

PARISH BULLETIN, 29TH NOVEMBER 2020

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*



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

REFLECTION 29TH NOVEMBER

Jesus uses a number of vigorous verbs in this Gospel to describe the behaviour he wants to see in us as we await his coming: we are to 'be alert', to be 'awake'. These are all applied to our ordinary existence. Yes, the daily round that doesn't seem important in the eyes of the world is precious in the eyes of God as it is in daily life that the kingdom of God is unfolding for us. We do not drift into this kingdom or find ourselves within it by default. God wants us to actively and effectively participate in making his kingdom a reality in our world. It takes great daily courage to take these words to heart but when we do our lives, our often very humble lives, attain a meaning and depth that cannot come from human sources. Judgement will be made, not upon what presentation we may be able to drum up at the last minute, but rather on what we do day-by-day when no-one is around. When we trust the plan that God has for our lives, the grace of the Spirit opens our eyes to infinite vistas in the confined spaces of our daily life.

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

SUNDAY MASS 29 NOVEMBER 2020 YEAR B THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING ISAIAH 63:16-17; 64:1,3-8

You, Lord, yourself are our Father, Our Redeemer is your ancient name.
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you?
Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance.
Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down - at your Presence the mountains would melt. No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him. You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind.
You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you.
We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours is like filthy clothing.
We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind.
No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you.
For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins.
And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

R. Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING 1 CORINTHIANS 1:3-9

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.
I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL MARK 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

**Please join us as we livestream Mass every Saturday at 5pm on Facebook.
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Advent Preparation

and

Christmas Mass

Times 2020



ADVENT RECONCILIATION

1st Rite Reconciliation: St John Fisher Mass Ctr

19th Dec Following 5pm Mass and 20th Dec following 5pm Mass

2nd Rite Reconciliation: St Cecilia's Church

Wednesday 16th Dec 6pm

TRIDUUM MASS

St Cecilia's Church

21st, 22nd and 23rd
December 7pm

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2020

With limitations at Mass still in place, we kindly remind you that you **MUST RING** to book in your attendance for our **CHRISTMAS MASSES** at **St Peter's College, St Cecilia's Church and St John Fisher.**

Please text or call Jo on 0424 763 734 to book your attendance.

Christmas Eve Thursday 24th Dec

St John Fisher

5.00pm Children's/family Mass
7.00pm Mass

St Peter's Catholic College

5.00pm Children's/family Mass

St Cecilia's Church

10.30pm Christmas Carols (listen and reflect)
11.00pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day Friday 25th Dec

7.30am St Cecilia's Church
8.30am St John Fisher
9.30am St Cecilia's Church

Christmas Card & Calendars

Christmas cards and calendars are now available at the back of the church and after Mass at Tumbi. Cards are \$6 for a pack of 10 & calendars are \$9. Proceeds go to St Vincent de Paul Society.

Christmas Stall

ST JOHN FISHER

On the 28th/29th November at all Tumbi Masses,

ST CECILIA'S CHURCH

On the 5th/6th December at all Wyong Masses,

Rae will be running a Christmas Stall.

All money raised will be going towards our Parish Charitable Works quota. There will be some wonderful Christmas gift ideas and stocking fillers.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

CHRISTMAS APPEAL:

Our Christmas appeal will be held over the next two weekends. Christmas hamper boxes will be located at the back of the Church for you to fill.

Each hamper needs tinned ham, Christmas Cake & pudding, custard as well as basics such as cereal, biscuits, pasta & sauce etc. We are also seeking donations of Coles/Woolworths gift cards as well as cash donations. Whatever you can donate will be greatly appreciated. Many thanks for your continued support.



Help Needed

St Cecilia's is desperately needing more volunteers for our Church cleaning roster. The upkeep of our Church is very important. You would only be required for 1 hour every 5 to 6 weeks. Could you please consider volunteering. Please call Barbara Fish on 4352 1293 Thank you.

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RECENTLY DECEASED: Philip Dwyer, George Mercieca

ANNIVERSARY NOVEMBER: Lourds Sur, Ron Mahoney, Eileen Preston, Geoff White, Agnes Myers, James Smith, Michael Bouchet, Jill Hill, Maxine Nell, Matthew Di Losa, Zenaida, Barry Austin, Donald King, Peggy Joyce, Joseph Costa,

WELCOME SEMINARIAN SHAYNE D'CUNHA

We are looking forward to welcoming Shayne whose placement will be in Wyong Parish for the next month. While Shayne is with us he will be staying with Fr Raul and Fr Alex and gaining the experience of priestly life and parish community.

Shayne D'Cunha is a retired Australian professional soccer player who most notably played as a defender for Western Sydney Wanderers in the A-League. Shayne was born in Mumbai and moved to Sydney, Australia with his parents in 2000 when he was four years old. Shayne started playing football at the local level at the age of five or six and soon choose it as his sport of preference.

Shayne was your typical lukewarm Catholic. He went to Mass on Sundays out of habit and only really prayed when he needed something, and confesses that Soccer was his religion. Until one day a friend of his was discerning and he began attending weekday Mass and Confession with him and that is when Shayne began to feel an overwhelming call to the priesthood.

