

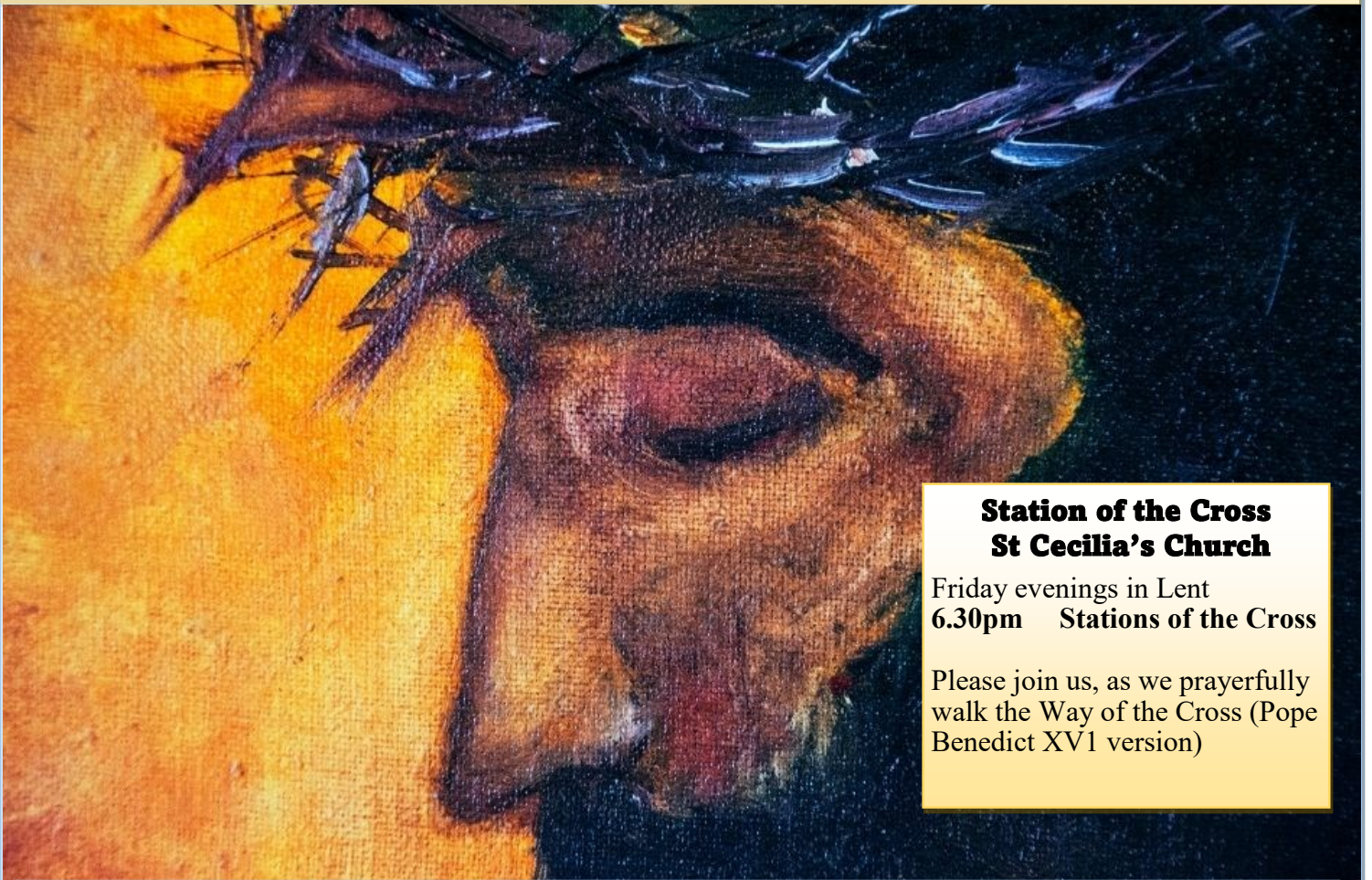
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
PARISH BULLETIN, 27TH MARCH 2022

*I will rise and go to my Father and tell him: Father,
I have sinned against heaven and against you.*

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*



Station of the Cross
St Cecilia's Church

Friday evenings in Lent
6.30pm Stations of the Cross

Please join us, as we prayerfully
walk the Way of the Cross (Pope
Benedict XVI version)

REFLECTION 27th March 2022

Gospel Luke 13:1-9

Reproduced from God's Word 2022: Daily Reflections, published by St Pauls Publications, Strathfield

According to Matthew, Jesus spoke to the crowd in parables, indeed he would never speak to them except in parables' (Matthew 13:34). We listen today to one of the most memorable of them. Responding to the accusation of the Pharisees and scribes that he welcomed and ate with sinners, Jesus told a story that could be variously entitled 'The Parable of the Prodigal Son' or 'The Parable of the Forgiving Father'. It is both challenging and reassuring to us - challenging if we have reason to see ourselves in the older brother and reassuring if, mindful of our sinfulness, we identify with his erstwhile wayward but repentant sibling. Their father receives his younger son with great love and compassion, rejoicing that he 'was lost and is found'. With reference to this parable St John Paul II wrote: '(God's love) is able to reach down to every prodigal son, to every human misery and above all to every form of moral misery, to sin. When this happens, the person who is the object of mercy does not feel humiliated, but rather found again and "restored to value"' (Dives in Misericordia #6). Is there anyone whom, like the older brother, I have yet to forgive? A good Lenten question!

