27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C PARISH BULLETIN, 2ND OCTOBER 2022

The word of the Lord stands for ever; it is the word given to you, the Good News

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



Reflection 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Today's readings caution us not to discount small things as insignificant and clamour for big and more. What we need is not more things, more money, a bigger house or car, but enough of everything to live a good Christian life. Jesus shows us the creative miracle locked in faith as tiny as a mustard seed. Every good deed, backed by genuine faith, takes us further ahead in our journey towards God. There is immense value even in a small deed if done in faith. Just like the tiny mustard seed that could be lost if not handled carefully, faith too, if not nurtured carefully, can be lost.

As today's second reading advises, we each need to 'fan into a flame the gift that God gave (us)' and guard this precious gift with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

What small things can you do to help others?

How big could those small things become?

Lord, give me the grace to do small acts of kindness that help others and keep aflame my faith.

You are invited to come and celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Wyong Parish being under the pastoral care of The Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity.

10th Anniversary Morning Tea

Sunday 2nd October Following the 8.30am Mass at St John Fisher and Following the 9.30am Mass at St Cecilia's.

Saturday 1st October will also be the 24th anniversary of Fr Raul and Fr Alex's Priestly Ordination which we will also celebrate at this morning tea.

Please RSVP by Wednesday 5th Oct to Jo on 0424 763 734 BRUNCH IS SERVED!!

Join us for Eggs, Bacon, Sausages, Scones with jam and cream, Tea and Coffee.

10th October at 11am On the Parish Veranda 23 Byron Street Wyong

All welcome!!

Our Lady of the Rosary

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. The Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated on 7th October. 'The Rosary is a way of contemplating the face of Christ, seeing him, we may say, with the eyes of Mary.' (Pope John Paul 11).

The Rosary is recited every weekday after the 8am Mass at St Cecilia's Church.

Congratulations

We congratulate both Fr Raul and Fr Alex who celebrate 24 years of priestly ordination Saturday 1st October, on the Feast of St Therese of the Child Jesus. We thank you for your faithful service to our Parish. May God continue to Bless you with His love and joy.



PARISH 100 CLUB FUND RAISER

A '100 Club' will run from 31 October to 16 December. The funds raised will help our parish with commitments for the 2022/2023 Church year.

Minor draws will occur each week leading up to the major draw which will take place at the Parish Christmas Get Together on 16 December.

Cost for a number is \$40.00

Detailed information will be handed out on the weekend of 8/9 October, where the first sale for a number will occur.

Thank you to all parishioners for being part of this fundraising.

CWL - Catholic Women's' League, will be selling raffle tickets at Bunnings Lake Haven on Sunday 9th October, 10am -2pm.

Money raised will assist the CWL in giving a \$2000 Scholarship to students from the Catholic Colleges on the Central Coast. The scholarship assists the families to allow their child to complete Yr11 & Yr12 when, possibly, they would not be financially able. Don't forget to say "Hi from Wyong Parish"



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Anointing of the Sick

Friday 7th October First Friday of the Month St Cecilia's During 8.00am &11.30am Mass St John Fisher During 9.15am Mass

St Barnabas Church Yarramalong

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

Sisters of Charity Raffle to be

held all Masses this weekend 1st/2nd at St John Fisher and all Masses Next weekend 8th/9th at St Cecilia's.

Proceeds go towards Missionary Sisters of Charity at Catherin, Alice Springs and Orange.

Tickets are \$2.00 each

Upcoming Events/meeting

Baptism Preparation 1st October 10.00am

SOLT 10th Anniversary Morning Tea Sunday 2nd October After the 8.30am Mass at St John Fisher And After the 9.30am Mass St Cecilia's

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 8th November 6pm

BRUNCH IS SERVED!! Monday 10th October at 11am On the Parish Veranda 23 Byron Street Wyong

Catechist Meeting 18th October 10.30am

St Cecilia's Feast Day Tuesday 22nd November

Bunnings BBQ Saturday 3rd December

Parish Christmas Get Together dinner Friday 16th Dec 6.00pm St John Fisher Hall

"AN OPURTUNITY RETURNS"

Students at St Peter's College are once again offering to help parishioners with their electronic devices such as phones, laptop, iPad. If you need help working your electronic devices the students can help!!

