

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*



Spread love
everywhere you go.

Let no one ever
come to you without
leaving happier.

Mother Teresa

WELCOME TO THE 17TH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
Year A,
26th July 2020

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 13:44 Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.'

REFLECTION: "Jesus painted the absurd images found in these two parables to reveal the risk factor of God's Kingdom. God's Kingdom demanded everything from the believer...The believer must put God first in all things." <http://www.word-sunday.com/Files/a/17-a/A-17-a.html>

WELCOME TO THE 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME As adopted sons and daughters of a loving Father we are heirs to a Kingdom unlike any we can fathom. Jesus compares it to treasure and pearls and wants to give it all to us. He wants us to want it; He wants us to desire it more than anything else. It is an eternal treasure that is offered to us and which we are called to receive from a loving and generous Father



Please join us as we livestream Mass every Sunday at 9.30am on Facebook. Please see the link below, don't forget to like and follow our Facebook page. www.facebook.com/wyongcatholicparish

SUNDAY MASS 26 JULY 2020

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING 1 KINGS 3:5, 7-12

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130

R. Lord, I love your commands.

SECOND READING ROMANS 8:28-30

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION OF MATTHEW 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

GOSPEL MATTHEW 13:44-46

Jesus said to his disciples: “The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls.

When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. When it is full they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into buckets.

What is bad they throw away. Thus it will be at the end of the age.

The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.

“Do you understand all these things?” They answered, “Yes.”

And he replied, “Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old.”

REFLECTION FOR 26TH JULY

Jesus often spoke in parables. In today’s Gospel reading Jesus shares with us a parable about a person who finds a treasure buried in a field. Upon realizing the great worth of the treasure he sells all to buy the field. This is what happens to us when we discover the treasure of the kingdom of God. Pope Francis says, ‘those who find it have no doubts, they sense that this is what they have been seeking and waiting for; and this is what fulfils their most authentic aspirations....’ When we have this personal and loving encounter with the person of Jesus, we are so captivated and attracted by Jesus that we are willing to sell everything, to safeguard our relationship with him. Today in our prayer we are invited to seek Jesus wholeheartedly. He is the treasure we are seeking but sometimes in our prayer, our search for Jesus can be clouded by events in our own life – worries, insecurities and hardships. We need to ask the Holy Spirit for the gift of finding Jesus so that we too may experience our ‘most authentic aspirations’ being fulfilled.

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PRAYER EACH NEW DAY

Let me pause as I begin this new day to give it to You, Lord. Before the tumult of activities breaks in; before breakfast plates crash through my still sleepy mind; for this last moment in my bed, thank you, Lord.

Let me hold Your promise of new life. Keep me from slipping back for I know that what is forgiven is as if it never were. Each new day, Your grace gives me a fresh start to walk in Your light again.

May the Lord support us all the day long, till the shades lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in His mercy may He give us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last. Amen.

https://www.catholic.org/prayers/prayeroftheday/?select_date=2020-07-21

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KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS

Prayer: The most valuable gift you can give someone.

Sick: Len Miller, Victor Gibbs, Harriet Powell, Danae Roe, Peter Ford, Harry Hall, Michael Briggs, Christine Heffernan, Jennese Thompson, Martin Wicks, Leeann Hazelton, Catherine Amey, Philip Dwyer, Bernadette Kiely, Steve Durnford, Ann Durnford, Maureen Mulheron, Angela Watts, William Martin, Terence (Ted) Dafter, Finn McConnon, Val Martin.

Recently Deceased: Charles William Helm, Allan May, Nigel John Smith, Neville Grange Bendall.

Anniversary July: Pauleene Crass, John Dwyer, Tom & Bridget Dermody, Nora Dillon, James Bastick, Brian Flints, Alois Webb.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY

OUR FAMILIES

We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

Congratulations Newlyweds

Congratulations to Rebecca and Sean Perera who received the Sacrament of Marriage on Friday 3rd July at St Cecilia's Church. May God Bless you abundantly with Love, Joy and Happiness.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Best Wishes

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Lucy Smith 16/7, 90th
Moya Wicks 7/7
Margaret Bastick 1/7
Vince Allport
Maureen Dobb 16/7
Betty Bohm 17/7
Nick Murace 23/7
Ken Green 16/7

Warmest Congratulations

ANNIVERSARIES

Doreen & Michael Whipps 16/7/1965
(55 years)
Stephanie & John Burke 28/7
(30 years)



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STAY CONNECTED

Whilst we cannot worship together as we usually would, please know that there are many ways that you can still remain connected to us in the following ways:

- ◆ Contact Jo on 0424 763 734 to book your attendance at one of our Masses.
- ◆ Join our Facebook page to watch 9.30am Sunday Mass Live
www.facebook.com/wyongcatholicparish
- ◆ Keep in contact with Jo and Helen in the Parish Office on 4352 1011 or Jo 0424 763 734.
- ◆ **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 the 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 or you may like to deliver the Bulletin 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.

