

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
PARISH BULLETIN, 30TH JANUARY 2022

*God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our
Lord Jesus Christ.*

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*



**THE
GOSPEL
ACCORDING TO
LUKE**

REFLECTION 30th January

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In today's beautiful passage from the first letter to the Corinthians, Paul speaks of the wonders of love – the love which is always patient and kind, which is always ready to forgive, which delights in the truth, and which does not come to an end. As such, love, in its purified form, reflects the character of the divinity, the essence of God himself. Each of us has experienced and participated in love in some way or another. It is a universal and even constitutive part of our human condition. But human love is often marred by possessiveness, inconstancy, lust or insecurity, and is therefore but an imperfect image of heavenly love yet it remains always an authentic and genuine (if, at times, somewhat tarnished) reflection of God's love and a manifestation of the divine essence which is itself love. Let us not be afraid to love, ardently and passionately, all that is noble, beautiful and true. For in whomever and whatever we love, it is God himself who is ultimately both the lover and the beloved.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for January

For true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

PLEASE NOTE:

Parish Office is currently closed and will reopen Wednesday 12th January. During January the office will only be open:
Wed 12th/ Thurs 13th and
Wed 19th/ Thurs 20th and Thursday 27th.

Office hours will return to normal Monday 31st January.

For emergency's please call
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Anointing of the Sick Friday 4th February

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

WYONG CATHOLIC PARISH is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. We uphold that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult.

Vox Populi – the Voice of the People

25 January 2022

A Celebration of Saints

The Catholic Church is not short of great Saints and this week is certainly no exception. The Saints show us how we can live our faith and provide tangible insights and lessons on being a Catholic and living our faith more fully.

The Saints are people who generously answered the invitation to put God in the center of their lives and are examples to each one of us, showing it is indeed possible to tread the path to holiness.

It is also important to note the Catholic Church is so rich in examples of holiness that we have Saints of all kinds, of all origins, professions, cultures and social classes.

Depending on the difficulties they overcame or the extraordinary graces they received here on Earth, each Saint is known to help in specific situations.

Their mission was not finished when they left Earth, but they keep on fulfilling it in Heaven.

As Saint Therese of Lisieux once said:

"I'll spend my Heaven doing good!"

For the full article, please see folder in back of the Church.

Today's Gospel

I must take personally what God says here. He says: 'You are the one I choose today to bring good news to the poor and oppressed. The Holy Spirit is upon you. I am sending you!' Jesus saw these statements as giving him his identity. Do they give me mine?

Holy Spirit of God, you are the living force in the words of the Gospel we proclaim. You are the wind on which the message about Jesus is borne to others. Our agenda is to proclaim you. This is worth all the trouble that this life can bring. Sacred Space

The Feast of The Presentation of Our Lord—2nd February

The Presentation of Jesus in the temple marks an important occasion in the story of salvation history, and therefore, an important occasion for all of us. This baby is the Messiah, entering his temple for the very first time.

Through the power of the Holy Spirit, both Simeon and Anna, conditioned by lives of prayer, recognize him when they gaze at him. We too, through the Holy Spirit are invited to gaze on the face of Jesus and know him.

Like Mary, we are warned that life in Christ won't be easy, but it is where our salvation lies.

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Sunday Mass 30th January 2022
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD *Reproduced from Liturgia*

First Reading Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying, 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you as prophet to the nations. So now brace yourself for action. Stand up and tell them all I command you. Do not be dismayed at their presence, or in their presence I will make you dismayed.

I, for my part, today will make you into a fortified city, a pillar of iron, and a wall of bronze to confront all this land: the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests and the country people. They will fight against you but shall not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you - it is the Lord who speaks.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 70:1-6, 15, 17

R. I will sing of your salvation.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:31 - 13:13

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them.

If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever.

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge - for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known.

Gospel Acclamation Luke 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 4:21-30

Jesus began speaking in the synagogue, saying: "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" He said to them, "Surely you will quote me this proverb, 'Physician, cure yourself,' and say, 'Do here in your native place the things that we heard were done in Capernaum.'"

And he said, "Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place. Indeed, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah

when the sky was closed for three and a half years and a severe famine spread over the entire land.

It was to none of these that Elijah was sent, but only to a widow in Zarephath in the land of Sidon.

Again, there were many lepers in Israel during the time of Elisha the prophet; yet not one of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill

on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong. But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away.



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Mon-Sat: 8.00am

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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

St Barnabas, Yarramalong
1st Sun of month 11.15am

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

Fr Raul/Fr Alex and the Legion of Mary visit **Berkley Vale Nursing home** 3rd Wednesday of the Month

Children's Liturgy

St Cecilia's 5pm Mass Saturday

St John Fisher 5pm Mass Sunday

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

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

PPC Secretary; Kerry Bugden
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PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE

KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS

Prayer: The most valuable gift you can give someone.

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RECENTLY DECEASED: Fr Manoj Manuel, Gloria Fisher (Archbishop Fisher's mother)

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