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Engage, Participate, Reach out and Transform*



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Diocese of Broken Bay

**NATIONAL VOCATIONS
AWARENESS WEEK**

August 2 - 9, 2020

Lord of the Harvest,
Bless young people with the gift of courage to respond to your call.
Open their hearts to great ideals, to great things. ~Pope Francis

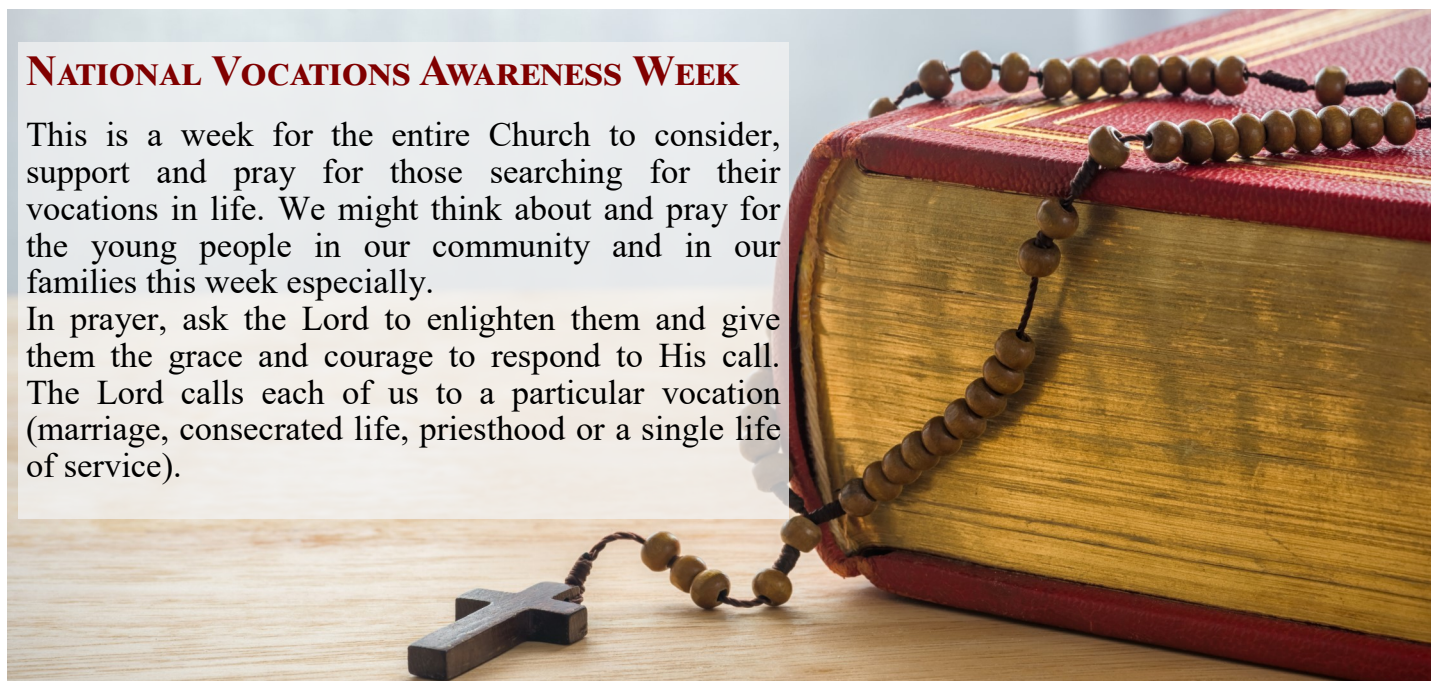
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**WELCOME TO THE 18TH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
Year A,
2nd August 2020**

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

This is a week for the entire Church to consider, support and pray for those searching for their vocations in life. We might think about and pray for the young people in our community and in our families this week especially.

In prayer, ask the Lord to enlighten them and give them the grace and courage to respond to His call. The Lord calls each of us to a particular vocation (marriage, consecrated life, priesthood or a single life of service).



Please join us as we livestream Mass every Sunday at 9.30am on Facebook. Please see the link below, don't forget to like and follow our Facebook page. www.facebook.com/wyongcatholicparish

SUNDAY MASS 2 AUGUST 2020 THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING ISAIAH 55:1-3

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come!

Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk.

Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy?

Listen, listen to me and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy.

Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live.

With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 144:8-9, 15-18

R. The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs.

SECOND READING ROMANS 8:35, 37-39

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION MATTHEW 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL MATTHEW 14:13-21

When Jesus heard of the death of John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. The crowds heard of this and followed him on foot from their towns.

When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, and he cured their sick.

