

W E L C O M E

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*

28TH MAY 2023 PENTECOST SUNDAY

WYONG CATHOLIC PARISH

ST CECILIA'S CHURCH, ST JOHN FISHER MASS CTR & ST PETER'S CHAPEL

Under the Pastoral Care of the

Society of Our Lady of The Most Holy Trinity (SOLT)



Reflection 28.5.2023 Pentecost Sunday

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Pentecost is often described as the 'birthday' of the church. This birthday is not contained to ancient events in an upper room in first century Jerusalem; it is a 'birthing' movement of the Holy Spirit that must occur continuously in our Lives; and that is not an easy process. Birth involves the struggle and pain of labour. Seen this way, Pentecost is an annual opportunity to celebrate the birth of the Church, while renewing our commitment to its continual 'rebirth' through personal conversion and the ongoing story of Christianity. As a Church we are far from perfect, but we remain loved and called, and that is a tremendous blessing and responsibility to share with the world. This Pentecost let's call on the Holy Spirit with confidence and say 'Yes' to belonging to this beautiful yet wounded, struggling yet gifted, limping yet loved, faith community of ours.

Pentecost Sunday

'They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages (Acts 2:1-4)

This Sunday during the 9.30am Mass at Wyong and 8.30am Mass at St John Fisher, our Prayers of the Faithful will be read in different languages.

After these Masses you are very welcome to stay for morning tea and a friendly chat with fellow parishioners.

Changes to Weekday Masses at St John Fisher

Please be aware that Masses will only be celebrated on Tuesdays and Fridays 9.15am until the 9th June.

Anointing of the Sick

Friday 2nd June

First Friday of the Month

St Cecilia's During 8.00am & 11.30am Mass

St John Fisher During 9.15am Mass

Invitation to celebrate Weekday Mass with the students from St Cecilia's Mondays 9.15am & St John Fisher Tuesdays 9.15am

Every week a different class from St Cecilia's School and St John Fisher School will join us in the celebration of the Mass. We encourage and extend a warm welcome to ALL parishioners to this beautiful half hour week day Mass to pray and celebrate as one family.

We are aiming at building a stronger relationship with Parish and School through our prayers. Please come along and get to know our children and teachers.

Pastoral Works (CWF) Broken Bay



This weekend is our last appeal for the Pastoral Works, which is a Diocesan Appeal. Wyong Parish's quota for this financial year is \$21,112. Currently we have a shortfall of \$5,000 which will need to be paid by the Parish.

This appeal supports the CCD (Confraternity of Christian Doctrine), Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Practitioners, St Lucy's School, St Edmund's College and the Ephpheta Centre.

We acknowledge and sincerely thank parishioners who made donations last weekend. These are difficult financial times and every donation makes a difference. All donations over \$2 are 100% tax deductible.

This weekend the 27th/28th May, Rae will be having a Pastoral Works stall only at St Cecilia's Church. There will be a variety of items to purchase, such as plants etc. so maybe you would like to support this appeal with a purchase from her.

250 Club Update

THANK YOU FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING SUPPORT 250 NUMBERS SOLD

Draws will be from 1/4/23 – 30/3/24 . Results will be published in the Parish Bulletin weekly.

Weekly Prizes are \$50 – 1st & \$20 – 2nd

Monthly Prizes are \$200 – 1st & \$50 – 2nd and will be last weekend of the month.

The Christmas Draw will be at the Christmas Function in December. Anonymous prizes will be donated to the Youth Program.

Any questions, please call Maureen Roast 0435 245 849
Anne Hooley 0428 149 793 Kerry Bugden 4388 2938

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6/5/23	Weekly	201	M Kiernan	234	D de Robilliard
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20/5/23	Weekly	108	Kathleen Feehely	151	Michael Sweeney
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Sunday 28th May 2023
Pentecost Sunday
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD (Year A)



First Reading Acts 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34

R. Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 (Year A)

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Gospel Acclamation SeqAccl

Sequence

Holy Spirit, Lord of Light, From the clear celestial height Thy pure beaming radiance give.
Come, thou Father of the poor, Come with treasures which endure Come, thou light of all that live!
Thou, of all consolers best, Thou, the soul's delightful guest, Dost refreshing peace bestow
Thou in toil art comfort sweet Pleasant coolness in the heat Solace in the midst of woe.
Light immortal, light divine, Visit thou these hearts of thine, And our inmost being fill:
If thou take thy grace away, Nothing pure in man will stay All his good is turned to ill.
Heal our wounds, our strength renew On our dryness pour thy dew Wash the stains of guilt away:
Bend the stubborn heart and will Melt the frozen, warm the chill Guide the steps that go astray.
Thou, on us who evermore Thee confess and thee adore, With thy sevenfold gifts descend:
Give us comfort when we die Give us life with thee on high Give us joys that never end.

