

Please note:

During January the office will only be open:
Wed 13th/ Thurs 14th and Wed 20th/ Thurs
21st. Office hours will return to normal
Wednesday 27th January:

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Anointing of the Sick **First Friday of the Month** **and will recommence Feb 2021**

St Cecilia's During 8.00am & 11.30am Mass and
St John Fisher During 9.15am Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

St Cecilia's Daily 7am-8am

St John Fisher 1st Friday 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

prayer groups

St Cecilia's Rosary Group 2pm Tuesdays

St Cecilia's Legion of Mary 8am Wednesdays

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals

Please call the parish office

PARISH BULLETIN,

24TH JANUARY 2021

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ST CECILIA'S CHURCH & ST JOHN FISHER MASS
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Under the Pastoral Care of the
Society of Our Lady of The Most Holy Trinity
(SOLT)



MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil / Sunday Mass Times

St Cecilia's Church

23 Byron St Wyong

Sat Vigil 5.00pm Sun 7.30am & 9.30am

St John Fisher Mass Centre

Hicks Lane Tumbi Umbi

Sat Vigil 5.00 pm Sun: 8.30am & 5pm

Weekday Mass

St Cecilia's : Mon-Sat: 8.00am

St John Fisher:

Mon, Wed, Thurs 8:00am

Tue & Fri: 9.15am

Reconciliation/Confession

St Cecilia's Saturday morning after the 8am Mass &
Saturday at 4.30pm

St John Fisher Saturday at 4.30pm

POPE FRANCIS'

PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY

Human Fraternity

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full
fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other
religions, praying for one another, open to all.



*Birthdays
and
Anniversaries*

Best Wishes

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Joanne Helm 5/1/1971
Janelle Murace 19/1/1971
Catherine Murace 18/1

Warmest Congratulations

ANNIVERSARIES

Pat and Gerard Byrne

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE?

Are you or anyone you know interested in exploring the Catholic Church as your church home? Have you been sitting in the pew next to your Catholic spouse for years wondering what you have to do to become Catholic? Statistics show that most people respond to a personal invitation. So this is that *personal invitation* and a challenge to all of you who might know someone who fits the categories above, invite that person.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults [RCIA] is the faith-stirring process by which adults seek a deeper knowledge and relationship with Jesus Christ and decide whether to commit themselves to the Catholic faith.

If you are: *Interested in becoming Catholic*

Never baptised or

Baptised in another Christian denomination

Come and join us. For further information, please contact the Parish Office 43 521011, Jo 0424 763 734 or speak to Fr Raul or Fr Alex after Mass.

Condolences

The Parish extends our deepest condolences to Marie-Anne and Steve Johnson on the recent passing away of Marie-Anne's brother Archbishop Philip Wilson.

May he rest in peace. Amen

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, 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, Joey Moloney, Noel Muir, Jacqui Stacey, John Bof (Jnr), Josie Campbell, Frank Costa

RECENTLY DECEASED: John Taylor, Cathryn Sharkey, Archbishop Philip Wilson.

ANNIVERSARY JANUARY: Sophie Roe, Peter White, Patricia Unger, Bill Martin, Tony Kerr, Armida Bito-on, Kevin Booth



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SUNDAY MASS 24 JANUARY 2021

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING JONAH 3:1-5, 10

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 24:4-9

R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.

SECOND READING 1 CORINTHIANS 7:29-31

Brothers: our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION MARK 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia! The kingdom of God is near: believe the Good News! Alleluia!

GOSPEL MARK 1:14-20

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake - for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets, he called them at once, and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

REFLECTION 24th January 2021

A fisherman's life demands hard work and strength of character; it requires courage, firmness, and patience. It comes as no surprise, then, that Jesus should call strong, brave, and highly spirited fishermen of the Sea of Galilee for the work of being 'fishers of men'. Both fishermen and 'fishers of men' must work in teams. Fishing with a dragnet requires the concerted efforts of a crew of one boat or even two boats. Likewise, Jesus' followers must learn how to work together so they are sent on mission in pairs (Luke 10:1).

Both fishing and preaching the word of God entail patience and perseverance. The ordinary fisherman cannot determine where the fish are and when they will come near. Preachers cannot afford to give up either. They must believe that success will come in God's time.

The fisherman must have courage to go out into the sea despite the threat of a storm that is always there. The preacher must contend with persecution, cynicism, and skepticism: the apostles will die for the faith they proclaim.

Today is *Sunday of the Word of God*. According to Pope Francis, it is 'a Sunday given over entirely to the word of God, to appreciate the inexhaustible riches contained in that constant dialogue between the Lord and his people'. The Holy Father suggests that 'a day devoted to the Bible should not be seen as a yearly event but rather a year-long event, for we urgently need to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures and of the risen Lord, who continues to speak his word and to break bread in the community of believers.'

The community of God's people is called to venture into the deep to proclaim God's Word and catch people for the Kingdom.

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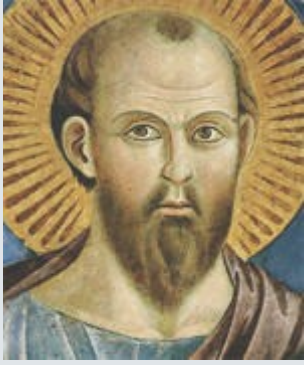
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The Feast of the Conversion of St Paul, Apostle—25th January



Today we celebrate the conversion of Saint Paul. On the road to Damascus, Saul is encountered by the Lord and undergoes a radical conversion. Saul, the former instrument of

fear, terror and persecution, becomes Paul, the chosen instrument of God. His life task now is to bring the good news of God's reconciling love to those who know nothing about it.

Lord, I too am chosen by you as your ambassador. This brings me closer to you. You trust me to be the Good News in the present tense. Let me spot the signs of your presence as I try to do this.

Finding God in all things

God doesn't want us to speak with Him just when we see big, beautiful, and amazing stuff. He wants to hear from us as we stand smack dab in the middle of the everyday ordinary stuff that makes up our day-to-day life. He wants us to realize He's waiting for us in the middle of the regular!

How many people can you pray for when you fold a load of laundry? How many times can you call down God's Blessing upon your family as you pay their lu7nch or prepare dinner?

Sheri Wohlfert shares this reminder on CatholicMom.com and shows us how finding God **in the ordinary** is a practical way for parents (and all of us) to meet God in prayer.

AUSTRALIA DAY—TUESDAY 26TH JANUARY

Australia Day is an excellent time to remind ourselves of the great land that God has given us and to thank him for all the blessings that we take so much for granted – blessings like peace, freedom, caring friends, and loving families.

You are very welcome to come along to our 8am Mass at St Cecilia's on Tuesday 26th January and St John Fisher at 9.15am, to give thanks to God for what's great about Australia, and to pray for continued blessings on this great South Land.

MARRIAGE TRIBUNAL – DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

The Marriage Tribunal in the Diocese of Broken Bay is a service of the Diocese to assist with the pastoral care of:

- divorced persons seeking to remarry in the Catholic Church;
- divorced and remarried persons seeking to have their marriage recognised in the Catholic Church;
- divorced persons seeking clarification of their standing in the Catholic Church for peace of conscience or for reassurance in developing relationships in the future.

Marriage Tribunal Contact Details

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Administrative Assistant: Mrs Alda Mendezona

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The Marriage Tribunal will reopen on Monday, 4 January 2021

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