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



Welcome to PENTECOST SUNDAY, Year A, 31st May 2020

GOSPEL READING: Gospel Reading: John 20:22 "He breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit'." Read the full text in the bulletin.

REFLECTION: "Jesus came to the disciples at the time of their great fear...He comes to me too, wherever I am locked in by fear, and he gives me his peace." https://www.sacredspace.ie/scripture/john-2019-23

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

WE HAVE EXCITING NEWS

Weekend and Weekday Masses have resumed with **limitations of 10 people per Mass**. If you wish to attend Mass please contact Jo from the parish office on 0424 763 734 to book your attendance.

Please note: The dispensation for all the Faithful in the Diocese from the obligation to participate at Mass on Sunday and Holy Days of obligation (cc.87§1;1247) is still in effect. The Faithful are encouraged to keep the Lord's Day holy and celebrate Sundays as a domestic church by taking time to pray together as a household (c. 1248§2).

Please join us as we Live-stream Mass every Sunday at 9.30am on Facebook. please use this link, don't forget to like and follow our page.

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Given that it is possible for only a very small number of people within the parish to attend Sunday Mass - the suspension of Sunday obligation remains for all the Faithful.

The live-streaming of Mass on Sunday will remain for the time being.

This is the link for our Livestream Sunday Mass 9.30am

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ST CECILIA'S CHURCH MASS TIMES

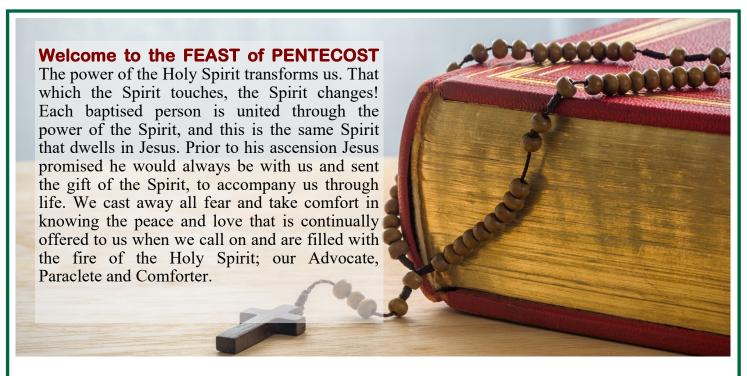
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Sunday Mass 31st May 2020 PENTECOST SUNDAY THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING ACTS 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34

R. Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

SECOND READING 1 CORINTHIANS 12:3-7, 12-13

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.





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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION SEQACCL SEQUENCE

Holy Spirit, Lord of Light, From the clear celestial height Thy pure beaming radiance give. Come, thou Father of the poor, Come with treasures which endure Come, thou light of all that live! Thou, of all consolers best, Thou, the soul's delightful guest, Dost refreshing peace bestow. Thou in toil art comfort sweet, Pleasant coolness in the heat, Solace in the midst of woe. Light immortal, light divine, Visit thou these hearts of thine, And our inmost being fill: If thou take thy grace away, Nothing pure in man will stay, All his good is turned to ill. Heal our wounds, our strength renew On our dryness pour thy dew, Wash the stains of guilt away: Bend the stubborn heart and will, Melt the frozen, warm the chill, Guide the steps that go astray. Thou, on us who evermore, Thee confess and thee adore, With thy sevenfold gifts descend: Give us comfort when we die, Give us life with thee on high, Give us joys that never end.

GOSPEL JOHN 20:19-23

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

REFLECTION FOR 31ST MAY

Today, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. We also celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit into our hearts at our Baptism and Confirmation. We have all received the Holy Spirit. As St Paul teaches in today's second reading, in the one Spirit we were all baptized, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as free, and the one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

In that reading St Paul goes on to say that there is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit. In other words, everyone receives the Holy Spirit but not everyone receives the same gifts from the Spirit. We each receive different gifts to help build up the body of Christ. In that we are like the human body

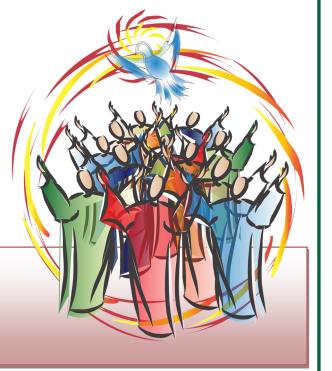
which is made up of many different parts all working for the good of the whole body. The eyes see, the ears hear, the arms carry, the feet walk, the nose smells, and so on. Likewise, in the Christian community – the Body of Christ – we need different members with different gifts.

So to each of us is given a particular manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. The gifts of the Holy Spirit should never be seen as a personal possession, or as a source of boasting or being proud. They are given for the building up of the body of Christ. What gifts of the Holy Spirit do you have that you contribute to the whole?

Reproduced from God's Word 2020: Daily Reflections, published by St Pauls Publications, Strathfield

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for May For Deacons

We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.



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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, Ross Tollow, Steve Durnford, Ann Durnford, Maureen Mulheron, Angela Watts, William Martin, Terence (Ted) Dafter.

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary June: Fr Ian Abbott, Fr Paul Fitzgerald, Frances Camilleri, Thomas Mayne, S. P. Santos, Rita Cesca, Anne Whitelaw,

PRAYER: Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth. O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord, Amen

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Best Wishes

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Beth Hughes John Dwyer Gerard Byrne

Helen Beamish Happy 70th, 19/5/1950

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Margaret Drain Pamela Cullinan Clara Banda Lucy Murace

Warmest Congratulations

ANNIVERSARIES

Kerry & Brian Bugden 12/5/1962 58 years

Jo & Mark Helm 22/5/1982

38 years

Enid & John Dwyer 31/5/1958

62 years

Caesar and Frances Franckin 31/5/1969

51 Years

Please contact the parish office with your Birthdays and Anniversaries, we will have a Mass said for you.

