

**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
PARISH BULLETIN, 29TH MAY 2022**

*Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always,
until the end of the world*

**WYONG CATHOLIC PARISH
ST CECILIA'S CHURCH & ST JOHN FISHER MASS CTR
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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*



**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD—LUKE 24:46:53
29th May 2022**

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I wonder what it was like for the apostles to witness Jesus' ascension into heaven. The Gospel gives a hint: 'And they worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy and they were continually in the Temple praising God'. Perhaps, too, it was the promise given by Jesus prior to his ascension, which provided deeper conviction and assurance for the disciples: 'You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you.' Luke tells us that Jesus was blessing them as he ascended. May the blessing of the ascended Christ, with the power of the Holy Spirit, lead us on. We are called to be disciples, to carry on the mission of Christ in proclaiming the kingdom of God on earth. As Christ blesses us, may we be a blessing upon all we encounter.

The Ascension of the Lord 29th MAY 2022

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD *Reproduced from Liturgia*

First Reading Acts 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 46:2-3, 6-9

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Second Reading Hebrews 9:24-28, 10:19-23

It is not as though Christ has entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

In other words, brothers, through the blood of Jesus we have the right to enter the sanctuary, by a new way which he had opened for us, a living opening through the curtain, that is to say, his body. And we have the supreme high priest over all the house of God. So as we go in, let us be sincere in heart and filled with faith, our mind sprinkled and free from any trace of bad conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us keep firm in the hope we profess, because the one who made the promise is faithful.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 28:19, 20

Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 24:46-53

Sacrament of First Eucharist
Over the coming weeks the children are preparing for the Sacrament of First Eucharist. We ask you to please keep them and their families in your prayers as they grow in their love of God.

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Anointing Mass—Friday 3rd June

St Cecilia's During 8.00am

& 11.30am Mass

St John Fisher During 9.15am Mass

We will have a luncheon following the 11.30am Mass. Please bring a plate to share.

Upcoming

June

During the Month of June SVDP

Winter appeal

Sunday 5th Pentecost Sunday

Sunday 12th The Most Holy Trinity

Friday 17th 5pm and 6.30pm

First Eucharist Ceremony

Sunday 19th The Most Holy Body, and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

Wednesday 22nd St John Fisher

Feast Day

Friday 24th 5pm

First Eucharist Ceremony

July

Sunday 4th Peter's Pence appeal

Friday 29th Christmas in July

Sunday 31st Confirmation Ceremony

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention May - Faith-Filled Young People

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council met on Tuesday 10 May. An update of issues raised, discussed and the outcomes is included in this report.

Liturgy:

Easter Celebrations this year allowed the first full parishioner involvement since the commencement of Covid. Thank you to all who were involved in the many different liturgical ceremonies which made up the Easter celebrations and so ensured the great success achieved.

Our young parishioners and their families will be the focus for our parish in June and July. First Eucharist will be held at St Cecilia's Church Wyong over three separate Masses on Friday evenings of 17 and 24 June.

Bishop Anthony will celebrate Mass and Confirmation at St Peter's College Hall, Tuggerah on Sunday 31 July.

Social:

'Christmas In July' will be held on Friday 29 July. St Peter's College will once again be our hosts for this function.

Two fundraising activities are in the pipeline--- A Parish Recipe Book & 100 Plus Club.

More information on all these activities will be given over June & July.

Maintenance:

Wyong Car Park will receive major maintenance when weather permits. At least a full week of sunshine is essential before this work can start.

Stain Glass restoration - a Government Grant will be applied for to defray this cost. If we are successful, this work would not commence before December.

The next Council meeting will be held on 12 July.



Wyong Catholic Parish Cook Book

We have an amazing fund-raising project commencing, where the proceeds will go towards the cost of major maintenance of the St Cecilia's car park as well as an awning for the Chapel at St John Fisher. We invite parishioners to share their favourite/family recipes for this cook book.

We would love you to include photos of the recipes or the region of where they are from.

Please contact Milva Kefu by email to milvakefu.mk@gmail.com or can drop them off to Wyong Parish Office by 18 September 2022.



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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

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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

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PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE

KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS

Prayer: The most valuable gift you can give someone.

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