

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 JULY 2023 SIXTEENTH 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)

Parable of the Weeds



Reflection 23.7.2023 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

When I was a child, I remember seeing a tree in our garden being slowly overtaken by a parasitic plant. The plant looked beautiful and luscious, almost like a tree itself, but over time it started to choke the tree. Removing it was a big operation. In our Gospel today, Jesus uses similar imagery to reflect on the situation of the world and the reality of living a life of faith. Darnel and wheat look very similar until the ear appears. While the servants in the reading are ready to remove the darnel, the owner is wary they may pull out the wheat as well, and so instructs them to let them grow together. Our life is full of wheat and weeds – beautiful acts and experiences of faith and love, and challenging, painful experiences of resentment, violence and hurt. The challenge is accepting that the two will exist together, while we hold on to our life of faith, trusting in the nearness of God and his Spirit. What are the wheat and weeds in my life? How do I care for them? Which do I allow to grow?

World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly 23rd July 2023



Pope Francis instituted the day in 2021 to be held on the fourth Sunday in July, close to the feast of Jesus' grandparents, Sts Joachim and Anne. The Pope has chosen this year's theme 'His mercy is from age to age' (Lk 1:50), which he recalled, takes us back to joyful meeting Mary and her elderly relative Elizabeth (Lk 1:39-56) The Holy Spirit had descended upon Elizabeth, and had earlier, descended upon Mary, prompting her to respond with the Magnificat, in which she proclaimed that the Lord's mercy is from generation to generation. The message from the Holy Father connects to the celebration of World Youth Day in August.

His message encourages us to create bonds between the young and the older.

Change in Liturgy Training

A short training session (15 minutes) will be held after each Mass this weekend.
22/23 July Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion Training

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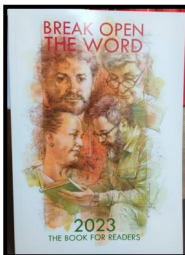
A big thank you to all who supported our recent appeal. With your very generous support we have received just over \$2,500 as well as sufficient food to provide hampers for the next couple of months. A great effort. Thank you also to the schools for their fantastic support too. Thank you also from the people we assist. God Bless

Please Note

Communion: For any communicant who wishes to receive Holy Communion on the tongue, the Australian Bishops have decreed that these communicants are to be given Holy Communion last.
The General Instruction to Roman Missal, 3rd Edition
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Break Open Word

At the most recent Liturgy Committee meeting it was discussed if the resource Break Open The Word could be made available to the Readers in the Parish.



This book gives the readings and psalms for each Sunday with a commentary designed to provide not only background to the text but assistance on how to proclaim it. A pronunciation guide is included as well as a section entitled 'The Ministry of Reader'.

It is available to purchase online from Liturgy Brisbane for \$24 or if 30 or more are purchased they are \$20 each. We are hoping to reach out to the parish community to see if anyone is interested in purchasing a copy and depending on numbers we could hopefully purchase a bulk order. Libby Gleeson

Parish Pastoral Council News

The annual Parish Pastoral Council was held on Tuesday 11th July. Office bearers for 2023/24 are:

Chair Raymond Romanos
Vice Chair Christine Schilling
Secretary Kerry Bugden

Steve Johnson resigned as Chair, after a lengthy time in this role. We sincerely thank you Steve, for your excellent service over the years.

This was greatly appreciated by all council members and the whole parish community. We know you will continue to work for our parish and will put your hand up, whenever we call on you.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY LUNCHEON

A most enjoyable afternoon was celebrated by many of our parishioners. St Peter's College students and staff, excelled themselves in providing us with a delicious luncheon. Congratulations and thank you to all the Year 11 students and their teachers for their hard work. Please know that we deeply appreciate all the time and effort that went into making this a lovely afternoon. You can all be very proud of your work.

Congratulations—40th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood

Fr Robert Borg and Fr Brian Moloney are celebrating their 40th Anniversary of their Ordination to the Priesthood in August.

We Congratulate both Fr Robert and Fr Brian and keep them in our prayers as they celebrate this wonderful Jubilee in God's ministry.

Parishioners are invited to a Thanksgiving Mass & Supper for Fr Brian at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish 19th August 5pm

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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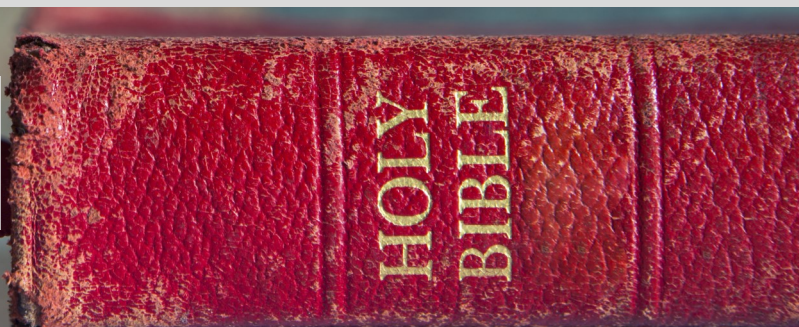
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Pope Francis' Prayer Intention July

For a Eucharistic Life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

Sunday 23rd July 2023
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD (Year A)



First Reading Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there.

By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Second Reading Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

Gospel Acclamation cf Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 13:24-30

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."



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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

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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

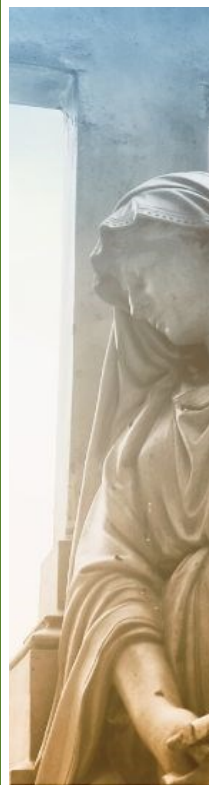
KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS

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, Frank Farrugia, Betty McDermott.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARY JULY: Tom Dermondy, Bridget Dermody, Frank Costa, Pauleene Crass, John Dwyer, Nora Dillon, Sr Sylvia Markulin, James Bastick, Phyll Angela Reeves



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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.

COMBATING HOMELESSNESS TOGETHER

CATHOLICCARE & DIOCESE
OF BROKEN BAY PARISHES

Help us fundraise for Diocesan homelessness services

Diocesan fundraiser in August

Last year Bishop Anthony added CatholicCare to the annual Diocesan fundraising calendar.

In August 2023 (coinciding with Homelessness Week and Mary MacKillop Feast Day) both Catholic Schools and Parishes have been asked to fundraise again to support CatholicCare's homelessness services across the Diocese including:

- Dom's Place
- Mary Mac's Place
- Street sleeping outreach support
- Transitional accommodation and casework support
- Women's refuge
- Young parent's homelessness services ... and more.

More information is available at www.catholiccaredbb.org.au/hpw-parishes

Vocations

Annual Seminarian Benefit Dinner

Calling all #BrokenBay faithful! Come join us for an amazing evening Saturday, September 2nd 2023. Enjoy delicious food, friendly company and musical performances put on by our very own seminarians. Most importantly, support our diocese's commitment to inspiring vocations! Seats are limited. Tickets are \$60pp, all are welcome! Secure yours now at the [link](#).

Date: Saturday, September 2, 2023, at

Time: 6:30pm, after the 5pm Vigil Mass.

Venue: Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood Parish – Harrington Hall, 94 Archer Street, Chatswood 206

Tickets: \$60 per person

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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