

Whilst we cannot worship together in our churches for the time being, please know that there are many ways that you can still remain connected to us in the following ways:

Keep in contact with Jo and Helen in the Parish Office on 4352 1011 or Jo 0424 763 734.

Facetime Jo on 0424 763 734 in the Parish office between 9.30am - 2.30pm Mon to Thurs & 9.30am - 12pm Friday.

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 their private 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/wvong/>
Facebook: www.facebook.com/wvongcatholicparish

LEARNING FROM HOME SRE LESSONS

The Department of Education has approved the continuation of SRE classes during the COVID-19 period via a Learning from Home model. Our CCD team have been working hard to adapt lessons into PowerPoint format so that they can be delivered online. Schools will be able to share a link to the lessons on our website so that students and families can easily access these lessons at home.

While catechists cannot be involved in the lesson delivery at this time, they will be provided with suggestions for staying spiritually connected with the children they teach. Catechists are encouraged to continue praying for the children and their families, allowing space for the Holy Spirit to work in the students' lives and forming catechists for the time when they will return to the classrooms to teach.

FUNDRAISING

Presbytery Roof

Wyong Catholic Parish BSB 062 784 Account 13528001 reference: Roof
(Donation to date \$1395)

Craft Stall raised \$1060

Thank you Rae Bof for organising and running the stall.

Return and Earn raised \$607.40 to date.

Please remember to save all your bottles and cans.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

The Central Coast Council has completed its development of the Affordable and Alternative Housing Strategy. This document is available to view and download on the Council's website.

Julie Vaughan Director of Connected Communities Central Coast Council forwarded this information about the documentation and its formulation---

The Central Coast Affordable and Alternative Housing Strategy is a comprehensive plan which addresses initiatives across the whole housing continuum - from homelessness through to home ownership, providing pathways for a range of households - from very low through to moderate incomes.

The Central Coast Affordable and Alternative Housing Strategy is anchored around 3 main pillars:

- The direct creation of affordable rental housing
- The facilitation of affordable and lower cost housing
- The intervention and prevention of homelessness.

The Strategy will be implemented in stages over the next 10 years and will address the need for housing affordability, diversity and choice. It is the culmination of extensive research, consultation and input from the Central Coast Community.

Thank you to all parishioners who were involved in this strategy in 2018.

It is pleasing to see that our hard work has helped in this development and planning.

I hope all of you are remaining positive and are managing under our present difficult conditions. May the Holy family continue to bless you all.

Kerry Bugden Secretary

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)

Welcome to the **Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year A, 3rd May 2020**. Jesus knows each of us personally and calls us each by name. We are invited into relationship with him to know and follow him. When we know him, we recognise his voice and are able to respond to his call. To truly know Christ is to choose to follow him and his ways; he leads us to the Father and we are assured "to have life and have it to the full" (Jn 10:10).



THE ROSARY "I commend to you in a particular way the Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary... As you pray the Rosary, I encourage you to ask for the grace that we need in our Church and in our world at this time. Be confident in your prayers and trust that the Mother of Our Lord will accompany you and lead you to her son, Jesus." (Most Rev Anthony Randazzo, 18 March 2020)

Let's take up this wonderful Catholic prayer in our families.

Please note: If you would like to pray the Rosary and do not have a set of Rosary Beads, please contact the parish office on 0424 763 734. We also have some lovely booklets to help you pray the Rosary.

The Month of May. Within the cycle of a year, the Church unfolds the whole of the mystery of Christ, from his incarnation and birth until his ascension, the day of Pentecost, and the expectation of blessed hope and of the Lord's return...

In celebrating this annual cycle of Christ's mysteries, the Church honours with special love **Mary, the Mother of God**, who is joined by an inseparable bond to the saving work of her Son. In her, the Church holds up and admires the most excellent effect of the redemption and joyfully contemplates, as in a flawless image, that which the Church itself desires and hopes wholly to be. SC 102, 103



Sunday Mass 3rd May 2020 THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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.'