In 2019 after careful discernment, Shayne applied to the Broken Bay Diocese to be accepted as a seminarian and consequently joined the Seminary of the Good Shepherd in Homebush to study for the Catholic priesthood.



*Birthdays
and*

Anniversaries

Best Wishes

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Frank Robinson 1/11/1923 97 years
Kerrie Dederer 2/11/1953
Phil Bastick 7/11/1932
Paul Flynn
Enid Dwyer
Denis Brady 25/11/1943
Teresa Vella 11/11/1948
Gerry Martin 14/11

Warmest Congratulations

ANNIVERSARIES

Ann Maree & Neville Travis
26/11/1966 54 years

RETURN AND EARN

From when we started collecting recycled bottles in October 2019 **RETURN AND EARN HAS RAISED \$1372.60 TO DATE.**

100 CLUB

WEEK 6 WINNERS

1st prize \$100 Noela Ahearn no.107
2nd prize \$60 Giselda&Tony Camenzuli no.74
3rd Prize \$40 Joshua Cesca no.31

WEEK 7 WINNERS

1st prize \$100 Vince & Frances Allport no.145
2nd prize \$60 Sue Millar no. 92
3rd Prize \$40 Serge Yardin no.93

WEEKS 8 – 9

1st prize \$100
2nd prize \$60
3rd Prize \$40

WEEK 10

1st Prize \$450
2nd Prize \$250
3rd Prize \$150
4th Prize \$50.



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

**Message for BBNeighbourhoods
24 November 2020**

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Today, in our liturgical calendar, we remember St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions. In 1988, Pope John Paul II canonised 117 martyrs who had died for the faith at various times in Vietnam. It is a rather remarkable group of the faithful. Of the 117 people, 96 were Vietnamese, 11 were Spaniards, and 10 were French. Apart from the variety of nationalities, this group of martyrs comprised eight bishops, 50 priests, and 59 of Christ's lay faithful. There was also one seminarian.

I am constantly reminded by this commemoration that testimony to the faith is part and parcel to the Christian vocation. The ultimate testimony is to shed one's blood. In John's Gospel, Jesus lays out the pattern for discipleship, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you." (John 15:12-14) Saint Andrew Dung-Lac and the Vietnamese martyrs are a marvellous example of putting the words of Jesus into action.

Throughout our community of the Church, there are many Catholics, from Vietnam, and from other nations around the world where the freedom of Religion is under threat. Many individuals and families have suffered and have living memory of those sufferings, and yet they continue to make a vital contribution to the mission of the Church in our local community. Suffering is always a challenge, and yet these martyrs encourage us not to be engulfed by the burden of pain or hopelessness. Their example of faith is the encouragement that I believe we need in uncertain times.

This week, I would like to offer a word of gratitude to the many people in our community of the Church, who, despite their suffering offer us encouragement and hope. Martyrdom can be lived in so many ways, through many little deaths in life. Ultimately our faith helps make sense of them, and with a sense of hope in Jesus, each one of us can be inspired to offer our lives in testimony to the Good News of Jesus Christ.

We take inspiration from Saint Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions, my brothers and sisters, so that we may never lose hope.

Blessings on your week,

+Anthony

MASS OF INCLUSION - SUNDAY 6 DECEMBER

The annual Mass of Inclusion will be celebrated by Bishop Anthony Randazzo at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara on Sunday, 6 December 2020 at 11.00am. This Mass marks the International Day of Disability (on 3 December) and recognises the ability and dignity of all.

This year, we encourage all to join via the live stream at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNenwlfI7i14XB9TsVBrLvQ>

Due to the current restrictions, there are very limited places available for people to attend in person. Should you wish to enquire please contact Nicholas Weir at nicholas.weir@bbcatholic.org.au or phone 8379 1632.

WEEKEND AND WEEKDAY MASSES

St Cecilia's Church has 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 3RD/4TH OCTOBER 2020

ST CECILIA'S CHURCH MASS TIMES LIMITATION OF 45 PEOPLE PER MASS

- Saturday Vigil Masses 5pm Sunday Masses 7.30am and 9.30am
- Weekday Mass times Monday to Saturday 8am

ST JOHN FISHER MASS TIMES LIMITATION OF 100 PEOPLE PER MASS

- Saturday Vigil Masses 5pm Sunday Masses 8.30am and 5.00pm
- 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 at this stage.

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.
- **we 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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Anointing of the Sick **First Friday of the Month and will recommence Feb 2021**

St Cecilia's During 8.00am & 11.30am Mass and
St John Fisher During 9.15am Mass

Eucharistic Adoration **from 1st December**

St Cecilia's Daily 7am-8am

St John Fisher 1st Friday 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

prayer groups

St Cecilia's Rosary Group 2pm Tuesdays

St Cecilia's Legion of Mary 8am Wednesdays

Meetings

St Cecilia's Choir practice

Liturgy meeting

Catechist Meeting

Parish Pastoral Council

Social Justice Meeting