

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*

25TH JUNE 2023 TWELVETH 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)

'Do not be afraid'

Matthew 10: 26-33

Reflection 25.6.2023 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Jesus was no stranger to persecution but it did not prevent him from boldly proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and instructing his disciples to do the same. Jesus tells his followers, 'Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body.'

Sometimes, we can become discouraged in the face of opposition or difficulties. Jesus wants us to lift our gaze and set our eyes on what is eternal. The Gospel message is too important for us to allow discouragement to stop us from proclaiming it boldly. Today we pray for courage to face of the challenges that come from living out our faith. May our courage be renewed as we strive to build the kingdom of God here on earth and make the love of Jesus better known, even in the face of opposition and hardships.

Liturgical Training – 24 June

For all parishioners who have volunteered to be a Senior Server, Extraordinary Minister and/or Lector there will be training at St Cecilia's Church, Wyong on **Saturday, 24 June** commencing at 9:00 am.

This training is for all volunteers, **both old and new**, to ensure the same presentation is in use at all Masses in both Churches. Father Robert Borg Parish Priest of The Lakes Parish will be giving the presentation.

Happy
90th
Birthday

Congratulations to
Margaret Bastic.
May all God's
Blessings be with
you.

Thank You

The **Sister's of Charity** of Alice Springs, Katherine and Orange are very grateful to Wyong & Tumby parishioners for supporting them. Thank you. Marie Dyer

Sacrament of Confirmation

We continue to pray for the children in our Parish who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. We welcome them and their families to our weekend Masses.

We pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to grow in their hearts.



St Barnabas Church Yarramalong

Mass will be celebrated at St Barnabas Church, Yarramalong **Sunday 2nd July at 11.15am**. All are welcome.

New Allocated Planned Giving Envelopes for Financial Year 2023/2024

Your Giving Envelopes for the new financial year are ready **this weekend** for collection from St Cecilia's Church and St John Fisher Mass Ctr.

To minimise our Planned Giving Envelope costs we have consolidated some envelope numbers.

Parishioners who previously had envelope numbers greater than 460 will now have a new number issued. To assist us in our records, we ask you please not to use the old envelope numbers.

THANK YOU

We thank most sincerely all Parishioners who are able to contribute through our Parish's Planned Giving, whether it be via envelopes, credit card or direct deposit into the parish account and regular cash donations to the plate. We understand that in these financial times not everyone is in a position to donate but your support in prayers and other ways is just as important.

As you would be aware, the cost of living has increased greatly and this has had an impact on our Parish expenditure.

As a parish community, we rely solely on these contributions to cover the following:

- Liturgical needs and resources (vestments, bread and wine)
- Equipment and resources computers and photocopier
- Increasing electricity costs and insurance
- Staff wages
- Repairs and maintenance for the church, presbytery, Meeting rooms and offices.

If you do not have a set of giving envelopes and would like some, please contact the Office? If you would like to contribute via credit card donation or directly into the parish account please call or email the parish office on 024352 1011 or wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au

Once again we are very grateful for your generosity and support. God Bless.

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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10/11 June	Weekly	26	Val Martin	24	Helen Bradford
17/18 June	Weekly	22	John Robertson	4	Anne Hooley
24/25 June	Monthly	209	Anonymous	93	Tony Boland

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Pope Francis' Prayer Intention June

For the abolition of torture—We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.



Parish Christmas in July Tuesday 18th July 12 Noon St Peter's College Tuggerah

Our annual 'Christmas in July' is fast approaching. As usual, the students from St Peter's College will be catering and the meal, no doubt will be mouthwatering.

Any aged parishioner who wishes to attend this function, please contact the Parish Office on 4352 1011, Jo Helm 0424 763 734 or Kerry Bugden 4388 2938.

Numbers are restricted, so an early booking is essential.

A special fund-raising raffle will be on sale on the day with all proceeds going towards the Youth Ministry.

Solemnity of Sts Peter and Paul, Apostles—29th June

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This is the feast of two great apostles, missionaries and saints. We are familiar with their stories: both experienced the great mercy of Jesus Christ and went on to dedicate their lives totally to him and the proclamation of the Good News, ultimately giving their lives.



Sometimes we can feel unworthy of the call given to us at our baptism to be priest, prophet and king. However, we are encouraged today that there is no obstacle too big that it cannot be overcome with God's grace and mercy. That's the beautiful thing about Christian life; we can always change and begin anew, as Saints Peter and Paul demonstrate.

Saints Peter and Paul, pray for us.



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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

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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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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

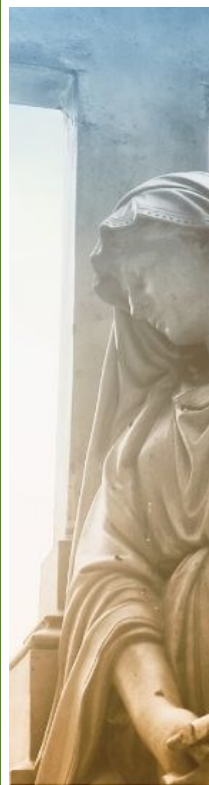
KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS

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 JUNE: Thomas Mayne
Fr Williams, Brian Myers, Margaret Skimmings, Tom Dermondy.



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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.



First Reading Jeremiah 20:10-13

Jeremiah said:

I hear so many disparaging me, "Terror from every side!" Denounce him! Let us denounce him!
All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall,
'Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!'
But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by
their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.
But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see
the
vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you.
Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil
men.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 68:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35

R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.

Second Reading Romans 5:12-15

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law. Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

Gospel Acclamation John 15:26, 27

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 10:26-33

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.
'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows. 'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

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

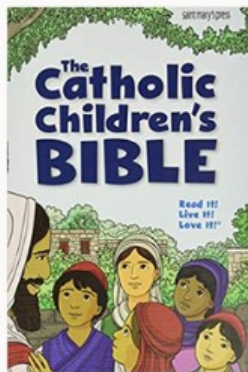
First Eucharist Ceremony Friday 8th September St John Fisher Mass Ctr 5 pm and 6.30 pm

First Eucharist Ceremony Friday 15th September St Cecilia's Church 5 pm and 6.30 pm

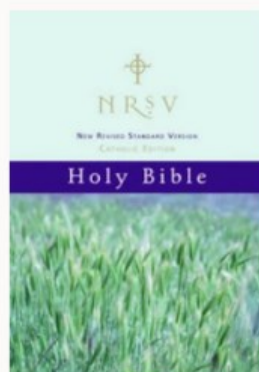
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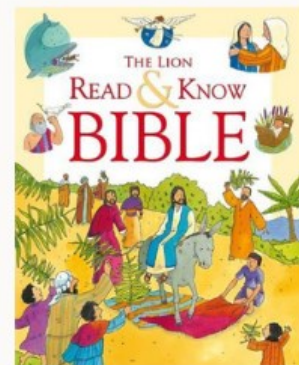
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