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Important Notice

Due to the COVID-19 virus, the Diocese has advised that effective from Friday 20 March, in the Diocese of Broken Bay: **All public Masses are hereby suspended until further notice. Our Churches are to remain closed as well.**

Accordingly, this includes a dispensation for all the Faithful in the Diocese from the obligation to participate at Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation (cc.87§1 ;1247).

The Faithful are encouraged to keep the Lord's Day holy and celebrate Sunday as a domestic church by taking time to pray together as a household (c. 1248§2).

We understand that is a great concern for many of you. Please see the latest up to date correspondence on the Diocesan website:

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/>

Please note: We have various resources to enable you to continue to nurture your faith in these difficult times. These are available for you near our noticeboard of St Cecilia's Church.

Another way for the Parish to keep you up to date with the current changes is through our E-Bulletins. To subscribe to this please email the Parish Office on wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au

PARISH COLLECTIONS

For our Parishioners who donate to our Planned Giving credit cards, we are humbled by your generosity and thank you for your continued support.

For Parishioners who have supported us by placing your donations or envelopes on the collection plate, we couldn't exist without you. In our Parish, your contributions make up 95% of our income.

Knowing that some people will not be able to contribute as they used to, we ask that you might like to consider going onto Planned Giving by credit card, to do this please contact the Parish Office.

You can also make your donation directly into our bank account:

1st Collection; Society of Our Lady of The Most Holy Trinity (SOLT) BSB 062 195 Account 10229389
(upkeep/living expenses for our Parish Priests)

2nd Collection; Wyong Catholic Parish BSB 062 784 Account 13528001 (These donations provide for all the pastoral and operating expenses of the Parish) or you may even like to post a cheque to Po Box 385 Wyong 2259. Giving to the church is a significant part of our worship and we encourage you to give what you can during this pandemic crisis.

Saint: 29-April In a single sentence, **Saint Catherine of Siena** captures the essence of prayer in a nutshell. It is about union with God, a heart-to-heart with Jesus, who desires to be united with you. Saint Catherine prayed for the Holy Spirit to come into her heart, and draw her close to Him, and we should do the same. The Holy Spirit helps us to pray as we ought. God wants to come to our aid and help us to grow closer to Him. Do not be afraid to ask the Holy Spirit to help you in prayer.

St. Catherine of Siena was a Dominican tertiary and mystic who lived in Italy in the 1300s. She was known for her holiness, asceticism, and spiritual visions and was said to have received stigmata. She was also a reformer and political activist, and she was influential in religious and political affairs of the church.

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)

Welcome to the **Third Sunday of Easter, Year A, 26th April 2020**. Let us acknowledge Christ in our lives and the beautiful gift of faith we have been given through the power of the Holy Spirit and through Jesus' life, death and resurrection, that we may believe and live a life according to his plan and will. We, like St Peter Chanel, are missionaries, called to take the faith to others, that they may encounter and come to know the Risen Christ, and so that when we meet him on the road, our eyes are open, and we are able to recognise him always as he accompanies us.



Show Your ANZAC Spirit

When times are tough, Australians have always relied on the distinctive qualities of mateship, humour, ingenuity, courage and endurance to get us through. Known as the ANZAC Spirit, these five qualities have defined Australians ever since the first troops landed on the beaches of Gallipoli in World War I.

In the current climate, we're reminding Australians that we all bear these qualities within us, ready to come to the fore when we need them.

How You Can Commemorate ANZAC Day 2020

There's no doubt that ANZAC Day 2020 will be very different to ANZAC Days of previous years. While we will not be gathering at services or marches, there are still ways to acknowledge ANZAC Day and ensure Australian servicemen and women are appropriately remembered.

- 1. Light up the dawn.** At 6am on ANZAC Day, go to the end of your driveway or stand on your balcony and listen to a brief commemorative service. Together – even while apart – we'll remember those who served and sacrificed. You can sign the pledge to light up the dawn at [rslanzacspirit.com.au](https://www.rslanzacspirit.com.au)
- 2. Record yourself reciting the ode or sharing a message of support for veterans.** Respond "Going" to our [ANZAC Day 2020 Facebook event](#). Then use the hashtag #ANZACSpirit and share how you'll be commemorating privately, as well as who you'll be remembering this ANZAC Day.
- 3. Tune into live services and virtual commemorative services.** The ABC will be broadcasting a 5.30am service from the Australian War Memorial in Canberra. There will also be a 10am service from the Anzac Memorial in Sydney that will be broadcast on ABC and streamed live.
- 4. Reach out to a mate who might be alone.** Many people are alone during this time of isolation. It's an opportunity to invoke the ANZAC value of mateship and check to see how a mate is doing.
- 5. Donate to the ANZAC Appeal online at anzacappeal.com.au.** Donations support Australian veterans and their families in need. Donations in New South Wales support services provided by RSL DefenceCare and Veteran Sport Australia.