The two sessions are Wednesday 19th October & Wednesday 9th November From 9am to 12pm. Morning tea will be provided Please RSVP to Jo on 0424 763 734

Please meet at St Cecilia's Church at 8.30am. A bus will take you to and from the college, no need to worry about parking.

Extra Mower's Required

We are appealing for more mowers

If there is any person who would be kind enough to join us in the mowing and general maintenance of the Church (approx. 1 hr four times a year depending on the numbers we have) please contact Brian on 4388 2938.

To make life a little easier our equipment consists of a ride-on-mower and a self-propelled mower. Thank you.

Invitation- Children's Liturgy

All children are invited to attend the children's Liturgy at our weekend masses.

Children's Liturgy is when the children leave the congregation to celebrate and reflect on the Sunday Gospel reading in an age appropriate way. The children are led through prayers, songs and readings that are adapted to their level of understanding. (Parents are always welcome to attend the Children's Liturgy)

Attending Mass together is a part of being a Catholic Family, while Children's Liturgy allows children to enter the celebration more fully by catering to their needs).

Please see below the weekend masses with Children's Liturgy St Cecilia's Church,

Saturday Vigil 5pm & Sunday 9.30am St John Fisher Mass Centre

Saturday Vigil 5pm & Sunday 5pm



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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

Reconciliation/Confession Saturday morning after the 8am Mass & Saturday at 4.30pm

Emergency Priest Contact

Fr Raul ph: 0450 115 099 Fr Alex ph: 0432 947 245

PARISH OFFICE 23 Byron Street Wyong Phone: 02 4352 1011 Po Box 385 Wyong 2259 OFFICE HOURS: Mon to Thurs 9.30am to 2.30pm & Fri 9.30am to 12pm

PARISH CONTACTS

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Parish Coordinator **Jo Helm** ph: **0424 763 734** (Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri) email: **jo.helm@bbcatholic.org.au**

Parish Secretary Helen Bath ph:02 4352 1011 (Wed & Thurs)

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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 & Peter Rheinberger, Hannah Hopwood, Fay King, Joan Mabbutt, Irene Dainty, John Cornwell, Eoin, Paula, Francis (Frank) Trinca, Peter Meury

RECENTLY DECEASED: Patricia Doyle **ANNIVERSARY OCTOBER**: Margaret Donnolley, Frank Costa, Kerry Baldwin, Eileen Preston, James Smith

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

> 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 8.15 - 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

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

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Ricky Li Registered NDIS provider Phone 4355 4445 www.tuggerahphysio.com.au **Safeguarding Message** 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 Joanne. The contact details are on the back to the Bulletin.

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD Reproduced from Liturgia

First Reading Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save? Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny? Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes. Then the Lord answered and said, 'Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail. See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 94:1-2, 6-9

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Peter 1:25

Alleluia, alleluia! The word of the Lord stands for ever; it is the word given to you, the Good News. Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you.

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately?" Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention October

A Church Open to Everyone

We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.



Voice of the People Vox Populi 28th September 2022

On October 4, the Church will observe the feast day of Saint Francis of Assisi, a saint who remains just as important today in the lives of many faithful as he did close to 800 years ago.

His affinity for the Eucharist, care for the poor in society, love for creation, and his deep sense of brotherhood towards all God's children are universal and enduring qualities which all the faithful should seek to embody.

He dispensed with an indulgent life and lived a life of poverty in service of others, preaching the Gospel and spreading the Good News.

He founded the Franciscan Order which continues his work close to a millennium later. So important is his legacy, even in the contemporary age, Pope Francis chose to honour the humble Italian saint through his papal name. It was the first time a pope had taken the name and Pope Francis said he had chosen it due to his concern for the well-being of the poor.

His second encyclical, *Laudato si'*, was very much inspired by St Francis, who had used the phrase in praise of God for his creation.