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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.
- 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.

Parish Email: wvongparish@bbcatholic.org.au Website: https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/wyong/ Facebook: www.facebook.com/wyongcatholicparish

Parish Collections

We are delighted that we are able to support the faith needs of our Catholic community and grateful that we are still here and able to assist you. Please show your support for your parish and the commitments we have made, by giving whatever you can. As Jesus said, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also". (Matthew 6:21).

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:

1st COLLECTION; Society of Our Lady of The Most Holy bottles and cans. Trinity (SOLT) BSB 062 195 Account 10229389

2ND COLLECTION; Wyong Catholic Parish BSB 062 784 **Account 13528001**

You can give **by credit card** over the phone call Jo in the Parish office 0424 763 734 or you may even like to **post a cheque** to Po Box 385 Wyong 2259.

FUNDRAISING

Return and Earn raised \$717.30 to date. Please remember to save all your

Presbytery Roof

Wyong Catholic Parish BSB 062 784 Account 13528001 reference: Roof (Donation to date \$2240.00)

Craft Stall raised \$1060.00

Thank you Rae Bof for organising and running the stall.

BOOK CLUB

- WITH LUCY THORNLEY

- Once a month on the 4th Thursday of the month.
- Commencing on Thursday 25th June at 4:30pm via zoom for an hour each month.
- WE WILL STUDY POPE FRANCIS' ENCYCLICAL LAUDATO SI - ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME.

The text can be purchased as a book or viewed as a pdf from https://w2.vatican.va/content/dam/francesco/pdf/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si_en.pdf

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR INTEREST by sending your name and email address to wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au

You will be contacted by Lucy with a zoom meeting link before the end of May to give you time to read the first couple of chapters.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL REPORT

Dear Parishioners

The PPC had our latest meeting via Zoom and this went very well. We are very happy to say the parish has 3 new PPC members.

Please see below list of current PPC members

Steve Johnson,

Tony Camenzui

Kerry Bugden

Arlene Barnett

Anne Hooley

Jack Harris

Ray Remeros

Phil Bastick

Rove Varmen

Please see attached to the E-bulletin mail out, the current New Activities for the Parish Plan 2020. This will be uploaded to the Parish Web Page under Parish Plan.

Parish Fundraiser with Environmental Benefits

From when we started collecting recycled bottles in October 2019 **RETURN AND EARN HAS RAISED \$717.30** TO DATE.

A very big **THANK YOU** to everyone bringing in your recycled cans and bottles. Please keep them coming.......



PLENARY COUNCIL ASSEMBLIE DATES:

The bishops have announced the new dates for the Plenary Council 2020 assemblies! Read the full release https://mediablog.catholic.org.au/plenary-council-assemblies-set-for-2021-and-2022/

The thematic papers written by the Discernment and Writing Groups will be released on Pentecost Sunday, and more resources and updates will follow for delegates and non-delegates alike.

In the midst of the nation's slow but sure recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, we are thankful for all those who continue to pray for the Church in Australia as we now travel towards October 2021!

PRAYER: Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course. To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.

https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-04/letter-on-the-month-of-mayfull-text.html



Most Rev Anthony Randazzo Bishop of Broken Bay

Message for BBNeighbourhoods 26 May 2020

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In a sermon on Pentecost Sunday given by Pope Leo the Great in the fifth century, the Pontiff and Saint reminded the faithful, "The Spirit's work is still continued in the Church".

He said that it is the Spirit who "sanctifies the whole Church and quickens every rational soul". The same Spirit "is the Inspirer of the Faith, the Teacher of Knowledge, the Fount of Love, the Seal of Chastity, and the Cause of all Power". (cf. Pope Leo the Great, Sermon 75)

These wise and sensible words are as valid today as they were in the fifth century. The great challenge that each one of us faces is to believe them and in so doing, to allow the Spirit to use us in His work of the renewal and the sanctification of our Church and our world. The Spirit is at work in the community of the Church in Broken Bay and in each one of us, his faithful disciples.

Sometimes, there is a temptation to make our faith something rather sophisticated by quoting rules and regulations or theological essays or articles. Do not get me wrong, I am not anti-education. I am the first to encourage people to read more about the faith, to study more deeply, what we believe. However, if our newly acquired knowledge tempts us to think that we are sophisticated in the faith, the temptation might also be to establish a false hierarchy of discipleship where some are perceived to be "better" than others. That is something to be avoided.

As we approach the great feast of Pentecost this Sunday, might we see these days as a time of preparation for faithful discipleship? I think that in a simple kind of way God desires to reveal to us, the living disciples of Christ, the action of His Spirit in us and in our community.

It is encouraging to remember that the Spirit is given to all people – men and women, girls and boys, young and old, weak and strong. Saint Paul reminds us that the Spirit will come to our aid in our human weakness. During his mission and ministry, Paul was constantly confronted with difficulties, challenges and resistance. And yet, he constantly emboldened the community by reminding them that the Spirit enlightens our minds and hearts so that we might hear the words of Jesus, and in this way we will be led – and we will also lead others – to the all-embracing encounter with God our Father.

Over these coming days, I pray that the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit will be with you and your families.

+Anthony