

WELCOME

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*

2ND APRIL 2023 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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 2.4.2023 Palm Sunday of the PASSION of the LORD

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The Passion Narrative unfolds the drama with a cast of characters: there are the main protagonists, the bad guys and the good guys, the by-standers and extras. They represent the different types of persons in real life.

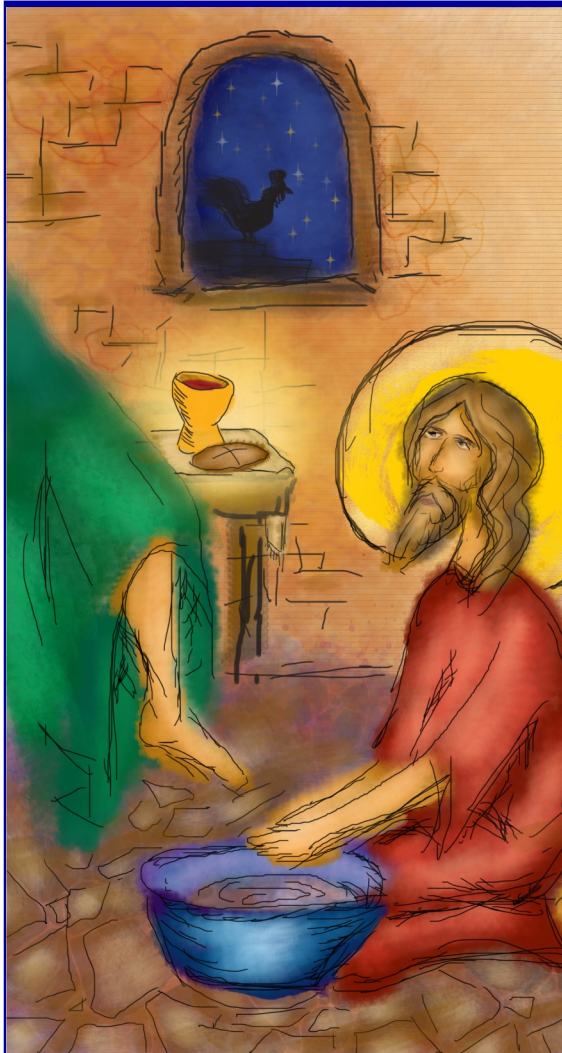
The extras and onlookers form the vast majority who welcome Jesus in their lives, but whose faith is unstable. They can change their allegiance whenever or wherever is convenient. They have no stand of their own; they place their allegiance on personages or political parties that sometimes run contrary to the voice of their own conscience.

The Sanhedrin, the scribes, and Pharisees represent the self-righteous who are ready to condemn anybody based simply on their own judgement, which at times depends on their whims and caprices. They mark or brand people as 'addicts' or 'thieves' or beyond redemption.

Pilate stands for the powerful on earth, ready to execute anyone who is a threat to the throne or the political interest of the empire. They are deaf to the voice of their conscience and are ready to wash away their guilt. They are indifferent to the cause of the poor and the innocent.

The apostles represent those who wholeheartedly follow in good times but abandon him when things 'go wrong' because they have not understood that discipleship entails carrying one's cross. But Jesus prays for them so that once they have recovered at Easter, they will strengthen their brethren and become the pillars of the community of believers.

The plots and sub-plots of our lives—complete with suffering, conflicts, struggles, joys and sorrows, success and failure—will find meaning if they are joined with the sacrifice of Jesus for the sake of the beloved.



Holy Thursday

6th April

Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
(Reconciliation will be available)

Mass of the Last Supper

St John Fisher Tumbi 7pm

Good Friday

7th April

Stations of the Cross

St Cecilia's Wyong 10am

St John Fisher Tumbi 10am

The Lord's Passion

St Cecilia's Wyong 3pm

St John Fisher Tumbi 3pm

Holy Saturday

8th April

Easter Vigil Mass

St Cecilia's Wyong 7pm

Easter Sunday

9th April

Mass of the Resurrection

St Cecilia's Wyong

7.30am & 9.30am

St John Fisher Tumbi

8.30am & 5pm

EASTER CEREMONIES

We will continue with the same format used the last 5 years for our Easter ceremonies;

Holy Thursday service in our Parish will take place at St John Fisher only, and that the Easter Saturday Vigil service will take place at St Cecilia's only.

This allows the opportunity for the whole parish to come together as one on these two significant occasions and allows our priests the opportunity of concelebrating Mass on the feast of the institution of the priesthood (Holy Thursdays Mass of the Last Supper) and the Mass which many regard as being the most symbolic in our liturgical year (The Easter Saturday Vigil).

Good Friday and Easter Sunday services will still take place at both Tumbi and Wyong as per previous years.

Reconciliation 1st form of the Rite of Reconciliation

St John Fisher Mass Ctr

1st April Saturday Vigil

Reconciliation following the 5pm Mass

2nd April Sunday

PALM SUNDAY CROSSES

Thank you to everyone who came to help make our Palm Crosses.

A special thank you to our Mums from St Cecilia's School who also popped in to help. It was a great effort by you all.



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Invitation to St Cecilia's School Monday 3rd April 9.15am Holy Week Celebrations

You are invited to join the children at St Cecilia's School as they Re-enact the significant events of Holy Week on Monday 3rd April at 9.15am. Each grade has been assigned a scene to re-enact.

If you would like to attend and show your support please call or message me on 0424 763 734 so I can arrange to meet you at the school gate.

Blessings Jo

St Cecilia's Church 9.15am Monday Morning Mass

There will be **NO** Monday 9.15am Mass at St Cecilia's church for the following Mondays 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th April.