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Facebook:

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OUR LOCAL ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE IN WYONG WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE OUR HELP;

Our local St Vincent De Paul Conference in Wyong is made up of a team of Parishioners from our Parish who go and visit those in need every week and would appreciate our help.

They are seeking donations of warm clothing and linen in Good Condition to give to their clients.

The Vinnies team would also like to make up some care packages/hampers, so donations of non-perishable food and toiletries would be gratefully appreciated.

You can bring your donations to the Parish Office or Mass on the weekend and leave your donations in the Vinnies wishing well.

“If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one.” Mother Teresa

FEAST DAY: SAINT

July 29th ST MARTHA

PRAYER

Saint Martha, pray for us that we might serve Jesus better.

Help us to overcome our distractions and worries to listen to his words and be present to him this day.

Amen.

July 31st ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

Founded the Society of Jesus, also known as the Jesuits. While recovering from an injury sustained in battle, Ignatius experienced a conversion through reading about the life of Jesus and the saints which inspired him to do great deeds. Over the years Ignatius became an expert in the art of spiritual direction and collected his insights and prayers in his book *Spiritual Exercises*. Many people over the five centuries have been touched and practice Ignatian Spirituality, which encourages people to develop an intimate relationship with God

August 1st ST ALPHONSUS LIGUORI,

PRAYER: Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will, all I have and call my own. You have given all to me. To you, Lord, I return it. Everything is yours; do with it what you will. Give me only your love and your grace, That is enough for me.
<https://jesuits.org/Assets/Publications/File/Examen-trifold-brochure.pdf>

WEEKEND AND WEEKDAY MASSES

Thankfully, we are now able to come together and worship in greater numbers in our Churches.

As we still have a limitation of 40 people per Mass, we kindly remind you that you **MUST RING EACH WEEK** to book in your attendance for our **WEEKEND MASSES**.

Please keep in mind that there may be weekends where it will be impossible to accommodate everyone who wishes to attend. We ask for your understanding and patience. Thank you.

To book your attendance for the Weekend Masses please text or call

Jo on 0424 763 734 during office hours;

Monday to Thursday 9.30am to 2.30am and Friday 9.30am to 12pm.

Please note the phone is not manned outside of office hours.

Remember when texting or leaving a message we need to know:

- Is it St Cecilia's or St John Fisher you wish to attend?
- Full names of people attending.
- Time of Mass you wish to attend.
- (Your booking will be confirmed with either a reply text or phone call)

No need to book in for weekday Masses. (however you Must make sure you have your name and contact details recorded on the attendance sheet as you come into the church.

UPDATED MASS TIMES AS OF THE 1ST JUNE 2020

ST CECILIA'S CHURCH MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil Masses **4pm** and **5pm**

Sunday Masses **8.30am** and **9.30am**

Weekday Mass times Monday to Saturday 8am (no need to book in for the weekday masses)

ST JOHN FISHER MASS CTR

Saturday Vigil Masses **4pm** and **5pm**

Sunday Masses **8.30am** and **9.30am**

Weekday Mass times Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 8am and Tuesday, Friday 9.15am (no need to book in for the weekday masses)

Healing Mass: We will not recommence Anointing Masses at this stage.

Group Meetings: We will not recommence group meeting in the parish until we receive notification from the Diocese.

PLEASE REMEMBER WHEN COMING TO MASS THAT:

- If you have a temperature or a cold, please do not attend.
- You must sanitise your hands before entry into the church.
- You must have your name marked off the attendance sheet, this will be at the entrance of the church/mass ctr.
- For Weekday Masses you Must make sure you have your name and contact details recorded on the attendance sheet as you come into the church.
- Individuals (not families) are asked to respect the 1.5m distancing from each other obligation.
- Boxes for 1st and 2nd Collections are inside the church/mass ctr

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

WE HAVE EXCITING NEWS

Weekend and Weekday Masses have resumed in Wyong Catholic Parish with **limitations of 40 people per Mass**. If you wish to attend Mass please contact Jo from the parish office on 0424 763 734 to book your attendance.

