth, Brian Flints, Peter Ford, Abelardo Santiago, Judy Kennedy, Phillip Amey.

GOD BLESS YOU ON YOUR FIRST RECONCILIATION

By making your First Reconciliation, you discover the wonder and peace of God's forgiveness. May you always feel the loving presence of Jesus in this grace-filled sacrament.

We continue to pray for you as you commence your preparation to receive Jesus in your First Eucharist. We pray that you will continue to grow in your love for God.

Fr Raul, Fr Alex, Jo, Helen and the Parishioners of your Parish Community.



Baptisms

We warmly welcome *Annabelle Grace* who is to be baptized this weekend after the 9.30am Mass into our Parish Community: *May the grace of the Lord Jesus bless you and your family.*

Congratulations

We warmly welcome **Rachel Hourn, Kellie Graham and Andrew Gregory** who are to be Baptized, Confirmed and receive First Eucharist this weekend at the Sunday 9.30am Mass, SJF. We welcome them into our Parish Community: *May the grace of the Lord Jesus bless you and your families.*

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Best Wishes

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Josie Campbell
Pat Byrne 10/8
Rita Kerr 20/8

Warmest Congratulations

ANNIVERSARIES

Trish & Doug Calder 1/8/1970
(50 Years)

Helen & Peter Beamish 15/8/1970
(50 years)

Christine & Garry Greentree 25/8/1973
(47 years)

Margaret & Phil Bastick 29/8/1955
(65 years)



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RETURN AND EARN

From when we started collecting recycled bottles in October 2019 **RETURN AND EARN HAS RAISED \$1064.60 TO DATE.**

Parish Fundraiser with Environmental Benefits

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

THANK YOU

We would like say thank you to our wonderful priests Fr Raul and Alex, Jo and Helen in office and all our friends from our gorgeous Wyong Catholic Church for their friendship and support over the years we have been in the Shire. We are heading for the mid north coast on the 20.8.2020 for another adventure in our lives.

God Bless you

Paul n Laura Cox

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER/ COVID APPEAL.

A huge thank you to everyone for your generous support of the recent appeal. We received \$5076.00, which is fantastic in this very trying time. God bless you all for your compassion for those having a difficult time.

Receipts will be issued next month.

Extra Mower's Required

We are appealing for more mowers. If there is any person who would be kind enough to join us in the mowing and general maintenance of the Church (approx. 1 hr four times a year depending on the numbers we have) please contact Brian on 4388 2938.

To make life a little easier our equipment consists of a ride-on-mower and a self-propelled mower.

Thank you.

Families across Broken Bay need your help September 2020 CWF Appeal

We are deeply grateful to our Parish Community for supporting our Charitable Works Fund. The donations you generously share with us are helping our families, our friends and our neighbours in the Diocese of Broken Bay.

You can collect a Charitable Works envelope as you enter the church, or you can call the Parish Office and contribute by Credit card over the phone 4352 1011.

You may also do a direct deposit into the **Wyong Catholic Parish account (reference CWF)**

BSB 062 784

Account 13528001

When you give to the CWF, you can be assured that your donation is working for the faith and the people of the Diocese of Broken Bay.

Donations \$2 and over are tax-deductible.

“He has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed”

Luke 4:18

LITURGY OF LAMENT – LISTENING TO THE PAST: CARING FOR THE FUTURE

Tuesday 1 September 2020,

7.00pm @ Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara.

The liturgy will also be lived streamed. To view connect at www.bbcatholic.org.au

All are invited to gather to pray together in acknowledging the suffering caused to our most vulnerable and to give public expressions to our sorrow.

THE SPIRITUAL ROSARY PILGRIMAGE

This virtual pilgrimage begins on 8 September, the birthday of Mary, and concludes on 7 October, the Feast of the Holy Rosary. The Spiritual Rosary Pilgrimage: A Biblical Journey through the Life of Christ with His Mother, will include over 20 Australian and international speakers offering video presentations over 4 weeks, including Tomasz Juszczak, Scott Hahn, Jason Evert, and Dr Edward Sri.

Register at: <https://www.parousiamedia.com/the-spiritual-rosary-pilgrimage/>

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo
Bishop of Broken Bay

Message for BBNeighbourhoods
18 August 2020

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The Gospel, which is the Good News of Jesus Christ, is not just there to be proclaimed, although that is an important action. A more important and even more difficult action is integrating the Gospel into the fibre of our very lives. If we are honest, we would find that many of us struggle with this aspect the most. The theology and the proclamation of the Word is relatively easy. What is more challenging is the living out of the Word of God and becoming a credible witness to the Gospel.

