

# 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*

**24TH SEPTEMBER 2023 TWENTY-FIFTH 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)**



## **Reflection 24.9.2023 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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*In Today's first reading the prophet Isaiah speaks of God's ways and thoughts being unlike the logic and expectations which define the human community. This is reflected in the Gospel of St Matthew which presents the parable of the vineyard labourers. When we read the parable through the human lens of justice and equality we, like the labourers in the vineyard, experience a contradiction. However, if we understand the parable as God's invitation to work with Jesus in mission, in the "vineyard of our lives", then remuneration for this work flows to us in terms of grace. The Psalm affirms the generosity and compassion of God who is abounding in love. These infinite divine qualities can never be quantified, measured, divided up or stored.*

**St Patrick's Parish, Gosford**

It's been almost a year since the installation of the relics of St John Paul II at Gosford Parish and we are preparing to celebrate the first anniversary of the Shrine. We extend a warm welcome to everyone to celebrate the feast day of St John Paul II beginning with **Mass at 9.30am on Sunday, 22 October at St Patrick's, 76 York Street, East Gosford**. The celebrations will continue during the day with praise and worship, the Rosary and reflections – and wonderful hospitality with a BBQ, live music and market stalls.



We warmly welcome the children who are to be baptized this weekend into our Parish Community. May the grace of the Lord Jesus bless them and their Families.

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR  
Volunteer leaders**

**IF YOU ARE 18-30 YEARS OLD AND PASSIONATE ABOUT SHARING THE GOSPEL WITH YOUNG PEOPLE, THIS IS THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU.**  
COMMITMENT IS 7-9PM EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT (DURING SCHOOL TERM)

PLEASE CONTACT PARISH YOUTH COORDINATOR GABBI ON 0401395366 IF YOU ARE INTERESTED

**WOMENS GET TOGETHER GROUP**  
(Every 2nd Monday)

Next one: **25th Sept @ 10:30am** in the Parish Centre.

Bring a plate, have a cuppa, have a chat and a laugh.

All are welcome !

**Invitation—Children's Liturgy**

All children are invited to attend the children's Liturgy at our weekend masses. Children's Liturgy is when the children leave the congregation to celebrate and reflect on the Sunday Gospel reading in an age appropriate way. The children are led through prayers, songs and readings that are adapted to their level of understanding. (Parents are always welcome to attend the Children's Liturgy).

Attending Mass together is a part of being a Catholic Family, while Children's Liturgy allows children to enter the celebration more fully by catering to their needs).

Please see below the weekend masses with Children's Liturgy  
**St Cecilia's Church,**  
Saturday Vigil 5pm & Sunday 9.30am  
**St John Fisher Mass Centre**  
Saturday Vigil 5pm & Sunday 5pm



**250 Club Update**

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and will be last weekend of the month.

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## **SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY**

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognize and apologize for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place that builds and supports safe communities for all people. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at:

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## **Sunday Mass 24th September 2023 THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **First Reading Isaiah 55:6-9**

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways - it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

### **Responsorial Psalm Ps 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18**

**R.** The Lord is near to all who call him.

### **Second Reading Philippians 1:20-24, 27**

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results - I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

### **Gospel Acclamation of Acts 16:14**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord,  
to listen to the words of your Son.  
Alleluia!

### **Gospel Matthew 20:1-16**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'



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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

Fr Raul ph: 0450 115 099

Fr Alex ph: 0432 947 245

Fr Teody ph: 0414 494 823

**PARISH OFFICE** 23 Byron Street Wyong

Phone: 02 4352 1011 Po Box 385 Wyong 2259

**OFFICE HOURS:** Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 9.30am to 2.30pm

### PARISH CONTACTS

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Assistant Priest **Fr Teody Medina, SOLT ph: 0414 494 823**

Parish Secretary **Margaret Vandenberg ph: 02 4352 1011**

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**PARISH WEBSITE:** <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/wyong/>

**FACEBOOK:** [www.facebook.com/wyongcatholicparish](http://www.facebook.com/wyongcatholicparish)

*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

### 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, Christine, Jacqui Stacey, Josie Campbell, Dave, Rodney, Gwen Dwyer, Helen Waters, Rod & Pauline Cornwell, Marie Rheinberger, Hannah Hopwood, Fay King, Joan Mabbutt, Irene Dainty, Eoin, Paula, Peter Meury, Jai Coleman, Danielle, Frank Farrugia, Betty McDermott, Carmel Myers, Clara Banda, Marc Sabat

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Richard Mahinay, Carol Dafter, Raymond (Ray) Baker

**ANNIVERSARY SEPTEMBER:** Gerard Byrne, Peter Donnelly, Jack Harris, Helen Cole, Donald King, Benigno Bito-on

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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 Fr Teody. The contact details are on the back to the Bulletin.



# Supporting Safe Communities

**SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 2023**  
10 SEPTEMBER



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# SAFEGUARDING is everyone's responsibility



Everyone must practice **A DUTY OF CARE**. We are called to step up and speak out.

Need to be listening & watching to understand if there are any concerns and take them seriously



Tell one of our designated persons in authority

- Fr Raúl 0450 115 099
- Maureen Roast 0435 245 849
- Anne Hooley 0428 149 793

Contact will be made with Diocesan Safeguarding Office



Our Community is **SAFE**

## Areté Missionary Leadership Course 2024 – Applications Now Open


Applications for the Foundations of Missionary Leadership Program are now open for 2024. The Foundations program equips people with the knowledge, skills, and values to become effective missionaries and leaders in their parishes and communities. Through an enriching curriculum and immersive experiences, students will gain a deeper understanding of their faith, the centrality of evangelisation, and leadership principles of ministry.

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Fr Chris Ryan MGL  
Director  
Areté Centre



Fr Simon Lobo CC  
Parish Priest  
St Benedict  
Halifax



Fr Rob Galea  
Executive Director  
FRG Ministry



Professor Renee Kohler-  
Ryan  
National Head of the  
School of Philosophy and  
Theology, University of  
Notre Dame



Emma Plant  
Communications  
Manager  
Evangelisation  
Brisbane

# **THANK YOU, ST. CECELIA & ST JOHN FISHER.**

In the last 40 years the Sisters of St Joseph have made up to \$500,000 from stamps. They are checked, collated, sorted and sold in auctions to collectors here and overseas. Our Parish has contributed much, by giving old stamps, stamp albums and forgotten collections. Before Christmas 2020 we sent in a large package and followed up with another one about Easter. All were very welcome! By continuing, we are helping the Sisters to make money for their Missions. Please continue to save and ask family, friends and neighbours to save as well. Old coins and postcards are welcome too. P.S. There are boxes in the back of both churches to receive your donations.

Patricia McCarthy



# TRIVIA NIGHT

Calling anyone in our Parish who likes trivia and wants a fun night out - form a team (4 minimum) and head over to MacKillop College Hall Warnervale on **Saturday 7th October 6:30pm – 8:30pm.**

Food & Drinks available for purchase on the night.

Only \$7 per ticket donation.

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