REFLECTION FOR 3RD MAY

Sheep have relatively poor eyesight. Because of the shape of their heads they have mainly lateral vision and limited forward vision. However, sheep compensate for their poor vision with excellent hearing. Put simply, sheep rely more on sound than on sight which is why they engage in a lot of bleating. So voice-recognition is very important for sheep which is why Jesus stresses in today's Gospel that the sheep follow the shepherd 'because they know his voice. They will not follow the stranger because they do not know the voice of stranger'. It is very important for us also to know the voice of the Good Shepherd, who is among us though we cannot see him. We have to learn to recognize his voice and listen to him. This is not easy as there are many voices out there, some of them attractive and enticing, that claim to be the voice of the Good Shepherd but are not. In this regard the Gospels are very important. In them we meet the Good Shepherd who claims the great command of love, who forgives, who is challenging and merciful, and who reveals himself not only in his words but also in his actions of reaching out to lepers and the outcast, to the sad and needy, bringing healing and hope into their lives. We should only listen to shepherds whose lives and teaching are consistent with Jesus, the Good Shepherd. *Reproduced from God's Word 2020: Daily Reflections, published by St Pauls Publications, Strathfield*

2020 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

On the 4th Sunday of Easter (3rd May), the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood and Religious life?

- ◆ Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead.
- ◆ Keep the priests of our parish in your prayers throughout the week.
- ◆ Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or Religious brother or sister.
- ◆ Pray a rosary (or some special prayer) for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.

PRAYER: Psalm 23: 1-3 The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. Amen

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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 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 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 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.

PRAYER: PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Loving God, You are the Lord who calls and sends out labourers into the harvest. In your great love you call us to belong to you, to be holy as you are holy, to be your people and to live in loving service of others. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon the Catholic community of Broken Bay, as we turn to you in faith and hope. Call from among us priests and deacons, shepherds after your own heart, to gather and guide us in your name, to serve our faith community, to proclaim your gospel, in word and deed, to minister through the sacraments and to lead us ever closer to you. Amen.

Important Notice

Due to the COVID-19 virus, the Diocese has advised that effective from Friday 20 March, in the Diocese of Broken Bay: **All public Masses are hereby suspended until further notice. Our Churches are to remain closed as well.**

Accordingly, this includes a dispensation for all the Faithful in the Diocese from the obligation to participate at Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation (cc.87§1 ;1247).

The Faithful are encouraged to keep the Lord's Day holy and celebrate Sunday as a domestic church by taking time to pray together as a household (c. 1248§2).

We understand that is a great concern for many of you. Please see the latest up to date correspondence on the Diocesan website:

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/>

Please note: We have various resources to enable you to continue to nurture your faith in these difficult times. These are available for you near our noticeboard of St Cecilia's Church.

Another way for the Parish to keep you up to date with the current changes is through our E-Bulletins. To subscribe to this please email the Parish Office on wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au



KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS
Prayer: The most valuable gift you can give someone.

CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN, INDEED!

ALLELUIA!

"These verses from the Easter narrative are fresh in our hearts and minds as we commemorate the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Saviour over the fifty days of Easter." "The Angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled away the stone. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here. For he has risen. Do not be afraid..." Bishop Anthony shares a message with us all during this Easter season, where we are encouraged more than ever to allow the Spirit into our lives.

Bishop Anthony's Homilies Did you know that Bishop Anthony is now loading his homilies onto our Diocesan website for the community to read. <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/people/bishop/homilies-and-reflections/homilies>

The Charitable Works Fund -Thank you for your continued connection

We are so grateful to our community who demonstrate their love for their neighbours by generously supporting the Charitable Works Fund.

The CWF is scheduled for this weekend the 2nd and 3rd of May 2020. This is the final appeal for this financial year and we need to raise \$7846.00 to meet the quota set by the Diocese

- To make an online donation please go to: <https://www.givenow.com.au/cwf> (Wyong Parish)
- Deposit directly into the Parish Account
Wyong Catholic Parish BSB 062 784 Account 13528001 (as a reference put CWF)
- If you prefer you may ring the parish office who can accept your donation using a credit card over the phone.
- Cheques can also be accepted by posting to the Parish office at Po Box 385 Wyong 2259.

When you give to the CWF, you can be assured that your donation is working for the faith and the people of the Diocese of Broken Bay. Donations \$2 and over are tax-deductible.

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: Leone Corrigan, Gerald McCulloch, Irene Adams and Janet Milroy (mother of Rosie Jenkins)

Anniversary: Mark Bastic, Mary Bastic, Deacon Jim Caulfield, Kay Taylor, Rodney Noble, Serapio Otones.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Beth Hughes

John Dwyer

Gerard Byrne

Helen Beamish (19/5/1950) Happy 70th

ANNIVERSARIES

Kerry & Brian Bugden 12/5/1962-- 58 years

Enid & John Dwyer 31/5/1958 – 62 years

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