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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*

30TH APRIL 2023 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

WYONG CATHOLIC PARISH

ST CECILIA'S CHURCH, ST JOHN FISHER MASS CTR & ST PETER'S CHAPEL

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Reflection 30.4.2023 Fourth Sunday of Easter

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Today we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday. Jesus described himself as 'the good shepherd', the gateway to the sheepfold. To be a good leader is to imitate Jesus, the Good Shepherd. The qualities that made Jesus the Good Shepherd are the same qualities that characterise a worthy church leader, a pastor/priest, a teacher, a civil servant, and a father/mother. A good shepherd:

- **GATHERS AND PROTECTS:** Jesus warns us about 'false' shepherds who are really wolves dressed in sheepskins. The good leader protects the flock from these dangerous adversaries.
- **LISTENS.** The good shepherd is willing to dialogue with the flock, practising 'synodality' - walking with them in the journey to the heavenly Kingdom.
- **LEADS.** The good shepherd never threatens or coerces by force; he leads by example and invites people to follow. That is why integrity and consistency are essential virtues for pastors. People tend to follow leaders whom they can trust.
- **SACRIFICES** on behalf of the sheep. A good shepherd genuinely cares for the flock and puts their well-being first. A good shepherd gives time and energy for them. A good shepherd is not greedy or bent on self-enrichment.
- **FOLLOWS CHRIST THE GOOD SHEPHERD.** A sure formula for being a good pastor/elder is to be able to say with St Paul, 'Imitate me as I imitate Christ' (1 Corinthians 1:11) and follow Peter's advice: 'Be the shepherds of the flock of God that is entrusted to you: watch over it, not simply as a duty but gladly, because God wants it' (1 Peter 5:2).

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention

April —For a culture of peace and non-violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

Extra Mower's Required

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.

We are especially looking for someone who would be available on weekends.

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

Missionary Sisters of Charity Mother's Day Raffle

This will be held at St John Fisher Tumbi on 29th/30th April and St Cecilia's Wyong on 6th/7th May. Thank you for your support.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed Thursday 4th May. Thank You

Anointing of the Sick Friday 5th May

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 7th May at 11.15am.** All are welcome.

Parish Mass St Cecilia's Church 9.15am Monday Morning 1st May

We invite you all to our next Mass with the Kindergarten children from St Cecilia's School Monday 1st May.

Every week a different class from St Cecilia's Primary School will join us in the celebration of the Mass. We encourage and extend a warm welcome to ALL parishioners to this Mass to pray and celebrate as one family.

We are aiming at building a stronger relationship with Parish and School through our prayers. Please come along and get to know our children and teachers.

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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Sunday 30th April 2023 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD (Year A)

First Reading Acts 2:14, 36-41

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.' Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22:1-6

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading 1 Peter 2:20-25

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty. This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

Gospel John 10:1-10

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again: 'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'



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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

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

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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

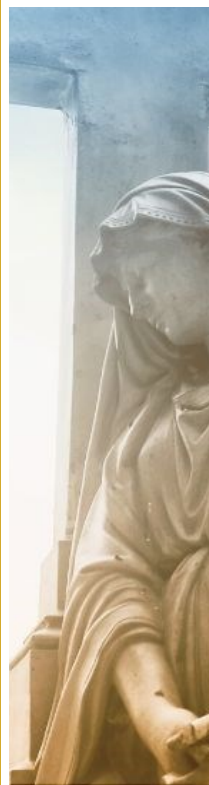
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Prayer: The most valuable gift you can give someone.

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: Margaret Hines, John Ferris, 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, Jack Gill



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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.



Office of the Bishop

Vox Populi
27 April 2023

Next week is the start of May – the month traditionally dedicated to Mary. For centuries, Catholics around the world have honoured the Blessed Virgin Mary with special devotion during the month of May.

During this Easter season and the month of May, we celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord when Mary’s heart was filled “with joy beyond all telling” and reflect on Mary’s presence in the community of the first disciples waiting for Pentecost.

The saints acclaim in powerful and inspired terms the glories of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

However there are a number of ways we can show or manifest our love and devotion to Our Lady. Here are just a few.

Firstly - prayer. A prayer of consecration to Jesus through the Immaculate heart of Mary.

The Angelus, although traditionally the prayer at noon it can be prayed at any time.

Combine doctrine and devotion by reading the Apostolic Letter of St John Paul II *Blessed Virgin Mary and the Rosary*.

This combines Catholic doctrine (Mariology) with a tender love and devotion to Mary. St John Paul II exhorts us to contemplate the face of Jesus through the eyes and heart of Mary.