Gospel John 20:19-23 (Year A)

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'



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MASS TIMES

ST CECILIA'S CHURCH

23 Byron St Wyong

Saturday Vigil / Sunday Mass Times

Sat Vigil 5.00pm Sun 7.30am & 9.30am

Weekday Mass

Mon-Sat: 8.00am, Monday 9.15am (School Term)

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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OFFICE HOURS: Mon to Thurs 9.30am to 2.30pm & Fri 9.30am to 12pm

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Children's Liturgy at the following Masses

St Cecilia's 5pm Mass Saturday
St Cecilia's 9.30am Mass Sunday
St John Fisher 5pm Mass Sunday

*BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS
PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE*

Mass St Barnabas, Yarramalong
1st Sun of month 11.15am
Filipino Mass St Cecilia's Church
3rd Sun of the month 12pm

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

Eucharistic Adoration

St Cecilia's Daily 7am-8am

St John Fisher 1st Fri 8.45 - 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

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

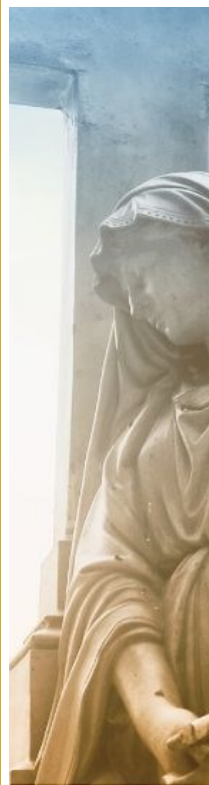
KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS

Prayer: The most valuable gift you can give someone.

SICK: 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, Jacqui Stacey, Josie Campbell, Carol Dafter, Dave Rodney, Gwen Dwyer, Helen Waters, Rod & Pauline Cornwell, Marie Rheinberger, Hannah Hopwood, Fay King, Joan Mabbutt, Irene Dainty, Eoin, Paula, Peter Meury, Lyn Nash, Jai Coleman, Danielle, Frank Farrugia.

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Every gift makes a difference to someone in hospital, school, a parish or the wider community.

PASTORAL WORKS Broken Bay

Pastoral Works Broken Bay is the pastoral charity of the Catholic community in Broken Bay.

In supporting our pastoral works you are helping our dedicated catechists provide thousands of state school students with a Catholic education; and helping us provide comfort, care, a listening ear and the sacraments to those who are vulnerable or experiencing loneliness, illness and isolation through our hospital chaplaincy program.

Our pastoral works also assist students with disabilities achieve their dreams, and provides practical support for the deaf community.

Your gift does make a difference. It might be young people in schools, someone in hospital, a parish or the wider community.

My prayer is that Pastoral Works Broken Bay enables us to reach further and wider in helping our community, and more deeply connects us to our vision and the mission of Jesus. I am deeply grateful for your support.

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD JCL,
Bishop of Broken Bay



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

Thank you for your generosity

Your generosity means the Church can be there during times of great need, renewing and rebuilding their lives. Your donations support two diocesan ministries:



Confraternity of Christian Doctrine

Catechists taking the gospel to State school students.



Hospital Chaplaincy & Pastoral Care Practitioners

Helping those who are vulnerable, experiencing loneliness or are sick in hospital.



St Lucy's School

Serving year K-12 students with disabilities.



St Edmund's College

Serving year 7-12 students with disabilities.



Ephpheta Centre

Pastoral care, sacraments, and advocacy for the deaf community.



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To donate, complete the form in the envelope available in your parish and return to your parish.

Or go online by scanning the QR code or visiting: bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks. Thank you.



Office of the Bishop

Vox Episcopi **25 May 2023**

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

When Saint Paul wrote to the Corinthians instructing them about gifts, he was not just reminding them of how talented they might be, but rather that they were gifted by God for a purpose. And that purpose could only be realised if each one lived in a full and wholesome relationship with God. In the Letter to the Romans, Saint Paul reminds us that the Spirit is not just some force or power of God the Father, but a person who works along with the Son and in relation to the Father.

The Spirit teaches us to be authentic in our relationship with God. Not to see God as a force or power, but as a person who thinks about us and loves each one of us and works for us and redeems us.

As sons and daughters of God we are led by the Spirit. As Catholic Christians we believe that the Holy Spirit is the ultimate preview and pledge of our salvation.

Some years ago, during one of his catechetical teachings Pope Benedict XVI spoke with conviction when he said, "One of the greatest evils of our time is mediocrity in matters of faith. Either we are Catholic, or we are not. If we are then this must be manifested in every aspect of our lives" (Visit to Croatia 7 June 2011). These challenging words are a reminder of the vocation that lies before all of the baptised.

They are an even more sober reminder of the vocation of the bishop, the priest, and the deacon, whose lives must be spent at the service of the faithful, who in turn, having been nourished by Word and Sacrament, will be God's presence in the world, not by way of mediocrity, but with excellence, enthusiasm, and distinction.

My dear people, the Holy Spirit is at work in the Church and indeed in each one of us in Broken Bay. As we prepare for the great feast of Pentecost, may we be strong in our faith and confident in our hope as together we pray:

Come, Holy Spirit! Come, light of our hearts. Make us witnesses before the world so that God may be all in all and our joy may be complete.