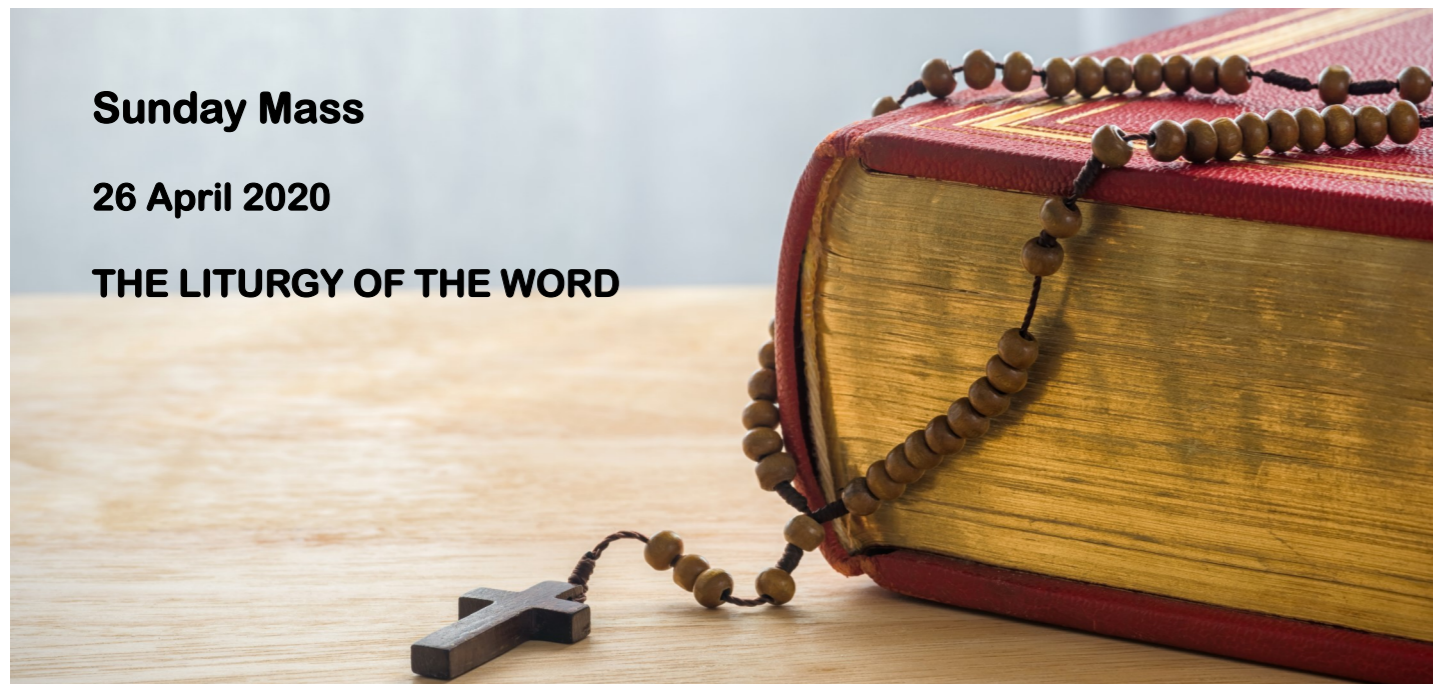
Useful Links [rslanzacspirit.com.au](https://www.rslanzacspirit.com.au) and anzacappeal.com.au

Show your support by using this [ANZAC Spirit Facebook profile picture frame](#).

Sunday Mass

26 April 2020

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



First Reading Acts 2:14, 22-33

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him: I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy: my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption.

You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence.' 'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witness to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-11

R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Second Reading 1 Peter 1:17-21

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason - so that you would have faith and hope in God.

Gospel Acclamation of Luke 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 24:13-35

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at the table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes it is true, The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

REFLECTION FOR 26TH APRIL

Jesus accompanies us on our journey of life. That's an easy slogan, but the Emmaus story is a real example. It also parallels our experience every time we celebrate the Eucharist. In the beginning, the disciples go off course; they give up and leave the others in Jerusalem. Our lives are filled with such times of despair and misdirection. The Eucharist also begins by acknowledging our need for God in the Penitential Rite. Then Jesus meets us right where we are with a loving presence, no matter who we are or what we have done. Both in today's Gospel and through the Liturgy of the Word, Jesus shares and explains the scriptures to us. We learn to see God's movements and wisdom through our lives, sometimes only in retrospect. Even then we may not be fully aware of the person of God present throughout. However, Jesus finally breaks the bread, sharing his life and nourishment for the journey. The Eucharist complete, we are sent out to be his hands and feet. Even when Jesus disappears, the disciples remember and bear witness. In our journeys, Jesus' presence is sometimes obvious or subtle. May we realise his loving companionship as we celebrate life eucharistically.