And praying the Rosary. In Fatima on 13 May, Our Lady first appeared to the Shepherd children Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco. In all six of her apparitions Our Lady insisted upon the praying of the most Holy Rosary. Pope Francis has often said that when we pray the Rosary, Mary helps us to put Jesus at the centre of our attention, our thoughts, and our actions. The Holy Father invites us to pray the Rosary together in the family or with friends or in the parish. Praying the Rosary together strengthens family life, friendships, and parish life.

Diocesan Pastoral Discernment Project Facilitator - looking for the ideal candidate

As part of the 35th anniversary of the Diocese of Broken Bay, in August 2021, Bishop Anthony Randazzo invited the Diocesan region of the Central Coast to participate in a project of pastoral discernment. The Central Coast region was identified as the first of the three geographic regions to undertake this project which was undertaken in 2022. As part of this discernment, now completed for the Central coast and envisaged for the Northern Beaches and North Shore of the Diocese, of paramount importance is to recognise the each of the local region's particular pastoral circumstances, opportunities, and challenges.

The process of pastoral discernment envisages a sustained and prayerful study of the various factors which give our three geographic regions (Central Coast, Northern Beaches and North Shore) its unique character. The aim of this initiative is to renew the life of the Church in each of these regions of the Diocese, ensuring a sustainable and thriving ecclesial community.

You may be aware that in December 2022 the Central Coast pastoral discernment was completed with the Final Report and Executive Summary publicly available. Having considered the findings of the Central Coast project, Bishop Anthony has appointed a Task Group to consider the Central Coast Report and to make recommendations to him with respect to the implementation of the findings of the Report. The work of the Task Group will be undertaken throughout 2023.

Concurrently to discerning the recommendations of the Central Coast Pastoral Discernment Project, the Diocese is now also turning its focus to implementing the discernment project and process for the Northern Beaches region.

In respect of both the work of the Central Coast Implementation Task Group and launching the discernment project for the Northern Beaches region, we are recruiting for a **Diocesan Pastoral Discernment Project Facilitator**.

The appointment of the **Diocesan Pastoral Discernment Project Facilitator** will:

1. act as an **Executive Officer**, assisting the newly appointed **Pastoral Discernment Central Coast Implementation Task Group** in the formulation and implementation of the recommendations from the Central Coast Discernment Project; and
2. coordinate and facilitate strategic planning in preparation for the **Northern Beaches Pastoral Discernment Project**.

This is a **full-time position** for a **maximum term of two years**.

The role requires a candidate with tertiary qualifications in theology, ministry, social science or a related discipline, supported by at least five years in pastoral planning and/or project management in a Church context and experience in planning of evangelisation practices in diocesan and parish contexts. You will have an understanding that this is integral to ministry in a Catholic setting and experience working in close collaboration with parishes and agencies of the Catholic Church, notably clergy and community consultation and the facilitation of large and small groups. Your proven record in project-based research and business case methodology will speak to your high-level organisational skills and the ability to collate and distil large volumes of complex information.

With consideration of the unique characteristics of the Northern Beaches region it is important that the successful candidate has a strong familiarity, identification or presence from within the northern beaches area.

For more information please contact recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au for an **Information Pack** including for details on how to apply.

Applications close **Thursday, 18 May 2023**

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

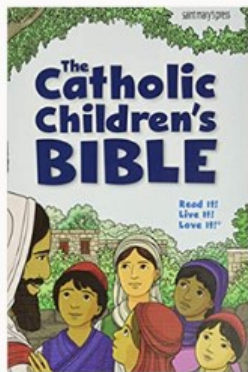
First Eucharist Ceremony Friday 8th September St John Fisher Mass Ctr 5 pm and 6.30 pm

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

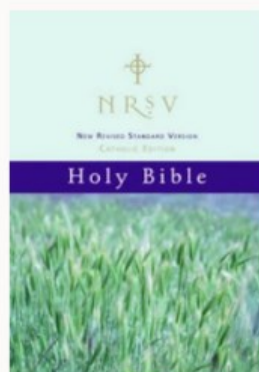
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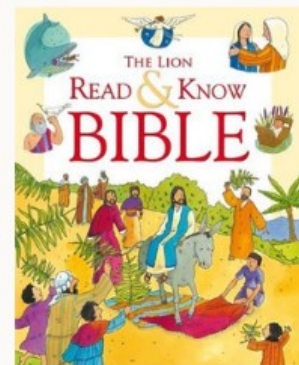
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