On Monday 3rd please come to the school to watch the children re-enact events of Holy Week. The following Mondays the children will be on School Holidays. The next 9.15am Mass will be Monday 1st May.

St Barnabas Church Yarramalong

Mass will be celebrated at St Barnabas Church, Yarramalong Sunday 2nd April at 11.15am. All are welcome.

COMMUNITY COLLECTIONS

Please place your items into the collection baskets at both St Cecilia's and St John Fisher.

Thank you for your generous donations. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

250 Club Update

THANK YOU FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING SUPPORT 250 NUMBERS SOLD!

Although short of 250 when sales were finalised, generous parishioners have offered to purchase the remaining 10 tickets. The person wishes to remain anonymous.

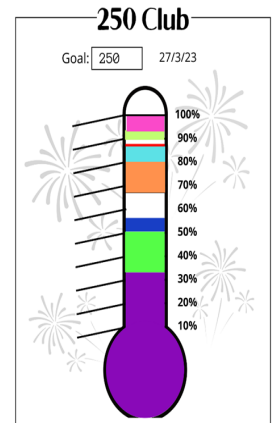
Points to Note

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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8/4/23	Weekly				
15/5/23	Weekly				
22/5/23	Monthly				



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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, Mon 9.15am

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

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PARISH OFFICE 23 Byron Street Wyong

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

Fri 9.30am to 12pm

PARISH CONTACTS

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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

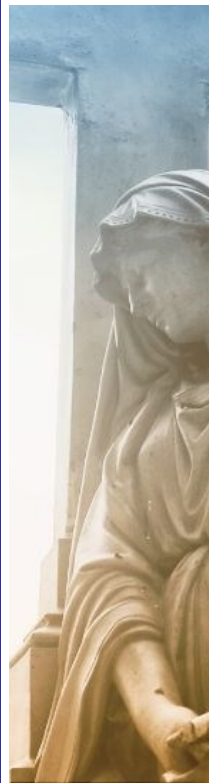
KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS

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.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Tom O'Brien, Sr Clare Keating, Kathleen Pidgeon,

ANNIVERSARY APRIL: Aaron Collins, Kay Taylor, Leanne Smith, Leslie Smith, Beryl Moloney, Roberta (Robbie) Jones, Dominga & Eutiquio Diaz.



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Palm Sunday



Sunday 2nd April 2023
Palm Sunday of the
Passion of Our Lord

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD (Year A)

First Reading Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.
The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Second Reading Philippians 2:6-11

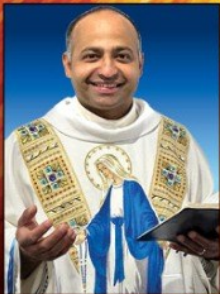
His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Philippians 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross.
Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel Matthew 26:14 \u2014 27:66

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew



GUIDANCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

*Retreat with Fr. Roni George VC,
Director of Divine Retreat Centre, Somersby*

Friday, 31st March, 2023

Wyong Catholic Parish,
23 Byron St, Wyong NSW 2259

*Morning: Mass and Retreat starts at 8:00am
Evening: Retreat and Benediction starts at 6:45pm*



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The Divine Retreat Centre promotes the safety and protection of children and other vulnerable persons in its care.



Office for the Bishop

Vox Populi 29th March 2023

This Sunday is Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion when we mark the 5th day of Lent with the procession of palm branches and the reading of the Passion narrative.

This commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, when the crowd had palm branches (John 12:12).

On Sunday in our parishes the palm branches will be blessed and carried in the procession.

We will hear of Jesus presented as a humble and peaceful king, riding on a donkey instead of a horse, which was a symbol of war, and the joyous crowd which greeted him.

But then we will hear of the stark contrast between the love for Jesus and then their act of abandonment followed by the narrative of Jesus' crucifixion and his willing sacrifice for us.

Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week when we are encouraged to reflect on our own commitment to following Jesus' example of love, humility, and selflessness. We are called to prepare ourselves for the celebration of Easter by considering our own response to Jesus' sacrifice and our own willingness to follow his teachings.

Bishop Anthony Randazzo encourages each one of us to enter wholeheartedly into the final days of Lent and engage with the celebration of the Sacred Paschal Triduum, which begins with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, through to the Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at the Easter Vigil and ends after evening prayers at sunset on Easter Sunday.

The Triduum is in fact one continuous liturgy that commemorates the passion, death, and resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our clergy will be particularly engaged and busy this coming week and Bishop Anthony has asked to please keep them especially in your prayers.

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

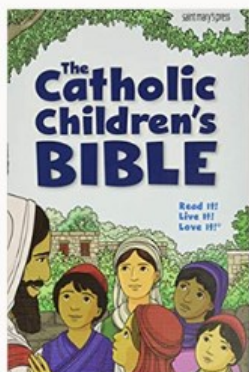
First Eucharist Ceremony Friday 8th September St John Fisher Mass Ctr 5 pm and 6.30 pm

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

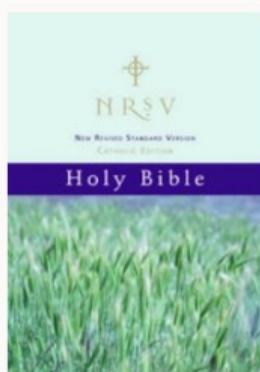
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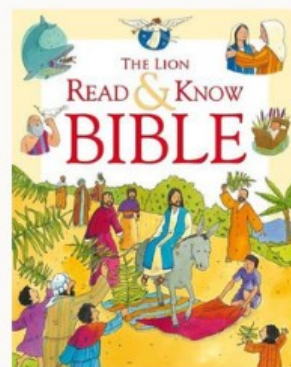
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