Please note: The dispensation for all the Faithful in the Diocese from the obligation to participate at Mass on Sunday and Holy Days of obligation (cc.87§1 ;1247) is still in effect. The Faithful are encouraged to keep the Lord's Day holy and celebrate Sundays as a domestic church by taking time to pray together as a household (c. 1248§2).

Please join us as we Live-stream Mass every Sunday at 9.30am on Facebook. please use this link, don't forget to like and follow our page.

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PARISH COLLECTIONS

We are delighted that we are able to support the faith needs of our Catholic community and grateful that we are still here and able to assist you. Please show your support for your parish and the commitments we have made, by giving whatever you can. As Jesus said, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also". (Matthew 6:21).

1st Collection (PRIESTS) The financial support for Fr Raul and Fr Alex comes solely from our Parish first collection and this goes towards their upkeep and living expenses. Our Parish Priests are not financially supported by the Diocese.

2nd Collection (PARISH) goes towards all the pastoral and operating expenses of the Parish: phones/photo copier, electricity, insurance, rates, priests vehicles, staff wages, Presbytery, Church and ground maintenance just to name a few.

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

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or you may even like to **post a cheque** to Po Box 385 Wyong 2259.

TAX RECEIPTS:

Tax Receipts for Charitable Works and Caritas are now ready for you to collect from both St Cecilia's Church and St John Fisher Mass Ctr



Media Release

16 July 2020

Bishop Randazzo announces change to the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation

Bishop Anthony Randazzo has made adjustments to the age of children receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Diocese of Broken Bay.

In a letter to clergy of the Diocese last week, Bishop Randazzo acknowledged the crisis of the COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted the course of Sacramental Preparation Programmes across all parishes.

“I have been unable to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in the parishes of the Diocese at all this year,” said Bishop Randazzo, who has decided, due to ongoing uncertainty and for the sake of clarity for parents and families, parishes and personnel involved in preparing children for the Sacraments that he will not celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at all in 2020.

Formerly, children receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation were seven years old, typically those in Year 2. For the future celebration of the Sacrament, Bishop Randazzo has announced that candidates will be at least eight years old, those who are in Year 3.

The change has been made after Bishop Randazzo consulted and received feedback about the Sacrament of Confirmation and after discussions with the Council of Priests.

“The practice of celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation with those who have reached the age of seven, typically those in Year 2, seems early for the most meaningful reception of the Sacrament,” said Bishop Randazzo.

“Therefore, I wish to use the circumstances afforded us negatively by the pandemic to place our practice of Sacramental preparation, positively, on a new footing going forward.”

The Bishop has not changed the order of the Sacraments of Initiation being Baptism, followed by Confirmation and Eucharist. Under the new program, Reconciliation and Eucharist will therefore be celebrated by those who are aged nine and in Year 4.

“I regard this as the best and most sustainable way forward to address both the suspension of the celebration of Confirmation for the rest of this year, and to engage the unique opportunity with which we are now presented to bring Sacramental Preparation Programmes into the future on a different footing for children who are older and more able to appreciate the significance of their Christian Initiation.”

The letter to clergy announcing the changes, explained some of the implications on Sacramental Preparation Programmes. With the various timings of the programmes across parishes throughout the Diocese taking place either in the first or second halves of the year, it will take the course of 2021 to 2022 to establish the consistent foundation of the preparation programme for children who are aged eight and older.

Bishop Randazzo also explained norms around who has the faculty to Confirm, especially regarding the various circumstances arising for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. With some exceptions, the Bishop clarified particularly regarding the Confirmation of children, “I am the ordinary minister of the Sacrament of Confirmation and I do not wish this to be compromised by widespread delegation of this faculty”.

The Bishop explained he is aware of the practical implications for parishes during a period of adjustment but looks forward to achieving consistency across the diocese as soon as is practicable.

“We have been through a great disruption that has affected parish communities in numerous ways,” said Bishop Randazzo, “and I acknowledge the many creative and innovative initiatives adopted by our people to keep the faith flourishing”.

“I am grateful for the way in which parishes will bring to completion this year sacramental preparations commenced in 2019, so that in the new year, we can resume the programme for new cohorts on a new premise.”

For more information regarding the Sacraments in Wyong Parish please contact the office on 4352 1011 or email w Yongparish@bbcatholic.org.au