18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C PARISH BULLETIN, 31st July 2022

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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



Reflection 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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We began this month reflecting on the many ways to follow Jesus, with love, mercy and Kindness to all. At the end of the month, and indeed past the halfway mark of the year, we can look again at our life and take stock of the treasures we are storing up. Our purpose in life is not to hoard riches in a barn but to keep seeking heavenly, that is, Godly riches, in our heart. Paul's letter to the Colossians puts it clearly. Our life must be a true life in Christ. There is only Christ who is everything and in everything, and our task must be to let him be revealed more and more in us each day. When there is greed of any kind in us, and it can slip in very easily, our focus becomes wholly caught up in ourself. That is why Jesus says to watch and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, because this is what takes us away from Jesus, our one true security. There is only one thing we need to fill our hearts with-Love. In the morning, fill us with your love, we shall exult and rejoice all our days!



CONGRATULATIONS

84 Children were Confirmed at our Confirmation Ceremony on Saturday 31st July.

We extend our congratulations to each child and may the light of the Holy Spirit always burn brightly in you. Blessings on your Confirmation. 'God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us". (Romans 5:5)

May we continue to pray for these children and their families that the Holy Spirit will give them strength and draw them closer into a life of faith where their love for God will empower them.

The children's journey of faith would not have been possible without the support of parents, family members, sponsors and teachers.

We also express our gratitude to those who assisted us with our Ceremony. Your support is greatly appreciated.

May God Bless you and your families.



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CONDOLENCES

The Parish extends our deepest condolences to Enid and family on the passing of her beloved husband John Edward Dwyer.

John was a dearly loved member of our parish community and he will be sadly missed.

John's Requiem Mass will be held on Wednesday 3rd August at St Cecilia's Church, Wyong at 10am.

We know and pray that John is in God's loving hands. May he rest in peace. Amen

National Vocations Awareness Week begins on August 7th and to help celebrate, we will be having a **special Vocations Youth Mass**. This Mass is open to all and will be celebrated by Fr Tomy PP, Fr Baby AP, Fr Paul Durkin Vocations Director and Fr Stephen Wayoyi Omwanda Assistant Director. There will be participation by our Central Coast Catholic Schools and the group from Connecting Catholic Coasties.

We will have special testimonies from our very own Sr's Josie & Jennifer and also the Broken Bay seminarians later in the evening. After the Mass, we will be having a BBQ dinner. We hope that you can join us for this special event!

Bunnings' Barbecue Fundraiser.

Wyong Parish has been allocated a fundraising sausage sizzle at Bunnings, Tuggerah on Saturday 3 September, 2022.

This is an opportunity to generate substantial fundraising and as this is the Saturday before Father's Day, we anticipate business will be particularly brisk. Parishioner help is essential, with four persons, as well as the BBQ Captain required for each shift. A roster sheet will available at the back of both Churches, where volunteers can record their name in the time slot which suits. Regulations, to meet Covid-19 safety plans and other guidelines must be strictly adhered to. All volunteers will be advised of these regulations prior to the date to ensure we are complying with these rules.

Your help is most appreciated and thank you to all who can help.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention July ELDERLY

We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.



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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD Reproduced from Liturgia

FIRST READING ECCLESIASTES 1:2; 2:21-23

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 89:3-6, 12-14, 17

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

SECOND READING COLOSSIANS 3:1-5, 9-11

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and, in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION MATTHEW 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

GOSPEL LUKE 12:13-21

A man in the crowd said to. Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to, do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say, to my soul: 'My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'





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RECENTLY DECEASED: John Edward Dwyer, Len Miller, John Baxter.

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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 ph 4388 2938

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Vox Populi 27 July 2022

The approaching month of August is an extremely busy one. It will provide everyone with many opportunities for prayer and good works!

We know good works are our actions or deeds and that both good works and faith are necessary for salvation. And that means works of love or charity.

Next week, from 1-7 August, the Diocese of Broken Bay will join with people from around Australia in highlighting the growing problem in our society of homelessness.

We know homelessness has increased by nearly 14% in the past four years; that 2 out of 5 people in this situation are under 25 ,and there has been a 28% increase in our 55+ men and women experiencing homelessness. People from our communities right across the Diocese are represented in those figures.

CatholicCare is the social care agency of our Catholic Church in the Diocese of Broken Bay. Their services are as diverse as the people they serve but their common commitment is to provide assistance where it is most needed. In the coming weeks CatholicCare and Catholic Schools Broken Bay will work together to support our homelessness services, and Bishop Anthony Randazzo is encouraging us all to help with their fundraising where we can, and to keep the homeless or transient always in our prayers.

This is also a very special time of year when we pray for Vocations. The word "vocation" simply means "to be called".

Every member of the Church is called to holiness but responding to that call is unique and particular for each one of us.

It is not about becoming someone we are not. It is about living out our baptismal call to follow and imitate Jesus, and by doing so we are able to discover what this specific call is.

For some it may mean marriage, or for others a call to the priesthood or religious life or to live as a single person. For our young men or women who are discerning a religious life, pray for them to be generous, and courageous.