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Recently Deceased: Gerald McCulloch, Irene Adams and Janet Milroy (mother of Rosie Jenkins)

Anniversary: Kay Taylor, Rodney Noble, Carole Dugdale, Manuela Anisco, Raquel Cabiles, Anne Badge, Patricia Mutton, Trevelne Sonter, Fr Tito Ayo, SOLT, Angelita Tabije, Rita Muscat, Vincent James Dobb, David de Venuto, Corazon B House, Victor Hindmarsh, Margaret Leslie, Michael Conneely, Barbara Brigoli, Najividad Dieta, Jim Fagan, May McAndrew, Leslie Smith and Leanne Smith.



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.

A PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE

Lord God, help us this day to remember the sacrifice of the first ANZACs, Australian and New Zealander, and the generations of men, women and children who have died in the cause of liberty and peace. Help us to remember those who still bear the physical and mental scars and disabilities of their service. Help us to remember the widows, girlfriends, parents and orphans and all those who waited in vain for the return of a loved one. Help us to remember the mateship, agony, courage and compassion of war service, but save us from ever glorifying the horror and tragedy of war. Lord God, help us to remember.
Amen



ANZAC DAY
Left We Forget

PRAYER: Lord, as we walk down the journey of life, we ask that you would be our constant companion, particularly on those days when we are disheartened or when we have strayed off your path. When we are downcast, we ask that you lift our spirits. When we are confused, we ask that you enlighten our minds. When we are disappointed, we ask that you give us hope. Amen
<http://catholichotdish.com/thepastors-page/emmaus-prayer/>

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Keep in contact with Jo and Helen in the Parish Office on 4352 1011 or Jo 0424 763 734.

Facetime Jo on 0424 763 734 in the Parish office between 9.30am - 2.30pm Mon to Thurs & 9.30am - 12pm Friday.

Reconciliation by appointment. To make an appointment call 4352 1011, Fr Raul 0450 115 099 or Fr Alex 0432 947 245

Prayer intentions—send an email or call the Parish Office with your prayer intentions. These will be prayed for by Fr Raul and Fr Alex in their private daily Masses.

If you know of someone who does not have an email or access to the internet, please advise the Parish Office, so we can arrange for the parish bulletin to be delivered to them.

We have many resources that can be collected from outside the church for example: Weekly Bulletin, the Holy Rosary booklet and Stations of the Cross booklet.

As a community we invite you to Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet each day with a special intention for those who are dying due to the COVID-19.

There are many ways that you can stay in contact with us: through email, by phone or checking our website
Parish Email: wvongparish@bbcatholic.org.au
Website: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/wvong/>
Facebook: www.facebook.com/wvongcatholicparish

Birthdays and Anniversaries

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Alicia McCabe (belated Birthday wishes)

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Beth Hughes
John Dwyer
Gerard Byrne
Helen Beamish (19/5/1950)

ANNIVERSARIES

Kerry & Brian Bugden 12/5/1962-- 58 years
Enid & John Dwyer 31/5/1958 – 62 years

Please contact the parish office with your Birthdays and Anniversaries, we will have a Mass said for you.
Ph:4352 1011

ANZAC DAY MASS

If you wish to prayerfully unite yourselves from within your homes with Fr Raul and Fr Alex as they celebrate Mass to commemorate ANZAC Day, the time will be 9am, Saturday 25th April.

Bishop Anthony will be celebrating Mass at the Cathedral to commemorate ANZAC day.

Date: Saturday 25 April

Time: 9:30am

Livestream: Hornsby Cathedral Parish YouTube Channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNenwlf7i14XB9TsVBrLvQ>

FUNDRAISING

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Craft Stall raised \$1060

Thank you Rae Bof for organising and running the stall.

Return and Earn raised \$583 to date. Please remember to save all your bottles and cans.

LEARNING FROM HOME SRE LESSONS

The Department of Education has approved the continuation of SRE classes during the COVID-19 period via a Learning from Home model. Our CCD team have been working hard to adapt lessons into PowerPoint format so that they can be delivered online. Schools will be able to share a link to the lessons on our website so that students and families can easily access these lessons at home.

While catechists cannot be involved in the lesson delivery at this time, they will be provided with suggestions for staying spiritually connected with the children they teach. Catechists are encouraged to continue praying for the children and their families, allowing space for the Holy Spirit to work in the students' lives and forming catechists for the time when they will return to the classrooms to teach.

Saint: 28-April

ST PETER CHANEL – priest, missionary and martyr, was passionate about sharing the Good News and travelled to various countries including Tonga, Canary Islands, Chile, India, to proclaim the Risen Christ. After serving the people on the small island of Futuna in the South Pacific, Peter Chanel was murdered by order of the king, due to fear and jealousy. Within a few years of Peter Chanel's death, the entire island converted to Christianity