

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

PARISH BULLETIN, 24TH JULY 2022

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father..

WYONG CATHOLIC PARISH

ST CECILIA'S CHURCH & ST JOHN FISHER MASS CTR

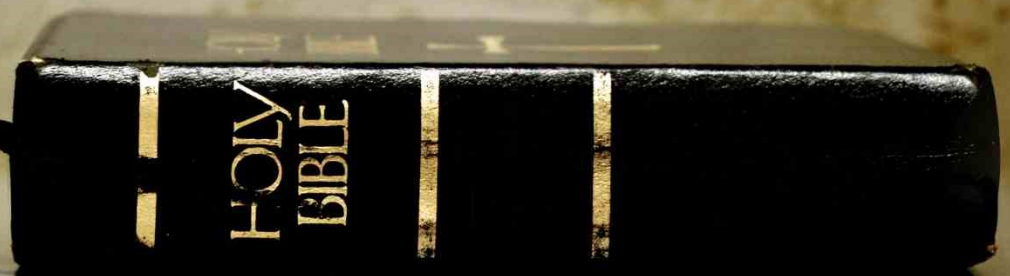
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VISION *The Wyong Catholic Parish is a welcoming, caring dynamic community*

MISSION STATEMENT *We will live and proclaim the message of the Gospel:
Engage, Participate, Reach out and Transform*

*Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done
on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.*



Reflection *17th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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Today's readings highlight for us that however we define prayer, it is ultimately about relationship. They show us an uncompromising level of intimacy with God. Abraham dares to bargain with God, and God in return does not hesitate to keep forgiving the people of Sodom for the sake of the just. Jesus too uses examples of great human intimacy, asking help from a friend in the middle of the night, and a little boy asking his Dad for food. The psalmist sums it up so well in saying: You stretch out your hand and save me ... Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me. We might ask ourselves: how intimate am I in my relationship with God? Do I willingly spend time in prayer? Do I honestly present my needs before God in prayer? Am I humble enough to call for help in my prayer? The great saint, Teresa of Avila, reminds us that 'prayer is ... nothing else than intimate sharing between friends, frequently spending time alone with the one whose love for us is beyond doubt (Life, 8). May our prayer this week be grounded in this love beyond doubt.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

A special collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend 23/24th July. It is the first collection of this kind since 2013.

All monies will go directly towards the refurbishment of the S.O.L.T. Novitiate House for the Asian-Pacific Region.

All young men who are being trained for the priesthood in the S.O.L.T. religious congregation spend one year of their training at this Novitiate House. Father Raul and Father Alex were in the third intake of students in 1992/93.

The current complex needs a major refurbishment, both inside and out. Tropical weather conditions cause the need of a much earlier restoration than is experienced in more temperate climates.

A special thank you to all parishioners for your support, it is much appreciated.



Sacrament of Confirmation

We welcome the children who are preparing for this Sacrament and their families to our Masses this weekend. This is a sacred time for them and we encourage you to support and pray for them as they deepen their experience of God's love for them.

Let Your faith shine through

In the Sacrament of Confirmation we come in contact in a profound way with the gift of the Holy Spirit. Confirmation confirms the life of Baptism. The Holy Spirit draws us further into the life of faith, and empowers us to witness to the Gospel.

National Vocations Awareness Week begins on August 7th and to help celebrate, we will be having a **special Vocations Youth Mass**. This Mass is open to all and will be celebrated by Fr Tomy PP, Fr Baby AP, Fr Paul Durkin Vocations Director and Fr Stephen Wayoyi Omwanda Assistant Director. There will be participation by our Central Coast Catholic Schools and the group from Connecting Catholic Coasties.

We will have special testimonies from our very own Sr's Josie & Jennifer and also the Broken Bay seminarians later in the evening. After the Mass, we will be having a BBQ dinner. We hope that you can join us for this special event!

Stained Glass Leadlight Windows

The leadlight windows at St Cecilia's Church reflect the history of our parish.

In the newspaper report of the opening of our Church in 1908 - *The front windows are filled with coloured lead lights, the other windows having "Glacier" decorations, representing religious subjects.* In 1928, with the first extension to the west 'two windows to be made similar in all respects to existing windows' and in the 1953/54 large extension to the east, the 7 leadlight windows cost 155 pounds and 19 shillings. Two leadlight windows for the side chapel were commissioned in 1998 and lastly, the three large windows at the back of the church in the 2000's.

14 windows, (12 lower and 2 upper ones) require one or more of the following restoration actions—bowing, with some glass already popping; glass, with cracks both small and large; glazing bars, which keep the window ridged and in place, missing from 2 windows and all others, rusted.

The restoration process is very lengthy. Firstly, the window and frame are removed and taken from the site. A rubbing of each window, to be used as a pattern when rebuilding, is taken. The window is then taken apart, the glass soaked to clean, broken pieces recut, panel is re leaded, soldered and cemented. The lead is then polished, and copper ties are soldered to the joints to reattach the glazing bars.

The glazier reinstalls the window into the frame and it is puttied in. New steel bars are cut, sprayed black, and attached to the panels within the frames, using the copper ties. Frames are then returned to be reinstalled at the Church.