In the Gospels, Jesus spoke of a cost involved in responding to His call to become a disciple (Lk 14:28), in terms of what becoming a disciple will do to our plans, our reputations and our possessions. He told Peter that answering the call will take him to places he would rather not go (Jn 21:18). The Christian vocation would cost them their very lives. To live one's vocation can appear to be foolishness according to the wisdom of the secular world.

Why bother with such foolishness? Because when the Word of God is integrated into our lives, we undergo a transformation.

When I integrate myself with the Word of God, I do not simply "become a better person", as if the Christian faith is merely a form of therapy. A Christian immersed in, integrated with, and transformed by the Word of God becomes in his or her own person a living Gospel, an embodied proclamation of the glory of the Lord. A Christian who integrates the Word of God makes the Word become his or her own flesh and allows the Word to dwell within them and dwell among us once again (Jn 1:1-18). When a person lives a life transformed by the Word, what was once an abstract concept of "the Christ" turns into the living body of Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Anyone who encounters a Christian who has truly been transformed by Christ will come to an encounter with the person of Jesus Himself, as it was in the Scriptural accounts all those centuries ago. The face of Christ is not an abstract concept, nor a distant memory. It is a living and breathing reality in any Christian who really abides in the Word of God. A Christian transformed by the Word of God is a living and breathing reality in the present, another incarnation in our day.

We have read in the Gospels just how powerful the incarnation and an encounter with the incarnate Word can be. In the first instance, the incarnate Word of God is someone who will attract others. The incarnate Word of God can draw others out of themselves and ignite that desire for more than what their lives currently offer but never satisfy. A person transformed by the Word of God will spark a desire in others for the same kind of transformation in their own lives, not just for themselves, but also in the lives of others.

What is the reason for this attraction? It is because a life integrated with Jesus is not a life that is less human. On the contrary, Christians who truly reflect Jesus are living lives that are fully human. A life that is fully human is an attractive life, a cause of wonder, and a call to move beyond a life of bland mediocrity and compromise.

You can see how this is also a form of leadership. To lead one out of mediocrity, to inspire, and to instil desire to be more human in every pursuit. Instead of shoving from behind, the Christian transformed by Christ draws and attracts from the front.

Leadership here is not measured by how many people you can boss around. In the context of vocation, leadership is measured by how a person has their life transformed by the Word of God, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

My dear sisters and brothers do not be afraid to respond to this call to lead, to embody the beauty of Christ Jesus, and through the Holy Spirit, to proclaim the glory of the Lord.

+Anthony

WEEKEND AND WEEKDAY MASSES

St Cecilia's Church and St John Fisher Mass Ctr have a **limitation of 40 people per Mass**, we kindly remind you that you **MUST RING** to book in your attendance for our WEEKEND MASSES. To book your attendance for the Weekend Masses please text or call Jo on 0424 763 734 during office hours.

UPDATED MASS TIMES FROM 18TH AUGUST 2020

ST CECILIA'S CHURCH MASS TIMES

- **Saturday Vigil Masses 4pm and 5pm** **Sunday Masses 8.30am and 9.30am**
- Weekday Mass times Monday to Saturday 8am

ST JOHN FISHER MASS CTR

- **Saturday Vigil Masses 4pm and 5pm** **Sunday Masses 8.30am and 9.30am**
- Weekday Mass times Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 8am and Tuesday, Friday 9.15am

Anointing Mass: We will not recommence Anointing Masses at this stage.

Group Meetings: We will not recommence group meeting in the parish until we receive notification from the Diocese.

PLEASE REMEMBER WHEN COMING TO MASS THAT:

- If you have a temperature or a cold, please do not attend.
- You must sanitise your hands before entry into the church.
- we strongly recommend to our parishioners, the use of face masks when they attend church for any Mass, religious service or prayer.
- For Weekend/Weekday Masses you Must make sure you have your name and contact details recorded on the attendance sheet as you come into the church.
- Individuals (not families) are asked to respect the 1.5m distancing from each other obligation.
- Boxes for 1st and 2nd Collections are inside the church/mass ctr

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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.

You can make your **donation directly into our bank account:**

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2ND COLLECTION; Wyong Catholic Parish

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or you may even like to **post a cheque** to Po Box 385 Wyong 2259.