

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*

**27TH SEPTEMBER 2020, 26TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A**

106th
WORLD DAY OF
MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

SUNDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER 2020

*LIKE JESUS CHRIST,
FORCED TO FLEE*

WELCOMING, PROTECTING,
PROMOTING AND INTEGRATING
INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS.



**The theme for Migrant and Refugee Sunday 2020 is
“Forced Like Jesus Christ to Flee”.**

*“During the flight into Egypt, the child Jesus experienced with his parents the tragic fate of
the displaced and refugees.....*

Unfortunately, in our own times, millions of families can identify with this sad reality.”

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 27 September 2020 THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

We request for everyone to please wear a mask when they attend church for any Mass, religious service or prayer.

FIRST READING EZEKIEL 18:25-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 24:4-9

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

SECOND READING PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus: His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.

But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION JOHN 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL MATTHEW 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go", but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

REFLECTION 27TH SEPTEMBER

One of the saddest statements we sometimes hear is that 'people cannot change'. 'Can a leopard change its spots?' Some people ask derisively.

The Judeo-Christian tradition has always firmly rejected such deterministic views of the human person. Our Scriptures constantly affirm that it is possible for the wicked to renounce their evil ways and live. It is possible for a rebellious son to have a change of heart and do what his father asks of him, as Jesus notes in today's Gospel.

For this change to happen, two things are required. Firstly, the individual must recognize and accept that there is something in his or her life that needs to be changed. The efforts of others to help will be of no avail until the individual acknowledges that he or she has a problem, or has done wrong, and needs help. The author of today's responsorial psalm acknowledges that he is a sinner. He admits the sins of his youth.

Secondly, and most importantly, the grace of God is needed for positive change to happen. People battling with addictions of various kinds speak of the need to surrender to a higher power. The psalmist makes such a surrender to God in today's psalm. He extols none of his own virtues but puts all his hope in God who is good and upright and shows the path to those who stray.

If we humbly recognize areas where we need to change, and desire that change to happen, we can be sure that the grace of God will never be lacking.

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Prayer: The most valuable gift you can give someone.

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Recently Deceased: Neville Bowman, Martin Wicks,

Anniversary September: Gail Parsons, Michael Bouchet, Thelma Newbury, Barry Austin, Donald King

PROMOTING RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

“Upholding and protecting the dignity of children who have been made in the image of God is foundational to our faith, and not simply a matter of civil compliance.”

As disciples of the Risen Lord we commit ourselves to giving witness to the life of Jesus Christ in our world today and recognising the face of Christ in the most vulnerable.”

Bishop Anthony Randazzo, September 2020

Congratulations

We congratulate both Fr Raul and Fr Alex who celebrate 22 years of priestly ordination this Thursday 1st October, on the Feast of St Therese of the Child Jesus. We thank you for your faithful service to our Parish. May God continue to Bless you with His love and joy.

Birthdays and

Anniversaries

Best Wishes

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Marilyn 3/9/1936

Michael Drain 4/9/1947

Kerry Bugden 13/9/1938

Vic Gibbs 90th 16/9/30

Warmest Congratulations

ANNIVERSARIES

Patricia & Peter Meury 15/9 55years

Jenny & Stephen Browne 19/9/87

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

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RESOURCES

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.



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100 CLUB

Thank you to all who have supported the 100 Club, we have had a wonderful response. Just a reminder the closing date is Tuesday 6th October, so only two weekends left to get your number.

RETURN AND EARN

From when we started collecting recycled bottles in October 2019 **RETURN AND EARN HAS RAISED \$1157.10 TO DATE.**

Parish Fundraiser with Environmental Benefits

A very big **THANK YOU** to everyone bringing in your recycled cans and bottles. Please keep them coming.....

WEEKEND MASSES

As of 3rd/4th October Masses will return to

ST CECILIA'S CHURCH
23 Byron Street Wyong
Sat Vigil 5pm
Sun 7.30am & 9.30am

ST JOHN FISHER MASS CTR
Hicks Lane Tumbi Umbi
Sat Vigil 5pm
Sun 8.30am & 5pm

Please note we are still limited to 45 people at each Mass and you will still need to book in. Please contact Jo on 0424 763 734 to let her know which weekend Mass time you would like to be booked into.

DAYLIGHT SAVING

Just a reminder Daylight saving will begin at 2am on Sunday 4th October. Clocks will need to be turned forward 1 hour.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

The Social Justice committee would appreciate your signature to the petition which will be available at the church doors over the next 2 to 3 weeks.

The St Vincent de Paul Society has organised the petition to ask the NSW Government to deliver more social housing. The petition states that 'across NSW, thousands of people, including children, are without a place to call home. Many are living on the streets, sleeping in parks, and living out of their cars. Others rely on emergency accommodation, boarding houses, and the generosity of family and friends. Some are forced to live in severely overcrowded conditions. In the most tragic of circumstances, women and children are staying with violent partners because they have nowhere else to go. At the same time, many people are living with chronic housing stress. This can mean they do not have enough money to pay for other household essentials including food and electricity. It can be a catalyst for relationship breakdown, substance abuse, and mental ill-health. Without a secure home it is hard to get a job, keep up with school or access health and community services. Social housing should be a safety net to support people experiencing homelessness and housing stress. But there is not enough. More than 50,000 applicants are waiting for social housing in NSW. In parts of the state the wait time is in excess of 10 years'

A minimum of 10,000 signatures is necessary and currently there are 7,000. The additional signatures must be collected before the November sitting of Parliament.

Thank you for your support.

Kerry Bugden Secretary Social Justice.

Extra Mower's Required

We are appealing for more mowers. 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.

Promoting Rights of the Child

.....
An annual initiative of the Diocesan Office for Safeguarding.

