

8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
PARISH BULLETIN, 27TH FEBRUARY 2022

*Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life*

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*

2nd March
Ash Wednesday Masses

8am St Cecilia's Church

8am St John Fisher Mass Ctr

7pm St Cecilia's Church



REFLECTION 2nd March 2022 Ash Wednesday

MATHEW 6:1-6, 16-18

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Our Lenten fast can benefit our physical health and, if accompanied by conversion of heart, our spiritual wellbeing as well. It can also serve to remind us that the whole material world is God's gift to us, to be shared and enjoyed by all people. Jesus himself fasted for forty days before he began his public ministry (Matthew 4:1-11). In today's Gospel reading Jesus links fasting with prayer, almsgiving and the practice of good works unostentatiously performed. This is completely in harmony with the word of God revealed through the prophet Isaiah, 'Is not this the sort of fast that pleases me—it is the Lord who speaks to break unjust fetters and undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and break every yoke, to share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, to clothe the one you see to be naked and not turn from your own kin?' (Isaiah 58:6-7).

ALL WELCOME

As there has been no opportunity until now for us to gather as a parish, a special evening get together barbecue will be held on **Tuesday, 1 March at 5:30 pm at St Cecilia's Wyong.**

This Shrove Tuesday celebration will be a precursor for Lent 2022 which will commence on the next day, Ash Wednesday.

For catering purposes, could you please let Jo know on **0424 763 734 or 43521011 by 12 noon on Monday 28 February.**

Hope you are able to join us.

This year for Ash Wednesday we will be following the same instructions given last year.

INSTRUCTION ON ASH WEDNESDAY

IN THE MIDST OF THE PANDEMIC The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments has advised that for Ash Wednesday, the priest will address all those present and say only once 'Repent, and believe in the Gospel,' or 'Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.' The priest will then cleanse his hands, put on a face mask and distribute the ashes to those who come to him or, if appropriate, he goes to those who are standing in their places. The Priest will take the ashes and sprinkle them on the head of each one without saying anything.

Project Compassion Sunday 26 & 27 February

Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water & sanitation & disaster risk reduction. We are reminded that the good we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come to build a better future for all.

'The future starts today not tomorrow'.



Pastoral Discernment

Central Coast

The Pastoral Discernment Central Coast project has been launched. As part of phase 2 of the project, Parishioners and interested members of the community are warmly invited to join us for a parish listening and dialogue session. There will be two of these sessions, one during the day and one of an evening. We would especially welcome families and young people to add their voice to the conversation.

Our Parish community's listening and dialogue session is on

- **Wednesday 9th March 5.30pm at St Peter's Campus Tuggerah**
- **Friday 11th March 10.30am at Parish Hall 23 Byron Street Wyong.**

We want to hear from you on how our parish community can give God thanks for the way in which the Spirit is at work in the life of our parish, and to consider new possibilities for both the growth and future of the region. Please consider joining us!

If you can't make either of the sessions, visit

www.bbcatholic.org.au/pdcc <<http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/pdcc>> to submit your individual submission for consideration.

To assist with catering, can we ask that you please RSVP by 7th March to Jo in the parish office 0424 763 734.

Invitation to the ladies of Wyong Catholic Parish.
We would love to share our prayers with you.

World Day of Prayer

Place: St James Anglican Church

Date: Friday 4th March

Time: 10am

Morning tea will be served Covid permitting

Countries to be focused upon are: England, Northern Ireland and Wales.

The World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian laywomen's initiative. It is run under the motto "Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action," and is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March. The movement aims to bring together women of various races, cultures and traditions in a yearly common Day of Prayer, as well as in closer fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year.

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Anointing of the Sick

Friday 6th March

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

St Barnabas Church Yarramalong

Mass will be celebrated at St Barnabas Church, Yarramalong Sunday 6th March at 11.15am. All are welcome.

Sacramental Program

The Sacramental Program for 2022 will be commencing in March.

For more information regarding the sacraments please call Jo on 0424 763 734

Extra Mower's Required

We are appealing for more mowers for 2022.

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.

REFLECTION 27th February 2022

GOSPEL LUKE 6:39-45

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Imagine if we always followed Jesus' advice to take a look at our own failings before criticising others. We would never criticise anyone, and how much happier our lives and relationships would be. Jesus reminds us that our inner spiritual health can be gauged by how we live our life, by our actions, by the fruit we bear. If we regularly display virtues such as patience, honesty and courage, there is a fair chance that this good is coming from the store of goodness in our heart. If we are prone to bad temper, impatience, dishonesty and any number of other 'rotten fruits', then, as the Scripture passage says, it is likely we are drawing from a well of badness. How do we create a store of goodness in our heart then? Through staying close to Jesus in prayer, Word and sacrament and filling ourselves with his goodness. I love to listen to Christian music in the car and around the house, because it's one small way of regularly filling myself up with Scripture-based goodness. We're still going to sin and make mistakes, but when we're drawing from the well of goodness in our heart, we're more likely to be able to share good fruits.

Bishop Anthony Randazzo Thanks Supporters of Pastoral Works Broken Bay

Thank you to all who support Pastoral Works as we endeavour to reach further and wider in helping our community. Every gift makes a real difference to someone in hospital, a school for students with special needs, the deaf community or our catechists sharing the gospel with State school students.

View Bishop Anthony Randazzo's message here. [Bishop - Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay \(bbcatholic.org.au\)](https://www.bbcatholic.org.au)

Community Seminar Wills, Enduring Guardianship and Powers of Attorney

A free seminar for the Catholic community of the Central Coast featuring an expert legal advisor to answer your questions.

Date: Tuesday 15 March 2022 Time: 11.00am – 12.30pm

Venue: Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Parish, 239-243 The Entrance Road, The Entrance 2261

Catering: Light refreshments provided

Register: www.bbcatholic.org.au/willsday or contact David on 02 8379 1664 / david.armstrong@bbcatholic.org.au

Presenter Cecilia Castle, principle of Castle Lawyers, will present and answer questions from her legal expertise of over 30 years. Cecilia is a regular speaker and writer on legal topics, Catholic and parishioner in the Diocese of Broken Bay



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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 4.30pm

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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

St Barnabas, Yarramalong
1st Sun of month 11.15am

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 Cecilia's 5pm Mass Saturday

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

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
PPC Secretary; Kerry Bugden
ph 4388 2938

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, Bernadette Kiely, Steve Durnford, Ann Durnford, Maureen Mulheron, Angela Watts, William Martin, Terence (Ted) Dafter, Finn McConnon, Margaret Hobbs, Christine, John Baxter, Jacqui Stacey, Josie Campbell, Carol Dafter, Dave Rodney, Gwen Dwyer, Helen Waters, Rod & Pauline Cornwell, Marie & Peter Rheinberger, Hannah Hopwood, Fay King, Joan Mabbutt, Irene Dainty, Kevin Barry.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Bruce Keir, Colleen Salbestro, Albert Attard,

ANNIVERSARY FEBRUARY: Bill Cullinan, John Kiernan, Rosie Attard, Natividad Dieta, Rita Muscat, Rod McCarthy, Victor Gibbs.

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD *Reproduced from Liturgia*

FIRST READING Sirach 27:4-7

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk. The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation. The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels. Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 91:2-3, 13-16

R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Philipians 2:15-16

Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 6:39-45

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'