

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*

29TH OCTOBER 2023 THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WYONG CATHOLIC PARISH

OCTOBER – The Month of the Rosary

As the month of October draws to an end, we ask that you meditate on at least one decade of the Rosary.

The Rosary is powerful because, as we reflect on the mysteries it brings us closer to Jesus.

For centuries the Rosary has been considered a weapon of protection against evil and a powerful tool of intercession.

The Memorare Prayer

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me.

Amen.



Reflection 29.10.2023 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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The Scriptures offer a profound and multi-faceted revelation of God. In different situations God is revealed as judge, as saviour, as servant, as creator, as father, as mother, as lover, etc. One of the most powerful and perhaps shocking images we find, especially in the book of Exodus, is of God as a warrior who frees the Israelites from slavery by slaying their enemies.

Clearly God, the warrior, is not one to ignore. The Israelites would not have treated lightly the Lord's threat to kill them with the sword if they molested or oppressed the stranger in their midst or treated widows and orphans harshly.

This warrior God is praised in today's responsorial psalm. The scriptures put this psalm on the lips of David after the Lord had rescued him from the clutches of his enemies. Using military images, David praises the Lord for being his fortress, his shield, his stronghold and his mighty strength against his foes.

The image of God as a warrior can be very disturbing. We need to see that what motivates the Lord to be a warrior is a deep love for those who are oppressed. We can think of the fierce love of parents who will do anything to protect their vulnerable children.

We cannot love this God without also loving God's people. Not to love our neighbour is to put ourselves at enmity with God. Today's first reading urges us not to adopt a narrow definition of neighbour. The stranger in our midst will always be the object of the special love of our warrior God.

November Month of Remembrance

It is customary for us to acknowledge All Souls in November.

“It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins.”

2 Maccabees 12.46

Our Book of Remembrance (Memorial) will be put up near the Sanctuary of St Cecilia’s Church from All Souls Day and will remain throughout November.

NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS

There are envelopes available for you to write the names of your beloved deceased. Please put the envelopes into the special boxes near the sanctuary in both Churches. All Masses in November will be offered for our departed brothers and sisters.

Wednesday, 1st November ALL SAINTS St Cecilia’s Church 8am Mass

Thursday, 2nd November ALL SOULS St Cecilia’s Church 8am Mass St John Fisher Mass Ctr 8am Mass

November is a special time to pray for the dead. A plenary indulgence may be gained for the dead, once only, by visiting a church on 2nd November and praying the Lord’s Prayer and the Creed. Three conditions are required for gaining the indulgence: Sacramental Confession, Eucharistic communion, and prayer for the pope’s intentions.

ST. CECILIA RELIC

Over the next twelve months a Parish Committee will be working to prepare a Reliquary for our relic of St Cecilia. The final step in this process will culminate on 22nd November 2024.

It is very important everyone understands the significance of this process.

Three questions need to be answered to help in this understanding.

- 1. What is a Relic?** A relic is the tangible remains of a saint, or any object that has been in contact with the saint.
- 2. What is a Reliquary?** A reliquary is the container that stores and displays the relic.
- 3. Why do we venerate relics?** Relics are physical, tangible, and concrete reminders that heaven is obtainable for us. We express gratitude to God for those members of our spiritual family as we recall their holy lives, ask for their intercession, and pray to achieve what they have achieved—eternity with God in Heaven.

Our relic of St Cecilia is described as sacred pearls from the veil of blood and its authenticity has been signed and sealed.

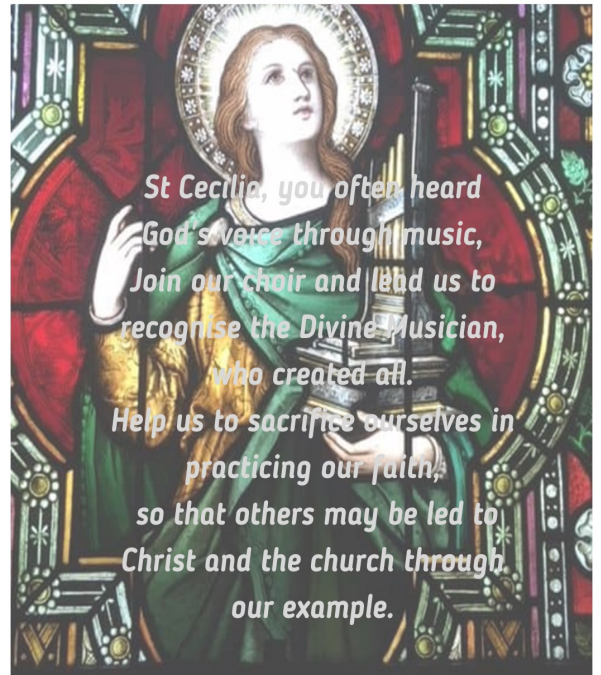
The relic was donated to the parish by a parishioner’s relative who visited St. Cecilia’s, Wyong for her weekend Mass when she was in the area.