Amen.

+Anthony

As we continue our
Cathedral Precinct Journey

please join us as
we celebrate our Patronal feast

Mary Star of the Sea Vigil Mass

with **Most Rev Anthony Randazzo**
Bishop of Broken Bay

Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral
Waitara
Tuesday, 30 May 2023 at 5:30pm

to be followed by a light supper at
The Light of Christ Centre for a Diocesan-wide
presentation and consultation on the future
of our Cathedral Precinct

Please **RSVP**
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Monday 22 May 2023



The Catholic Enquiry Centre has launched a new website, “Becoming Catholic”, to help answer the questions that people commonly ask when they consider becoming Catholic, and to invite people into the life of the Catholic Church.

The Catholic Enquiry Centre is a work of the National Centre for Evangelisation, and this website is designed as a gateway for people to connect with their local Catholic community.

It provides introductory information on God, including Jesus and the Trinity, explores the birth of the Church, and covers other key topics like Mary, the Bible, the saints, and sacraments. A companion booklet, “Discovering God and what it means to be Catholic” is also available.

Please consider adding a link to the Becoming Catholic website on your own parish RCIA website page. Visit <http://www.becoming.catholic.au/>

WYONG PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2023

We are delighted that you are bringing your child to receive the Sacraments, we look forward to sharing with you and your child, this journey of faith as he/she prepares to receive this sacrament.

In Baptism, your child began a life-long journey and a way of life. At Confirmation, the graces received in Baptism were sealed with the reception of the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit. First Eucharist completes their reception of the Sacraments of Initiation into the Christian life.

The Family plays a central role in the faith formation of children, and as parents, you are your child's primary teacher as he/she develops a relationship with the person of Christ and his Church. We are also grateful to the grandparents, godparents, aunts and uncles, older siblings, other relatives, and family friends who undertake this role.

As family, friends, parish personnel, teachers, and volunteers work with the children in the activity of preparing them for the sacraments, the Holy Spirit inspires and draws them into the relationship with Christ. It is a sacred time and we encourage you to enter this process whole-heartedly with the children as they prepare to receive this sacrament.

Wyong Parish will be commencing their Sacramental Program for 2023 in February. Please contact the Parish Office on 0424 763 734 to make arrangements for your child to receive instruction for Confirmation, Reconciliation, and First Eucharist. We look forward to seeing you at the Parent information night.

RECONCILIATION FOR CHILDREN IN YEAR 4 AND ABOVE WHO HAVE COMPLETED CONFIRMATION

Parent Information night 7 pm Monday 20th February St Cecilia's Church 23 Byron Street Wyong

Enrolment Presentation weekend at all weekend Masses 25th /26th February

Children will be asked to attend Mass for the 4 weeks leading up to the Reconciliation Ceremony.

Reconciliation Ceremony Tumbi Monday 20th March 4 pm

Reconciliation Ceremony Wyong Tuesday 21st March 4 pm

CONFIRMATION FOR CHILDREN IN YEAR 3 AND ABOVE WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTISED

Parent Information night 7 pm Monday 29th May St Cecilia's Church 23 Byron Street Wyong

Enrolment Presentation weekend at all weekend Masses 3rd /4th June

Children will be asked to attend Mass for the 4 weeks leading up to the Confirmation Ceremony

Confirmation Ceremony St Peters College Saturday 15th July

FIRST EUCHARIST FOR CHILDREN IN YEAR 4 AND ABOVE WHO HAVE COMPLETED CONFIRMATION & RECONCILIATION

Parent Information night 7 pm Monday 7th August St Cecilia's Church 23 Byron Street Wyong

Enrolment Presentation weekend at all weekend Masses 12th/13th August

Children will be asked to attend Mass for the 4 weeks leading up to the First Eucharist Ceremony

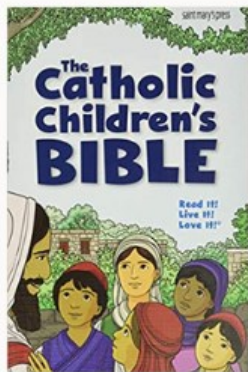
First Eucharist Ceremony Friday 8th September St John Fisher Mass Ctr 5 pm and 6.30 pm

First Eucharist Ceremony Friday 15th September St Cecilia's Church 5 pm and 6.30 pm

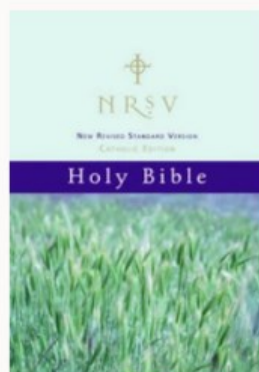
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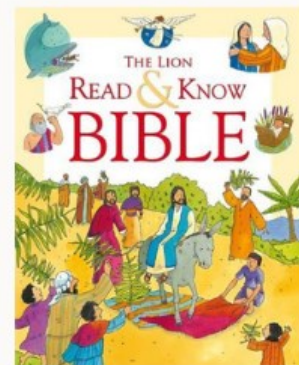
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