

## PARISH BULLETIN, 25TH APRIL 2021

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*



### FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER GOSPEL REFLECTION JOHN 10: 11-18

25th April 2021

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In the Church calendar, the fourth Sunday of Easter is known as 'Good Shepherd Sunday'. Today also marks ANZAC Day. There is a particular synergy between the readings for Good Shepherd Sunday and our commemoration of ANZAC day. Jesus is the Good Shepherd and says that he will lay down his life for his sheep. In a similar way, we remember all people who sacrificed themselves so that we could be free. While their deaths might be seen as tragic, Jesus' death is not. It is the incarnation of God's mercy and love for us. God does not love us because we are good. There is nothing we can do to earn God's love and mercy, because God loves us first! Our response is to listen for God's voice, to follow where God leads, to be one flock under one Shepherd.

The use of the word 'sheep' in this text is not in any way demeaning or dehumanizing. Rather it goes to the essence of our very human need to be loved, and to feel secure in that love. No less than God in the person of Jesus Christ is waiting for us, keeping us in view, watching over us, protecting us from the bad wolves of the world./

Our relationship with the Good Shepherd is not based on money; Jesus has not been paid to look out for us. It is a gift, waiting to be unwrapped, waiting for us to answer his call, waiting to bring us to God. The love that God gives is the self-sacrificing love of the cross, seen from the perspective of resurrection faith. How do we experience God's love? As a gift? Or as something to be earned?



## ANZAC DAY

*Left We Forget*

This Sunday April 25<sup>th</sup>, all around Australia, in Churches and at various shrines of remembrance and War Memorials, people will gather to honour those men and women who have gone off to war. It is the dawn of another **ANZAC DAY**. It is a day of remembrance of the deaths and sufferings in war, the valour of fighting women and men and the ever present hope for the people of the world to live together in harmony and lasting peace. On this Anzac Day may we pray that in all our dealings we promote a peace-filled world.

You are welcome to attend the Anzac Ceremony following Mass and wear your medals and ribbons.

**St Cecilia's Wyong 9.30am Mass**  
and  
**St John Fisher Tumby Umbi**  
**8.30am Mass**

## MOTHER'S DAY STALL

On the following dates we will be having a Mother's Day stall in our Parish. There will be lots of lovely gifts to choose from, so please support this fundraiser. Thank you.

**Saturday 24th April - 5pm Mass Wyong**

**Sunday 2nd May -- 7.30 and 9.30 Masses at Wyong**

## COLLECTION FOR MEN & WOMEN DURING LENT

Thank you everyone for your very generous donations towards our collection for Men and Women, supporting people in need or without homes within our local community.



## ALL WELCOME

Please come and join Fr Raul and Fr Alex for our **COMBINED WOMEN'S GET-TOGETHER AND MEN'S BREAKFAST**

- ♦ **MONDAY 3RD MAY 2021**
- ♦ **10.30AM**
- ♦ **PARISH HALL 23 BYRON ST WYONG**
- ♦ **PLEASE RSVP to Jo on 0424 763 734**

## Birthdays and Anniversaries



### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Alicia McCabe

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Ramon & Anna Atayde 15/4 (32 years)

Please contact the parish office with your Birthdays and Anniversaries, we will have a Mass said for you.

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Jo 0424 763 734



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## PRAYER

God of love and liberty, we bring our thanks this **day** for the peace and security we enjoy, which was won for us through the courage and devotion of those who gave their lives in time of war. We **pray** that their labour and sacrifice may not be in vain, but that their spirit may live on in us and in generations to come.

## DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

In 2020 a family from our parish donated 2 defibrillators to our parish. With the easing of the Covid restrictions, it is now possible for these to be placed at St Cecilia's and St John Fisher. We need however, parishioners who are trained to use these items.

A training session will be held in the Parish Centre at Wyong on **Tuesday 11 May at 7:00 pm**. Any parishioner who is willing to be part of this training session is asked to contact Jo Helm at the Parish office on 43521011 or Kerry Bugden on 43882938 by **Monday 3 May** to have your name included.

Please keep in your prayers the children in our Parish who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on 1st May.

Let us remember them and their families in our prayers.



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B– Sunday 25 April 2021

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS, GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY.

Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life?

- Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead.
  - Keep our parish priests in your prayers throughout the week.
  - Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.
- Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.

Does a life of joy in knowing you are following the Lord as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life inspire you? Contact the Vocations Office at 0418 522 449 or email: [vocations.ministry@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:vocations.ministry@bbcatholic.org.au)

## Extra Mower's Required

We are appealing for more mowers for 2021.

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.

## SAFEGUARDING MESSAGE

A culture of Safeguarding values COMMITMENT...."Speak out and judge fairly, defend the rights of the poor and needy." - see Proverbs 31:9 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 (4352 1011 or [wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au)) or see back of Bulletin for Mobil no.

## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April

"We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis."

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## MASS TIMES

### ST CECILIA'S CHURCH

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Saturday Vigil / Sunday Mass Times

Sat Vigil 5.00pm Sun 7.30am & 9.30am

Weekday Mass

Mon-Sat: 8.00am

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

### EMERGENCY PRIEST CONTACT

Fr Raul ph: 0450 115 099

Fr Alex ph: 0432 947 245

**PARISH OFFICE** 23 Byron Street Wyong

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**OFFICE HOURS:** Mon to Thurs 9.30am to 2.30pm & Fri 9.30am to 12pm

### PARISH CONTACTS

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### Anointing of the Sick First Friday of the Month

St Cecilia's During 8.00am & 11.30am Mass and

St John Fisher During 9.15am Mass

St Barnabas, Yarramalong

1st Sun of month 11am (4th April)

### 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 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

### Catechist Meeting

### Liturgy Meeting

### Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

PPC Secretary; Kerry Bugden  
ph 4388 2938

### Social Justice Meeting

**BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS**  
**PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE**

### KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS

*Prayer: The most valuable gift you can give someone.*

**SICK:** Len Miller, 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, Josie Campbell, Frank Costa, Carol Dafter.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Bill Tyne, Paul Oakes, Mary Jack

**ANNIVERSARY APRIL:** Kay Taylor, Leanne Smith, Leslie Smith

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