PALM SUNDAY CROSSES

All are welcome to come and help make our Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday Masses.

Wednesday 6th April at 1pm in the Parish Hall 23 Byron Street Wyong. Afternoon Tea will be provided.

Also if anyone has any palms that would be suitable to decorate our Churches for Palm Sunday could you please speak to Fr Raul or Fr Alex after mass.

Parish BBQ

The postponed parish barbecue will now be held on **Saturday 2 April** following 5:00 pm evening Vigil Mass at St Cecilia's Wyong, weather permitting.

This date is the last opportunity to make use of the longer daylight-saving hours (clocks go back the next day). This social gathering is our first opportunity to get together as a parish since the removal of Covid restrictions. We hope you will be able to join with us.

For catering purposes please let Jo know your attendance numbers on **0424763734** or **43521011** by 12 noon on **Thursday 31 March**.

Parish fundraising

Tickets for the Parish Easter Egg Raffle will go on sale this weekend at all Masses. (Money raises will go towards Pastoral Works)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

We ask that you keep the children in our parish who are preparing to make the Sacrament of Reconciliation in your thoughts and prayers.

Reconciliation is a beautiful sacrament as it allows us to reflect on our actions and brings us closer to God.

Reconciliation 2nd form of the Rite of Reconciliation

St Cecilia's Church 6pm
Wednesday 6th April.

Reconciliation 1st form of the Rite of Reconciliation

St John Fisher Mass Ctr
2nd April Saturday Vigil
Reconciliation following the 5pm Mass
3rd April Sunday
Reconciliation following the 5pm Mass

Holy Thursday

14th April
Mass of the Last Supper
St John Fisher Tumbi 7pm
Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
(Reconciliation will be available)

Good Friday

15th April
Stations of the Cross
St Cecilia's Wyong 10am
St John Fisher Tumbi 10am
The Lord's Passion
St Cecilia's Wyong 3pm
St John Fisher Tumbi 3pm

Holy Saturday

16th April
Easter Vigil Mass
St Cecilia's Wyong 7pm

Easter Sunday

17th April
Mass of the Resurrection
St Cecilia's Wyong
7.30am & 9.30am
St John Fisher Tumbi
8.30am & 5pm

EASTER CEREMONIES

After discussions with Fr Raul, Fr Alex, The Parish Liturgy Committee and the Parish Pastoral Council, it has been decided to continue with the same format used the last 4 years for our Easter ceremonies;

Holy Thursday service in our Parish will take place at St John Fisher only, and that the Easter Saturday Vigil service will take place at St Cecilia's only.

This allows the opportunity for the whole parish to come together as one on these two significant occasions and allows our priests the opportunity of concelebrating Mass on the feast of the institution of the priesthood (Holy Thursdays Mass of the Last Supper) and the Mass which many regard as being the most symbolic in our liturgical year (The Easter Saturday Vigil).

Good Friday and Easter Sunday services will still take place at both Tumbi and Wyong as per previous years.

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Anointing of the Sick

Friday 1st April

**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 3rd April at 11.15am. All
are welcome.

Project Compassion

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envelopes available from your Par-
ish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or
by calling 1800 024 413.

Wyong Parish COMMUNITY COLLECTIONS

Each year as a parish we have three donated item collections supporting the disadvantaged members of the community. These collections are in March/April (Shoebox collection), June (Vinnies Winter collection) and December (Vinnies Christmas collection).

We are changing from the 'shoe-box' collection to the 'WPCC' (Wyong Parish Community Collection).

Instead of donations being organized to fit in a shoebox, we are asking that individual items are placed in the collection baskets which will be available at the front of both churches. This collection drive will run from **26 March to 1 May**. Collection baskets will be emptied each week.

Three charities are being supported in 2022. These charities are **Wyong Neighbour Centre, Mary Mac's Place and We Care Connect**. Please see below suggested items which can be donated. These items are those specifically needed by the disadvantaged people the charities support.