When it was evening, the disciples approached him and said, "This is a deserted place and it is already late; dismiss the crowds so that they can go to the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves." But they said to him, "Five loaves and two fish are all we have here."

Then he said, "Bring them here to me," and he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass.

Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds.

They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the fragments left over twelve wicker baskets full.

Those who ate were about five thousand men, not counting women and children.

REFLECTION FOR 2ND AUGUST

We come to the Eucharist for nourishment, and this liturgy invites us to be nourished in ways that seem too good to be true! At no cost, as God's beloved children, we are brought into an everlasting covenant. We do not earn or pay for any of this. And to top it all, nothing can come between us and God's personal love for us. So, there is really nothing to fear, though it is natural to experience some fear on occasions.

In the Gospel, Jesus takes pity on the crowd, even though he has come to this place for some quiet to mourn the death of his cousin. He offers us an example by blessing and sharing the limited food they have, and every person has plenty to eat. Simply by coming into his presence today, we are nourished by his welcoming acceptance and hospitality. We become one with one another and with him. Our souls come alive.

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PRAYER FOR THE VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD –DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, O Lord, that we may be holy.

In your mercy, guard and strengthen us to be disciples who witness to the Good News of Jesus.

Call forth from our community of the Church generous and loving shepherds after your own heart.

May they be zealous preachers of the Word; faithful teachers of the Truth; and devoted servants at the Altar.

Fill their hearts with love for you and your creation; open their minds to a lifetime of learning; and make them humble servants of your holy people.

For you, O God, are kind and merciful, and to you we offer glory, in your holy Church, now and forever. AMEN.

IMPRIMATUR: Anthony Randazzo Bishop of Broken Bay 24 June 2020

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KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS

Prayer: The most valuable gift you can give someone.

Sick: Len Miller, Victor Gibbs, Harriet Powell, Danae Roe, Peter Ford, Harry Hall, Michael Briggs, Christine Heffernan, Jennese Thompson, Martin Wicks, Leeann Hazelton, Catherine Amey, Philip Dwyer, Bernadette Kiely, Steve Durnford, Ann Durnford, Maureen Mulheron, Angela Watts, William Martin, Terence (Ted) Dafter, Finn McConnon, Val Martin.

Anniversary August: Joe Farrugia, Monica Bito-on, Ruth & Cecil Booth, Brian Flints, Peter Ford, Abelardo Santiago, Judy Kennedy, Phillip Amey.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Best Wishes

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Josie Campbell
Pat Byrne 10/8
Rita Kerr 20/8

Warmest Congratulations

ANNIVERSARIES

Trish & Doug Calder 1/8/1970
(50 Years)

Helen & Peter Beamish 15/8/1970
(50 years)

Margaret & Phil Bastick 19/8/1955
(65 years)

Christine & Garry Greentree 25/8/1973
(47 years)

FEAST DAY: August 6th

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Second reading Pet 1:16-19 Gospel Mt 17:1-9

REFLECTION Today Jesus brings us into his experience of the Father. We hear the Father calling Jesus 'my Son, the Beloved'! It is staggering to be here, mind-and-heart-blowing as it dawns on us that we are caught up in the reality of Jesus who shares God's divine life with each of us personally. The prophet Daniel, too, is filled with awe, as he speaks of the One whose sovereignty is eternal. In today's second reading Peter tells us to depend on prophecy, such as Daniel's. It 'lights the way for us', until the morning star rises in our minds. 'We too are God's beloved, and on occasion Jesus takes us aside also and offers a taste of transfiguration. In the midst of some darkness that may be surrounding us, surprisingly as light shines. May the Father's words, 'you are my beloved', hum in our hearts as we journey with Jesus, our Morning Star. *Reproduced from God's Word 2020: Daily Reflections, published by St Pauls Publications, Strathfield*

FEAST DAY: August 8th

ST MARY OF THE CROSS (MACKILLOP)

REFLECTION If compassion and trust in God's utter goodness can find a home in us, we will be people of thanksgiving for our many gifts and forgiving of the failures of others. Like Jesus, Mary MacKillop was rich in these gifts, totally generous, unfailingly forgiving. Like him she was poor and cared very closely for the poor. Her trustfulness, like Jesus', enabled her to live and grow through her many crosses and troubles, a true role-model for us in Australia. In a time of great spiritual and material need which requires from us faith, awareness, and generous outreach, may we, trusting in God, help to provide for our sisters and brothers, so dear to Jesus and to Mary MacKillop. No matter how small is the assistance we can offer, whether material and spiritual, we can help those most in need to 'find a home' in God's presence. *Reproduced from God's Word 2020: Daily Reflections, published by St Pauls Publications, Strathfield*



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POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST The Maritime World