As part of the Diocese of Broken Bay's World Youth Day pilgrimage next year, the young people of our Diocese will get the opportunity to visit Assisi, birthplace of the St Francis, the Franciscan Order and St Clare of Assisi.

Blessed Carlos Acutis, a 21st century teenager well on his way to being declared a saint, requested to be buried at Assisi following his death, citing St Francis as one of the great models of his life.

The opportunity to walk in the footsteps of these great saints will no doubt be an incredible experience for many of the young people of our Diocese and provide inspiration to them to live out their faith with passion, sacrifice and love, just as St Francis did.

We pray they and all the faithful will be transformed by the example of St Francis and continue his good work, adoring the Eucharist, caring for the poor and loving all creation





On October 22, Bishop Anthony will be installing a relic of Saint Pope John Paul II at St. Patrick's Church, East Gosford. At this Mass, St. Patrick's will be established as a Shrine, with a blessing of the associated Pastoral Centre. The Shrine aims to invoke new inspiration for evangelisation, offering pilgrims a form of devotion that is not common in the Australian context. Those who attend the Mass are eligible to receive a partial indulgence, and the Shrine will be open during the day for prayer and veneration. A celebration with refreshments will follow.

All are warmly welcome to join in this wonderful event. Please register your attendance at <u>JPII.Centre@bbcatholic.org.au</u>, including your full name and the number of people attending with you. Large groups (especially bus groups - e.g., from parishes and schools) are asked to make contact early to ensure arrangements can be made.

Date: Saturday 22 October 2022

Time: 11:00 am

Venue: St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 76 York Street, East Gosford

More information will be available at: <u>www.bbcatholic.org.au/gosford/JPII</u> (website to go live soon).

A partial indulgence is granted to all who visit the Shrine on this day.

FEAST OF ST FAUSTINA KOWALSKA



2.00pm-4.30pm • Silent Adoration • Confession • Solemn Divine Mercy Chaplet • Healing Mass

As per the decree by Bishop Anthony Randazzo The Divine Retreat Centre is designated as a Diocesan Shrine in Veneration of St Faustina Kowakska.

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In Times of Crisis

Wednesday 26th October 2022 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

To celebrate **Pastoral Care Week 2022**, CatholicCare's Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Team invite you to our **Pastoral Care Seminar Day**. This will be a day of enrichment and fellowship for all those people in the Diocese of Broken Bay who are involved in a ministry to care for the sick.

All are very welcome to attend, including: Priests, Deacons, Religious, Pastoral Care Practitioners, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Pastoral Visitors and Social Workers.

Morning tea and lunch will be provided.

Our special guest presenters will be: Rev. Dr Stephen Robinson & Rev David Riethmuller

Venue:

Caroline Chisholm Centre Building 2, Level 8 423 Pennant Hills Rd Pennant Hills (Car park entry via City View Rd or a 10 minute walk from Pennant Hills Station)

For enquiries please contact:

Denis O'Brien Acting Practice Manager Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Mobile: 0439 009 932

To register your attendance please send an email by Wednesday 19th October to: denis.obrien@catholiccaredbb.org.au

(please also note any special dietary requirements)

20-22 OCTOBER 2022 **evangelise**ENCOUNTER DISCIPLESHIP MISSION

An excellent formation opportunity for your parish is being offered through the 'Evangelise' conference this October.

The Australian Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry will host a national online conference from October 20-22. The conference will promote understanding and explore practices of evangelisation in Australia through *encounters* with Christ, formation in *discipleship*, and *mission* in the world.

A wide variety of topics will be offered, including areas of evangelisation, leadership, ministry, liturgy and sacraments, social justice, youth, and marriage and family. Please promote to parishioners, in particular to parish and ministry leaders and teams. Parishes are encouraged to attend as a group, and to subsidise registration where possible to enable participation.

