

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

WELCOME TO THE 13TH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
Year A,
28th June 2020

GOSPEL READING: "Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me"

REFLECTION: "To be a disciple involves pain. This is not a good in itself but a consequence of trying to be faithful in difficult situations and in the face of discouragement."

<https://www.sosj.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/13thSundayOrdinaryTime-YearA.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

Emergency Priest Contact

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Fr Alex ph: 0432 947 245

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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.

www.facebook.com/wyongcatholicparish

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:**

1ST COLLECTION; Society of Our Lady of The Most Holy Trinity (SOLT)

BSB 062 195

Account 10229389

2ND COLLECTION; Wyong Catholic Parish

BSB 062 784

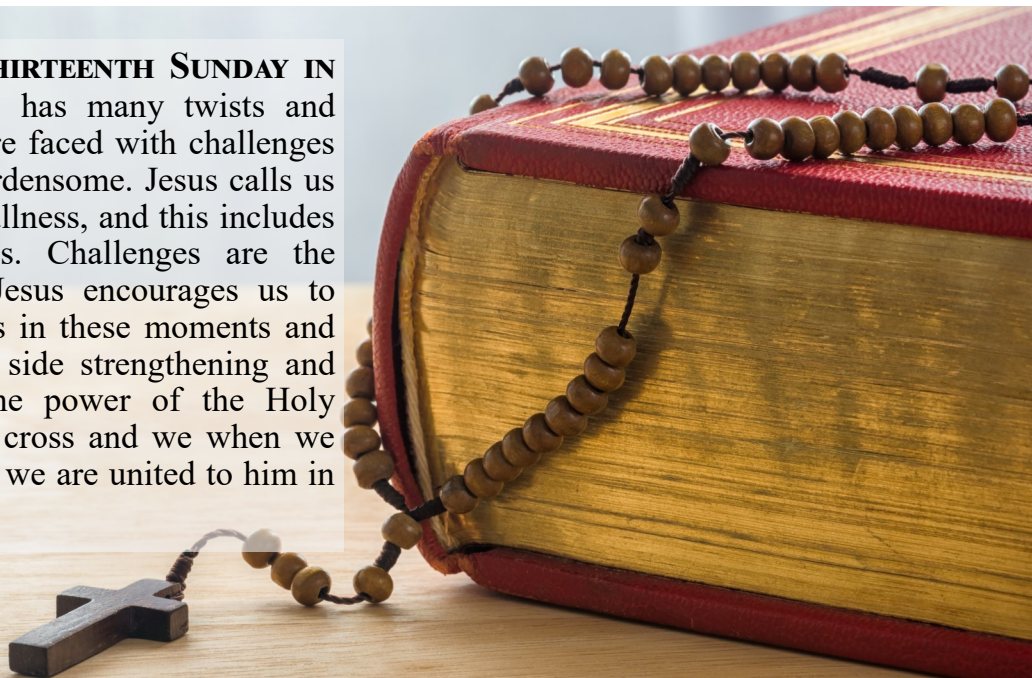
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You can give **by credit card** over the phone

call Jo in the Parish office 0424 763 734

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

WELCOME TO THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Life has many twists and turns and at times we are faced with challenges that seem heavy and burdensome. Jesus calls us to accept life in all its fullness, and this includes those challenging times. Challenges are the crosses of life which Jesus encourages us to embrace. Jesus meets us in these moments and continues to be by our side strengthening and carrying us, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus carried his cross and we when we carry our crosses in life, we are united to him in a most profound way.



**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 28th June 2020 13th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

FIRST READING 2 KINGS 4:8-11, 14-16

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 88:2-3, 16-19

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING ROMANS 6:3-4, 8-11

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 1 PETER 2:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.

Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light. Alleluia!

GOSPEL MATTHEW 10:37-42

Jesus said to his apostles: "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me.

Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

"Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me. Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward.

And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple—amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward."

REFLECTION FOR 28TH JUNE

During the time of the Old Testament patriarchs, when both the nature of the terrain and the constant threat of misadventure made hospitality a necessity, it was regarded as a sacred duty to welcome guests and to provide for them with honour – a tradition that endures to this day, at least in some parts of the Holy Land. A good example is to be found in our first reading from the Second Book of the Kings. Rather extravagantly, 'a woman of rank' welcomes the prophet Elisha and his servant Gehazi and offers them food and purpose-built accommodation. Jesus himself both gave and received hospitality (at the home of Martha, Mary and Lazarus to give but one example) during the busy years of his itinerant public ministry. In today's excerpt from his discourse on mission he affirms the importance of such conduct and points to its deeper significance. 'Anyone who welcomes you' he says to his disciples, 'welcomes me: and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.' Mindful of today's refugee crisis, Pope Francis reminds us that 'authentic hospitality is a profound Gospel value': and Peter, addressing the Christians in Rome, says: 'Make hospitality your special care' (Rom 12:21).