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

STAY CONNECTED

Whilst we cannot worship together as we usually would, please know that there are many ways that you can still remain connected to us in the following ways:

- ◆ Contact Jo on 0424 763 734 to book your attendance at one of our Masses.
- ◆ Join our Facebook page to watch 9.30am Sunday Mass Live
www.facebook.com/wyongcatholicparish
- ◆ Keep in contact with Jo and Helen in the Parish Office on 4352 1011 or Jo 0424 763 734.
- ◆ **Reconciliation by appointment.** To make an appointment call 4352 1011, Fr Raul 0450 115 099 or Fr Alex 0432 947 245
- ◆ **Prayer intentions**—send an email or call the Parish Office with your prayer intentions. These will be prayed for by Fr Raul and Fr Alex in the daily Masses.
- ◆ If you know of someone who does not have an email or access to the internet, please advise the Parish Office, so we can arrange for the parish bulletin to be delivered to them or you may like to deliver the Bulletin to them.
- ◆ We have many resources that can be collected from outside the church for example: Weekly Bulletin, the Holy Rosary booklet and Stations of the Cross booklet.

As a community we invite you to Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet each day with a special intention for those who are dying due to the COVID-19.

There are many ways that you can stay in contact with us: through email, by phone or checking our website.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE: Due -COVID-19 when you collect your weekly Bulletin, Broken Bay News, Vocations Prayer Card please take them home with you. Please do not leave them in the church after you have handled them.

The August **BROKEN BAY NEWS** will be available for you to take home this week. The August issue is also available in digital form. Below is the link to the online edition.

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/news-events/broken-bay-news/broken-bay-news-editions>

VOCATIONS PRAYER CARD will also be available. Bishop Anthony has written a special prayer for Vocations to Priesthood in Broken Bay. The Prayer Card features the image *The Hand of God* by Yongsung Kim

OUR LOCAL ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE IN WYONG WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE OUR HELP;

Our local St Vincent De Paul Conference in Wyong is made up of a team of Parishioners from our Parish who go and visit those in need every week and would appreciate our help.

They would like to make up some care packages/hampers, so donations of non-perishable food and toiletries would be gratefully appreciated.

You can bring your donations to the Parish Office or Mass on the weekend and leave your donations in the Vinnies wishing well.

Thank you for all your donations made to date.

"Seek first the poorest, most neglected parts of God's vineyard."

Mary MacKillop

PRAYER:

A Prayer for Peace of Mind

FORTIFY me with the grace of Your Holy Spirit and give Your peace to my soul that I may be free from all needless anxiety, solicitude and worry. Help me to desire always that which is pleasing and acceptable to You so that Your will may be my will. Amen by Saint Francis Xavier Cabrini

https://www.catholic.org/prayers/prayeroftheday/?select_date=2020-07-19

WEEKEND AND WEEKDAY MASSES

St Cecilia's Church and St John Fisher Mass Ctr have a limitation of 40 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 1ST JUNE 2020

ST CECILIA'S CHURCH MASS TIMES

- Saturday Vigil Masses 4pm and 5pm Sunday Masses 8.30am and 9.30am
- Weekday Mass times Monday to Saturday 8am

ST JOHN FISHER MASS CTR

- Saturday Vigil Masses 4pm and 5pm Sunday Masses 8.30am and 9.30am
- 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 in the parish until we receive notification from the Diocese.

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.
- You must have your name marked off the attendance sheet, this will be at the entrance of the church/mass ctr.
- For 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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PARISH COLLECTIONS

1st Collection (PRIESTS) The financial support for Fr Raul and Fr Alex comes solely from our Parish first collection and this goes towards their upkeep and living expenses. Our Parish Priests are not financially supported by the Diocese.

2nd Collection (PARISH) goes towards all the pastoral and operating expenses of the Parish: phones/photo copier, electricity, insurance, rates, priests vehicles, staff wages, Presbytery, Church and ground maintenance just to name a few.

You can make your **donation directly into our bank account:**

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or you may even like to **post a cheque** to Po Box 385 Wyong 2259.

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo
Bishop of Broken Bay

Message for BBNeighbourhoods
28 July 2020

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Over the past fortnight, we have seen an escalation of COVID cases, not just in the State of Victoria, but also in parts of Sydney. It is worrying, but not unexpected.

Some of the most vocal critics are the very same people who advocate large public gatherings and demonstrations, as well as those who seem to flaunt the physical distancing recommendations and precautionary hygiene measures.

My dear people, now is not the time to relax our vigilance as a community of the Church. The Government measures that have been in place and that we have adopted as a Diocese are for the protection and well-being of all. I would like to thank you for implementing these measures and I urge you to continue to be observant and respectful of them. As a Catholic community, it is important that we take a leading role in good citizenship.