Why is our Church named in honour of St Cecilia?

Our Church was named in memory of Cecilia Ann Woodbury. Cecilia was a young woman who was highly respected in the town of Wyong in its early days. She raised much of the money necessary for the building of the church but died at the young age of 33, on 27 April 1905.

What will be happening in our parish over the next month?

The Church bulletins for the next three weeks will record the life St Cecilia and at the 9:30 am Mass on **Sunday 26 November**, the official launch of our journey will commence.



*St Cecilia, you often heard
God’s voice through music,
Join our choir and lead us to
recognise the Divine Musician,
who created all.
Help us to sacrifice ourselves in
practicing our faith,
so that others may be led to
Christ and the church through
our example.*

250 Club Update

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Monthly Prizes are \$200 – 1st & \$50 – 2nd

and will be last weekend of the month.

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ST. JOHN FISHER’S HIGH

TEA

FRIDAY, 10 NOVEMBER is the date to remember. St. John Fisher’s school community invites all parishioners to a special **free** High Tea in the school hall, at Tumbi Umbi commencing at **10:00 am**. This is an opportunity for members of the parish and school community to meet on this first special, social occasion. For catering purposes **R.S.V.P. to Kerry Bugden on 43 882938 by Tuesday 7 November**.



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Sunday Mass 29th October 2023

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Exodus 22:20-26

A reading from the book of Exodus

If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread - and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 22:34-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Spouses Remembrance Masses 4th & 5th November

At all weekend Masses 4th/5th Nov, all parishioners are invited to remember and pray for our deceased spouses and loved ones.

We will invite you to light a candle during our Mass for your loved one.



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MASS TIMES

ST CECILIA'S CHURCH

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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

Fr Raul ph: 0450 115 099

Fr Alex ph: 0432 947 245

Fr Teody ph: 0414 494 823

PARISH OFFICE 23 Byron Street Wyong

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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

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, Christine, Jacqui Stacey, Josie Campbell, Dave, Rodney, Gwen Dwyer, Helen Waters, Rod & Pauline Cornwell, Marie Rheinberger, Hannah Hopwood, Joan Mabbutt, Irene Dainty, Eoin, Paula, Peter Meury, Jai Coleman, Danielle, Frank Farrugia, Betty McDermott, Marc Sabat, David Myers, Adam Smith.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Richard Mahinay, Carol Dafter, Raymond (Ray) Baker, Fay King (Regina Preston's Aunt).

ANNIVERSARY OCTOBER: Margaret Donnelly, Frank Costa, Kerry Baldwin, Eileen Preston, James Smith.



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Wyong parish is committed to safeguarding. All children, young persons and vulnerable adults have a right to feel safe and be safe. If you have a concern about the safety of anyone in the parish, please raise your concern with Fr Raul, Fr Alex or Fr Teody. The contact details are on the back to the Bulletin.

SAFEGUARDING is everyone's responsibility



Everyone must practice **A DUTY OF CARE**. We are called to step up and speak out.

Need to be listening & watching to understand if there are any concerns and take them seriously



Tell one of our designated persons in authority

- Fr Raúl 0450 115 099
- Maureen Roast 0435 245 849
- Anne Hooley 0428 149 793

Contact will be made with Diocesan Safeguarding Office



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High Tea

ST JOHN FISHER
SCHOOL



Friday 10am After Mass
November 10th 2023



17.10.2023

Dear Parishes,

We would appreciate you including our Gaza Crisis Appeal in your parish bulletins this week and over the coming weeks. Please adapt the following information to your layout. There is a QR code for printed bulletins. Also attached to this email is a PPT slide (standard and widescreen) to show before or after mass.

If there is anything else we can provide to help you promote this appeal, please contact Nicole Dobrohotoff nicoled@caritas.org.au

Thank you for your support,

Caritas Australia

Caritas Australia’s Gaza Crisis Appeal

An estimated 1 million people have been displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter, health, and psychosocial needs.

‘This is a period of incredible turmoil and sadness. The escalation of violence has only exacerbated needs for the people in Gaza and West Bank, who already live in dire conditions. We are working with our partners on the ground to provide comprehensive and critical support to over 17,000 families affected by this devastating conflict.’
Sally Thomas, Humanitarian Lead, Caritas Australia

With your support, we will be able to help our partners on the ground to assist people displaced and affected by the current conflict.

Please donate to Caritas Australia’s Gaza Crisis Appeal.

You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone 1800 024 413

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Please join us for

Vigil of Prayer for Peace in the World

**AS WE REMEMBER ALL THOSE
EXPERIENCING CONFLICT AND SUFFERING**

7.00PM THURSDAY 19 OCTOBER 2023

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