Costings

Lower windows 12 @	\$1570 (as per quote)	\$18840.00
Upper windows 2 @	\$1570 (as per quote)	\$ 3020.00
Plywood		\$310.00
Scaffolding (value as owned)		\$540.00
Labour (value as volunteer)		\$780.00

TOTAL \$23,490

We have applied to the Community Building Project (grant) for **\$20,860**, although a lesser amount may be allocated. Parish Funds of **\$1310.00** will be required if the full grant is received, with more funds necessary if full grant is not allocated.

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD *Reproduced from Liturgia*

FIRST READING GENESIS 18:20-32

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No,' he replied, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will be only forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

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

R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

SECOND READING COLOSSIANS 2:12-14

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins. He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ROMANS 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia! You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia!

GOSPEL LUKE 11:1-13

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

"Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it to him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'



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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

St Barnabas, Yarramalong

1st Sun of month 11.15am

Eucharistic Adoration

St Cecilia's Daily 7am-8am

St John Fisher 1st Fri 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

Children's Liturgy

St Cecilia's 5pm Mass Saturday

St John Fisher 5pm Mass Sunday

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

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

PPC Secretary; Kerry Bugden ph 4388 2938

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS

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KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS

Prayer: The most valuable gift you can give someone.

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ARE WELCOME!

Each vocation is like a "little seed" that comes from God, but we have to watch over it, "water it." Pope Francis

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Members of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia met for a final session last weekend to bring to a conclusion the second general assembly, held across six days in Sydney.

In addition to celebrating the final Mass on Saturday morning, Members also approved a concluding statement, reflecting on the discernment that took place during their week together.

The statement said there had been an “expression of synodality that Pope Francis has identified as a key dimension of the Church’s life in the third millennium”.

While some moments during the week had been “calm and harmonious”, the statement also acknowledged there were times that were “tense and difficult”, however “every moment has been blessed, the entire week has been grace-filled, though never a cheap grace. The Holy Spirit has been both comforter and disrupter”.

Attending the Council with Bishop Anthony Randazzo were the Vicar General of the Diocese, Very Rev Dr David Ranson; Chancellor Kelly Paget; Diocesan Director of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Alison Newell; Director, Catholic Schools Broken Bay, Danny Casey and Hornsby Cathedral parishioner, Raj Rajasingham.

Bishop Anthony said after the closing Mass while there were tense and challenging times, the Holy Spirit was very much alive in the room during the Council and there was great energy.

Danny Casey said; "The Plenary was called to strengthen the faith life in Australia and to find new ways of bringing all closer to Christ. This must remain our focus.

The journey has been a memorable experience with good discussion among those who love the Church.”

He said all new proposals need to be assessed against the main purpose – bringing people closer to God and His Church.

After nearly four and a half years in preparation, on Saturday morning Council Members confirmed the decrees of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia, which were then signed by all bishops present. After the November meeting of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, the decrees will be sent to the Holy See.

Full details of the Plenary Council can be found at <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>





Catholic Youth Broken Bay together with Glorious, a group of enthusiastic and creative young adults, invite young people across the diocese to 'Praisefest: Welcome to Mercy.'

Date: Friday, 19th August from 7:00pm – 9:00pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish at The Entrance.

The theme, 'Welcome to Mercy', invites each young person to delve into Christ's fountain of life regardless of past, failures, or current relationship with Christ. It also aims to connect the merciful and social justice work which students currently participate in through their schools, to the mercy that flows from Christ.

The evening will include outdoor games, live music, Q&A panel, testimony and of course, a Praise Party! More information will be announced over the coming weeks.

The PDCC final report has been handed to Bishop Anthony!

The final report of the Pastoral Discernment Project was handed to Bishop Anthony at the recent Clergy Conference with Clergy and Diocesan Leaders present. Subsequent to Bishop Anthony's response to the Report, a task group will be established for the project's implementation phase.

We invite the Holy Spirit to continue to guide the next phase of the Pastoral Discernment Central Coast Project.

For further information and regular updates, visit www.bbcatholic.org.au/pdcc.

'Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?'

Isaiah 43:19

Safeguarding Message

The protection of children and vulnerable adults within our Diocese will be achieved as every member of our community strives to be a person who **LISTENS** to others with an open heart and mind, and responds well so that concerns and risks may be identified early and addressed.

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. Individual mobile numbers are on the back of the bulletin. or email wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au

JULY 22ND, 2022 6PM
HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS
&
DISCERNMENT EVENING
HOLY NAME PARISH WAHROONGA



Catholic Vocations Broken Bay

Inviting all young adults to join us for a special evening of Holy Hour, Adoration and Discernment at Holy Name Parish Wahroonga on Friday, July 22.

Fr Paul Durkin will be presenting our third talk on Discernment: Awareness, Understanding & Action, starting with Holy Hour at 6pm, followed by dinner. This promises to be a special evening for all young adults who are seeking guidance and direction in their lives.

During the talk, Fr Paul will explore what it means to be aware of God's will for our lives, how to understand His call, and how to take action in response. This promises to be a rich and informative evening, so please join us! Hope to see you there!

Friday July 22, 6pm
35 Billyard Ave, Wahroonga 2076 Holy Name Church

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