I was reminded this week that the Spanish Influenza pandemic of 1918 swiftly spread around the world and was not “under control” until 1920. While the COVID-19 Coronavirus is different to the Spanish Flu, there is much for us to learn as a community regarding how we might contribute to the safety of our society.

The Flu took a heavy toll on family life. Community wellbeing was threatened continuously over a three-year period. The economy was damaged as businesses closed, workers found themselves unemployed, and basic services such as mail delivery and garbage collection were hindered due to flu-stricken workers.

Thanks be to God, we have a much stronger health system in 2020 than in 1920. We also have access to cleaning and sanitising products that were simply not available to the masses 100 years ago. However, family life is just as vulnerable now as it was during the Spanish Flu because human lives and relationships are always vulnerable in moments of crisis. Likewise, the economy and the availability of gainful employment is currently under threat.

Being aware that members of the community are at risk or in danger is one of our major efforts at this time. Our Parishes, Catholic Schools, and CatholicCare communities are particularly well placed to be alert to risk and they are places where people feel secure. They are for many a safe harbour in the storm.

This week, I urge you to renew your efforts to ensure that you and your family remain attentive to the need for good hygiene, at home and when you are out and about. By being attentive, you will help limit the risk in the community of the Church and therefore in our neighbourhoods and social communities. I also encourage you to pray for an end to this time of trial.

“The plague that prowls in the darkness you will not fear” (Psalm 90: 5-6)

The words of the psalmist invite us to remain faithful and to take refuge in God’s unwavering love. Central to our belief as a Catholic community is that God never abandons His people in time of suffering and hardship.

My prayer this week is that God will protect you and bless you; keep you safe and defend you from all evil; and that you may persevere always in God’s love.

+Anthony

Media Release

16 July 2020

Bishop Randazzo announces change to the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation

Bishop Anthony Randazzo has made adjustments to the age of children receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Diocese of Broken Bay.

In a letter to clergy of the Diocese last week, Bishop Randazzo acknowledged the crisis of the COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted the course of Sacramental Preparation Programmes across all parishes.

“I have been unable to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in the parishes of the Diocese at all this year,” said Bishop Randazzo, who has decided, due to ongoing uncertainty and for the sake of clarity for parents and families, parishes and personnel involved in preparing children for the Sacraments that he will not celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at all in 2020.

Formerly, children receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation were seven years old, typically those in Year 2. For the future celebration of the Sacrament, Bishop Randazzo has announced that candidates will be at least eight years old, those who are in Year 3.

The change has been made after Bishop Randazzo consulted and received feedback about the Sacrament of Confirmation and after discussions with the Council of Priests.

“The practice of celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation with those who have reached the age of seven, typically those in Year 2, seems early for the most meaningful reception of the Sacrament,” said Bishop Randazzo.

“Therefore, I wish to use the circumstances afforded us negatively by the pandemic to place our practice of Sacramental preparation, positively, on a new footing going forward.”

The Bishop has not changed the order of the Sacraments of Initiation being Baptism, followed by Confirmation and Eucharist. Under the new program, Reconciliation and Eucharist will therefore be celebrated by those who are aged nine and in Year 4.

“I regard this as the best and most sustainable way forward to address both the suspension of the celebration of Confirmation for the rest of this year, and to engage the unique opportunity with which we are now presented to bring Sacramental Preparation Programmes into the future on a different footing for children who are older and more able to appreciate the significance of their Christian Initiation.”

The letter to clergy announcing the changes, explained some of the implications on Sacramental Preparation Programmes. With the various timings of the programmes across parishes throughout the Diocese taking place either in the first or second halves of the year, it will take the course of 2021 to 2022 to establish the consistent foundation of the preparation programme for children who are aged eight and older.

Bishop Randazzo also explained norms around who has the faculty to Confirm, especially regarding the various circumstances arising for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. With some exceptions, the Bishop clarified particularly regarding the Confirmation of children, “I am the ordinary minister of the Sacrament of Confirmation and I do not wish this to be compromised by widespread delegation of this faculty”.

The Bishop explained he is aware of the practical implications for parishes during a period of adjustment but looks forward to achieving consistency across the diocese as soon as is practicable.

“We have been through a great disruption that has affected parish communities in numerous ways,” said Bishop Randazzo, “and I acknowledge the many creative and innovative initiatives adopted by our people to keep the faith flourishing”.

“I am grateful for the way in which parishes will bring to completion this year sacramental preparations commenced in 2019, so that in the new year, we can resume the programme for new cohorts on a new premise.”

For more information regarding the Sacraments in Wyong Parish please contact the office on 4352 1011 or email wyoungparish@bbcatholic.org.au