Cost is \$25 per person, \$20 for 5 or more registrations. Further information and registration details: <u>https://nce.catholic.org.au/bcelm-conference/events/bcelm-conference</u>

This is a great follow-up to the recent Laying a Missionary Foundation course that many parishes participated in. To discuss how this Conference could be part of a wider parish strategy towards parish renewal, and to receive support in implementing outcomes, please contact Pina Bernard on 0432 682 239 or pina.bernard@bbcatholic.org.au



Only 42 weeks to go!

The good news is that there is still time to register your interest in joining the DBB WYD23 pilgrimage to Portugal.

There are two pilgrimage options for young adults (18-35yrs):

1: Full pilgrimage: Italy and Portugal (22 July – 11 August 2023) 2: Direct pilgrimage: Portugal only (29 July – 11 August 2023).

Watch this video for details and some footage of our Lisbon destinations: <u>Young adult WYD</u> <u>Lisbon update</u>

Bookings for young adults are filling up fast, so don't wait too long: ask yourself today whether God might be calling you to World Youth Day Lisbon in 2023!

Visit <u>https://bbwyd.org.au/register-for-wyd/</u> to register.

Twilight Talks Formation Reboots

On Wednesday 21st of September, a much-loved CYBB initiative recommenced with the return of the Twilight Talks format. Wednesday's gathering at Hotel Pennant Hills was the first of a 2023 series called *Being Human* which examines who we are as people and what this means for our fulfillment and happiness. Guest speaker Marie Van Rensberg – previously from *The Culture Project* – broke open God's original plan for humanity, and how this is still possible despite the challenges we face.

Spirituality in the Pub (SIP)

Meeting 7.30-9.00pm Tuesday 4th October at the Grange Hotel, Wyoming (cnr. Renwick St & Pacific Hwy).

Guest speakers are Elizabeth Lee, a former chaplain at Long Bay Gaol and John Lee with a background in education.

Elizabeth Lee: Some of Liz's passions include: fostering human connection through deep listening; contemplative photography; labyrinth facilitation; creating mandalas; and grandparenting adventures. Liz has inhabited the worlds of science laboratories, museums, classrooms, prisons, homeless shelters and retreat centres.

John Lee: John is just another man having a red hot go at a life of faith, hope and love in the here and now. He lives a quirky and creative life attempting to be open to the unfolding of God's love in the midst of it all: companion, friend, teacher and elder.

Tell anyone else who may be interested. Bistro opens at 5.30pm. SIP enquiries: 0415 129250 or 0439 678608

Upcoming Formation Opportunities

1. Alpha Catholic Context Conference 4-5 November 2022

A formation opportunity is being offered by Alpha Australia, through the Alpha Catholic Context 'Revive and Thrive' Conference to be held in Brisbane on 4 and 5 November 2022. Please consider possible sponsorship of your Alpha leaders to attend this Conference. Catholic Alpha leaders from around Australia will gather to connect with each other, be inspired, and gain skills to implement fruitful Alphas in the parish context.

Further details are available here: <u>https://www.alpha.org.au/reviveandthrive</u> Enquiries: Pina Bernard <u>pina.bernard@bbcatholic.org.au</u> or 0432 682 239

1. National Online Evangelise Conference 20-22 October 2022

As previously communicated, this 3-day online conference will promote understanding and explore practices of evangelisation in Australia. Please consider participating. <u>Further details</u>

1. Areté Foundations of Missionary Leadership Course

A reminder that applications for the Areté course close on 31 October. This year-long program offers excellent formation for parishioners. Please encourage parish leaders, or those who show leadership potential, to apply. Further information: <u>https://aretecentre.org/</u>



Have you heard about the Family Connect & Support Service?

Family Connect and Support (FCS) is a state-wide voluntary service for children, young people and families who need support to maintain a safe and positive family environment. It helps families who may be experiencing vulnerability or who require some level of support before issues escalate. It works on a networking model, connecting families with local services with expertise in areas such as parenting challenges, financial stress, substance use, family break-down, housing issues, mental health, domestic and family violence ... and more. We stay connected with you until you're matched to the right services or support.

To access this service please call 1800 066 757 or visit www.catholiccaredbb.org.au.

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