This year is the 30th anniversary of Australia ratifying the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.



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BROKEN BAY

Dear Parishioner,

We have all been affected in different ways by the current pandemic and I do hope that you are all coping well and feeling safe in your own situation.

The many different and unusual changes have been very dramatic for our Church and Parish. As well as the restrictions imposed for Mass and religious services, our usual social activities have completely stalled. There has been no morning teas, luncheons, Christmas in July, shoe box collection, Bunnings' Barbecue or any other social or fundraising activities.

The Parish income this year has not gone close to previous years, while our daily expenditure has not changed, but rather has increased because of the additional expenditure necessary to ensure we are meeting all the Covid sanitation and safety requirements.

For the above reasons it has been decided there will be a '100 Club' run over 10 weeks between October and December. These funds will help with the continuing overall expenses.

Thank you for your support of our parish during these difficult times.

Please see the information below this will outline all the details of cost, prizes and dates.

May the Holy Family continue to bless you and keep you safe.

Kerry Bugden PPC Secretary.

PARISH '100 CLUB'

The funds raised through this '100 Club' will be used to help defray overall Parish expenses.

The '100 Club' will run for 10 weeks with results published each week in the Church Bulletin from 11 October to 13 December. A results chart will be on display at each Church.

COST AND PAYMENT INFORMATION

The **one off cost** of a number for 10 weeks is \$40. The total amount can be paid in full by 7 October or by three (3) separate payments of

\$10 by 20 September

\$15 by 27 September

\$15 by 7 October

PAYMENTS can be made by placing money in an envelope clearly marked

100 Club

Name

Contact Details (phone or address)

Amount enclosed

Please place your envelope into the box labelled 100 CLUB inside the Church. Otherwise you can hand them to Kerry Bugden at St John Fisher, Barbara Fish, Arlene Barnett or Rove at St Cecilia's.

PRIZES

Weeks 1-9	1 st	\$80
	2 nd	\$40
WEEK 10	1 st	\$400
	2 nd	\$200
	3 rd	\$100

Please note – Should the '100 Club' not be fully subscribed, prizes will be adjusted.

NUMBER DRAW will occur following relevant weekend Masses and subscribers will be notified.

PRIZE DRAW will take place after one Mass each weekend with results published in the Parish Bulletin.

Charts showing subscribers and winners will be posted at each church.

Additional Information or Questions please phone Kerry Bugden 02 4388 2938

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo
Bishop of Broken Bay

Message for BBNeighbourhoods
22 September 2020

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In the first encyclical written in Pope Francis' pontificate, *Lumen Fidei*, the Holy Father looked at the biblical account of faith in the Old Testament. In particular, he looked at the kind of faith that Abraham exercised.

The faith of Abraham, says Pope Francis, was a faith where journeying in the expectation of the fulfilment of a promise by God took centre stage. The encyclical had this beautiful line to sum up the kind of faith I want to talk about this week in our Broken Bay Neighbourhoods: "faith sees insofar as it journeys" (*Lumen Fidei*, 9).

One of the fruits of the incarnation is that our faith cannot be an exit from this world. This is because heaven does not run from this world, it runs through it. The kind of faith our forebears believed and embraced was faith in action, embodied in the concrete circumstances of our lives.

The Psalms keep reminding us not only to think of the Lord, but "taste and see that the Lord is good" (Ps 34:8). This verse in Psalm 34 is a beautiful reminder of two important things.

First, it is a reminder of the incarnational aspect of our faith. Our faith in God is one that our bodies can and should experience and put into action in a concrete way. If you read this line of Psalm 34 carefully, you might notice that it is also a call to each and every one of us. It is calling us to be attentive to our circumstances and not try to use our faith to escape from them.

Our lived experiences are not a distraction from our faith in Christ. They are the very tools God uses for us to engage our faith. Indirectly, Psalm 34 is calling us to be attentive to the care of our sisters and brothers in Christ. Remember that when we walk with Christ, we also walk in communion with our brothers and sisters, and so they form an integral part of our lived experience of faith.

The other thing that the Psalm reminds us, is that our walk in and with Christ is ultimately a work of Christ.

When I say that faith is a faith in action, I do not mean that faith is a self-help programme. There is a line that says that "God helps those who help themselves", and this is terrible theology.

Faith does not mean pulling ourselves up by our bootstraps and proving to God that we are worthy of Divine assistance. Faith is not a force within us, it is a free gift of God, and the greatest gift of all is the gift of his Son, Jesus Christ.

This is where the incarnation once again becomes so important. The incarnation reminds us that God is not out there, distant, and uninterested in the lives of His Creatures. God poured himself out to live in solidarity with His creatures. In the person of Jesus, God lives as we would live and experiences the world as we would experience it. By doing so, God redeemed the world, and is still redeeming the world, out of love for you and me.

God continues to love us by joining us in our life, our joys, our hopes, and our sufferings, assuring us that we are not alone. This, my brothers and sisters, is what we call "grace". It is the pure and undeserved love of God. Our walk with Jesus Christ is the living out of that ridiculously abundant love of God for His world, in this world.

Blessings of love, joy, and peace,

+Anthony

WEEKEND AND WEEKDAY MASSES

St Cecilia's Church and St John Fisher Mass Ctr have a **limitation of 45 people per Mass**, we kindly remind you that you **MUST RING** to book in your attendance for our WEEKEND MASSES. To book your attendance for the Weekend Masses please text or call Jo on 0424 763 734 during office hours.

UPDATED MASS TIMES FROM 18TH AUGUST 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

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

Anointing 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.
- **The Diocese of Broken Bay has requested for everyone to please wear a mask when they attend church for any Mass, religious service or prayer.**
- For Weekend/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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PARISH COLLECTIONS

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.

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