More information on each charity can be found at the web addresses listed:

Wyong Neighbour Centre Inc

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

Mary Mac's Place

<https://.catholiccaredbb.org.au> > [mary-macs-place](#)

Long-life milk, Noodles, Pasta, and rice, Good quality tinned food and meals (with ring pulls), Soups, fruit, spaghetti, Museli bars and snacks, Breakfast Biscuits/ Cereal, UHT Milk, Noodles, Crackers, Muesli Bar, Lollies/ Chocolate, Biscuits/Chips, Fruit Cups/Tins, Tea, Cappuccino sachets, Cup of Soup, Water/Juice,

We Care Connect (Children's Charity in Wyong)

<https://wecareconnect.org.au>

Nappies, Baby wipes, Baby formula.

Please place all your items into the baskets provided at the front to the church. Thank you for your generous donations. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

Prayer for Peace and Justice in Ukraine

God of peace and justice, who change the hardened heart and break the power of violence, we entrust the people of Ukraine to you. Protect them in this time of mortal peril; let them know not death but life, not slavery but freedom.

You are Father of all; we are brothers and sisters.

**Give us the strength to live that truth in love,
choosing peace not war.**

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen



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23 Byron St Wyong

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

EMERGENCY PRIEST CONTACT

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PARISH OFFICE 23 Byron Street Wyong

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OFFICE HOURS: Mon to Thurs 9.30am to 2.30pm &

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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.

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT 27th March 2022

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD *Reproduced from Liturgia*

FIRST READING JOSHUA 5:9-12 (YEAR C)

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.'

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 33:2-7 (YEAR C)

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17-21 (YEAR C)

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION LUKE 15:18 (YEAR C)

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I will rise and go to my Father and tell him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL LUKE 15:1-3, 11-32 (YEAR C)

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man,' they said, 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about, "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property - he and his women - you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

Parish Fundraiser Easter Egg Raffle Tickets \$1 each





“Come to me, all you that are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.”

Matthew 11:28

APRIL 2022

1st
(Friday)

DIVINE MERCY FRIDAY

6:00pm - 8:30pm

1st
(Friday)

1ST FRIDAY HEALING SERVICE, CHATSWOOD

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6:30pm - 8:30pm

2nd
(Saturday)

ONE DAY MALAYALAM RETREAT

10:00am - 2:30pm

DIVINE YOUTH MINISTRY,

5.00pm to 7.30pm, for Young Adults ages 18+

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**22nd-
24th**
(Fri-Sun)

DIVINE MERCY GROWTH RETREAT with Fr. Roni George and Fr. Joby George

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.” Mathew 5:7

Friday 5:30pm - Sunday 4.00pm **BOOKING: 04 6848 6782**

18th
(Monday)

SPIRITUAL RETREAT AT ST. PATRICK WALLSEND

11 Macquarie St, Wallsend 2287

7:00pm - 9:00pm

24th
(Sunday)

DIVINE MERCY FEAST (LAST SUNDAY RETREAT)

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Pastoral Discernment Central Coast Project

Many groups and individuals across the region have shared their stories about how all members of the Catholic Church can walk together to carry out our mission as Christians. Have you?

The local consultation process for the Pastoral Discernment Central Coast project is open for two more weeks – until March 31. Join with family, friends, parishioners, or participate yourself. Find out more at: www.bbcatholic.org.au/pdcc

If you haven't already, please visit the webpage to upload your submission. <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/our-faith/pastoral-discernment-central-coast/submissions>



Towards a Pastoral Mission Resource

A document titled Towards a Pastoral Mission has been developed to support the vision and mission of evangelisation in Broken Bay and the six key priorities Bishop Anthony Randazzo highlighted in his 2020 Pastoral Letter [Jesus Christ, Our Beginning and End](#)

Towards a Pastoral Mission is a precursor to our planned 2022-2025 pastoral mission entitled One in Christ, which will be released shortly and outline the outcomes we would like to work towards.

With your input we can ensure our pastoral mission, goals and priorities are aligned to the needs of the communities and individuals we serve.

You are invited to consider six questions in this document and provide us your feedback as we continue to develop the Pastoral Mission. For the document, questions, your responses and the submission form visit bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralmission



Domestic Church is a movement for married Catholic couples and families who want to grow in mutual love and pursue sanctity together. The Movement helps spouses to build true unity and create a truly Christian environment in which to bring up their children. It provides lifelong formation in personal, marital and family spirituality.

The family circles meet once a month and function on an annual basis. Each meeting will include sharing life experiences during a symbolic meal, prayer and Bible study as well as formation.

Please contact Gosford Parish if you are interested in joining this program for more details. Any families who are not from Gosford Parish and would like to join are also more than welcome to do so.

Domestic Church leaders will provide more details at the first meeting which will be held on Sunday 27 March after 9.30am Mass at the St Patrick's School Library East Gosford. All families are welcome.

Contact details: maria.and777@gmail.com

Dating with Passion and Purpose course starting now!

The Dating with Passion and Purpose course is coming to Broken Bay. Simon Carrington – Catholic marriage and dating speaker – begins week 1 of this 6-week course on 23 March in Pennant Hills. These sessions for 18-35s can be life-changing so don't miss out! Registrations essential: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/867438>