There are also many memorials and feast days during the month of August, including the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord on 6 August, and one of our most important feast days and Day of Obligation, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Sunday 15 August.

Many opportunities to pray. And how to pray?

Pope St John Paull II had a fairly straightforward reply when asked this question.

"This is a simple matter. I would say; Pray any way you like, as long as you pray."



If a global pandemic has taught us anything, it's the power of friendship and human connection. This Saturday 30 July is the UN International Day of Friendship. It was first introduced by the United Nations General Assembly in 2011 with the idea that friendship between peoples, countries, cultures and individuals can inspire peace efforts and build bridges between communities. Many of our staff at CatholicCare can attest to the power of friendship in combatting loneliness, boosting self-esteem, and enhancing mental health outcomes. For more information about CatholicCare's services call us today on 1800 324 924 or visit <u>www.catholiccaredbb.org.au</u>.



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Catholic Youth Broken Bay together with Glorious, a group of enthusiastic and creative young adults, invite young people across the diocese to 'Praisefest: Welcome to Mercy.'

Date: Friday, 19th August from 7:00pm 9:00pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish at The Entrance.

The theme, 'Welcome to Mercy', invites each young person to delve into Christ's fountain of life regardless of past, failures, or current relationship with Christ. It also aims to connect the merciful and social justice work which students currently participate in through their schools, to the mercy that flows from Christ.

The evening will include outdoor games, live music, Q&A panel, testimony and of course, a Praise Party! More information will be announced over the coming weeks.



Thinking about World Youth Day 2023? Bishop Anthony Randazzo is inviting young people of the Diocese to join him on an experience of a lifetime.

Go on pilgrimage to Italy to see the homes and sites of the saints, and on to Lisbon, Portugal to join youth from around the world for WYD23. Check out the CYBB WYD website for further information and subscribe to join the mailing list to start your journey.

Check out the CYBB WYD website! WYD Lisbon 2023 - Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay (bbwyd.org.au)

Safeguarding Message

The protection of children and vulnerable adults within our Diocese will be achieved as every member of our community strives to be a person who LISTENS to others with an open heart and mind, and responds well so that concerns and risks may be identified early and addressed.

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. Individual mobile numbers are on the back of the bulletin. or email wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au

Talks on the Gospel of John by Bishop David Walker – commencing 3 August

The Gospel of John: Bishop Emeritus David Walker will be giving a series of 5 talks on John's Gospel on Wednesday mornings at St Gerard's Church, 543 North Rocks Rd Carlingford, commencing with 9:30am Mass and then 10:15am – 11:45am in the parish meeting room starting August 3rd. Bring your bible and learn from Bishop David's 60 years as a priest, bishop, retreat giver and theologian.

Enquiries: Parish Office - Epping and Carlingford Parish 9876 2853



To effectively live out our evangelising mission today in our parishes and communities requires a reorientation towards a missionary mindset where we focus on taking the Good News outwards from our parishes through both word and action. This six session Diocesan Course starting on Saturday 30 July, will lay a foundation for such a missionary mindset, by equipping participants with effective knowledge and skills to be fruitful in this mission. For further information, please contact Pina Bernard, Team Leader Parish Renewal and Discipleship, on <u>0432 682</u> 239 or <u>pina.bernard@bbcatholic.org.au</u>



Our sister churches in Africa, Asia and the Pacific are requesting Australian Catholics to join them to build the skills of those in their community who have had less opportunity than ourselves. Please consider these <u>Mission opportunities abroad</u>.

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference provide support. <u>Palms Australia</u>, who have prepared Australian Catholics for global mission since 1961, will ensure accommodation and a living allowance is provided to you during your time away. <u>Enquire online</u> or **Ph: 0422 742 567** to find out about a placement to engage your skills.

You can also <u>Register</u> for a Webinar on **Monday August 1st at 7:00 pm** to talk directly with a Palms' partner community in Timor Leste and two Australians recently posted to work with them. Invite your friends. **The stories will inspire.**



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Saturday 6th August 9.30am

Commencing with a Procession from Kincumber South Wharf to Holy Cross Church, where Mass will be Concelebrated. This will be followed by short tours of the Church & Cemetery.

The celebration will conclude with a light lunch served at Holy Cross School Hall.

R S V P : Friday 22nd July to 43691211 or kincumber.parish@bbcatholic.org.au



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Date: Friday 19 August, 6 – 9 pm and Saturday 20 August, 9 am – 5:15 pm **Venue:** St Mary's Cathedral Precinct, Sydney

Cost: \$25 per person for parishioners in the Archdiocese of Sydney, \$100 for other dioceses Special online guest, author and speaker Dr Scott Hahn, will be speaking live at the event. Other presenters include Archbishop Anthony Fisher, Archbishop Julian Porteous, Fr Chris Ryan MGL and Tania Rimac.

Registration essential: <u>www.gomakedisciples.org.au/prc22</u> by Sunday 14 August **Inquiries:** <u>parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org</u>

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