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SAINT: 29 JUNE - ST PETER AND ST PAUL THE APOSTLES: together are the founders of the Holy See of Rome due to their ministry, preaching and martyrdom in the city. Both St Peter and St Paul are prominent figures in the Early Church and their leadership and ministry proclaimed the gospel far and wide and continues today. It is usual in Christian art that the two saints are depicted together and often they are embracing one another; brothers in Christ.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WfhFTRQ48Io>

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Recently Deceased:

Anniversary June: Fr Ian Abbott, Fr Paul Fitzgerald, Frances Camilleri, Thomas Mayne, S. P. Santos, Rita Cesca, Anne Whitelaw,

PRAYER:

Behold me, my beloved Jesus, Permit me to lay down my cross in Your Sacred Heart, For only Your infinite goodness can sustain me; Only Your love can help me bear my cross; Only your powerful hand can lighten its weight. Jesus, be my hope and my refuge. Amen
<https://www.catholic.org/prayers/prayer.php?p=873>

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Best Wishes

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Margaret Drain
 Pamela Cullinan
 Clara Banda
 Lucy Murace
 Tony Fish
 Irene Smith
 Pauline Cornwell
 Irene Buckley

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Lucy Smith 90th
 Moya Wicks
 Margaret Bastick
 Vince Allport
 Betty Bohm
 Nick Murace

Warmest Congratulations

ANNIVERSARIES

Doreen & Michael Whipps 16/7/1965
 (55 years)

**Please contact the parish office
 with your Birthdays and
 Anniversaries, we will have a
 Mass said for you.
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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.
- ♦ 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: **wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au**

Website: **<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/wyong/>**

Facebook: **www.facebook.com/wyongcatholicparish**

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2020

The family is where we begin our journey through life. We learn to love, to celebrate, to forgive, to share joys and support each other. Families have their own unique celebrations and rituals that are rich in storytelling and traditions. Celebrations and rituals add to the life and substance of the family, they build and deepen relationships. The same is true for our journey in faith. Families are the place where we learn about Jesus Christ through stories from scripture, experiencing the liturgical cycle and sacramental life through community, symbols and rituals. It is through our family's example and teaching that we learn about Jesus Christ. The next place of learning, alongside the family, is the parish where catechists and Catholic school assist and provide support in the ongoing faith formation of the child and family. An essential part of this faith formation is preparation for and celebration of the sacraments.

Wyong Parish will be commencing their Sacramental Program for 2020 in July. Please contact the Parish Office on 0424 763 734 or 4352 1011 to make arrangements for your child to receive instruction for Confirmation, Reconciliation and First Eucharist.



FUNDRAISING

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND 2019—2020

We are deeply grateful to our Parish Community for supporting our Charitable Works Fund. The donations you generously share with us are helping our families, our friends and our neighbours in the Diocese of Broken Bay.

Wyong Parish Charitable Works Fund quota for this financial year 2019-2020 is \$21,840.00.

To date we have raised \$16846.70 through our usual 3 Charitable Works appeals, Bunnings BBQ, Church stalls and Recycled Bottles, **which leaves us with a short fall of \$4993.30** This shortfall will need to be paid from the Parish Account.

It is not too late to contribute to the Charitable Works fund for this financial year.

You can collect a Charitable Works envelope as you enter the church, or you can call the Parish Office and contribute by Credit card over the phone 4352 1011. You may also do a direct deposit into the Wyong Catholic Parish account (reference CWF)

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When you give to the CWF, you can be assured that your donation is working for the faith and the people of the Diocese of Broken Bay.

Donations \$2 and over are tax-deductible

Parish Fundraiser with Environmental Benefits

From when we started collecting recycled bottles in October 2019

**RETURN AND EARN HAS RAISED
\$826.30 TO DATE.**

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

PRESBYTERY ROOF

Wyong Catholic Parish

BSB 062 784 Account 13528001

reference: Roof

(Donation to date \$2240.00)



BROKEN BAY NEWS IS BACK!

The June issue is now available in digital form, it won't be printed at this time. Below is the link to the online edition.

https://issuu.com/bbcatholic/docs/broken_bay_news_june_2020

VOLUNTEER GRANTS 2019

Parish Pastoral Council were successful in their application for Federal Government funding under the Volunteer Grants. Specific areas have been mandated for the spending of these funds.

In the area of First Aid and Safety the intention was to purchase a defibrillator. This has not been necessary as a family from our parish, have made an anonymous donation of 2 defibrillators—one each for Wyong and Tumby. Special training will be organised using the Volunteer Funding to ensure we have people who are able to use the defibrillator if required.

A special thank you goes to the Government for their Volunteer Grant and the family for their donation, which is greatly appreciated.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

The St Vincent de Paul Society will be holding its Winter Appeal over the next 2 weekends. Envelopes are available near the doors of the Church. Please place the envelopes in the specially marked boxes. All donations of \$2 or over are tax deductible. Donations of food will also be gratefully accepted. There are a lot of people who are on reduced hours and are finding it very difficult at this time. All donations will be very much appreciated