

PARISH BULLETIN

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*

4TH OCTOBER 2020, 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A



*'Give me an army saying
the Rosary and I will
conquer the world'.*

St Padre Pio

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary.

The Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary will be celebrated on Wednesday 7th October at the 8am Mass, St Cecilia's Church followed by the Rosary

'The Rosary is a way of contemplating the face of Christ, seeing him, we may say, with the eyes of Mary.'
(Pope John Paul II).

Please join us as we livestream Mass every Saturday at 5pm on Facebook. Please see the link below, don't forget to like and follow our Facebook page. www.facebook.com/wyongcatholicparish

SUNDAY MASS 4 OCTOBER 2020 THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

We request for everyone to please wear a mask when they attend church for any Mass, religious service or prayer.

FIRST READING ISAIAH 5:1-7

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend has a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it.

In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead?

Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.

I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 79:9, 12-16, 19-20

R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

SECOND READING PHILIPPIANS 4:6-9

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION CF JOHN 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

GOSPEL MATTHEW 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

REFLECTION 4TH OCTOBER

The parable that Jesus shares in today's Gospel is confronting and disturbing in its imagery and words. The people being sent to the vineyard are subjected to violence and death. The workers in the vineyard cause harm and do not uphold the human dignity of the servants sent to work and labour. In our world today, we continue to hear of mistreatment, exploitation and social injustices. Who are the ones suffering today from this same mistreatment in their labour? Do we recognize the suffering servant among us in the poor, the weak, the sick, and the voiceless in our society? Jesus empowers us to have compassion for those in need and those whose rights are oppressed by violence. He calls on us to lay a new foundation of hope and peace, a foundation that can remain and be built upon for many years to come.

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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, Leeann Hazelton, Catherine Amey, Philip Dwyer, Bernadette Kiely, Steve Durnford, Ann Durnford, Maureen Mulheron, Angela Watts, William Martin, Terence (Ted) Dafter, Finn McConnon, Margaret Hobbs, Shane & Christine, John Baxter, Joey Moloney.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARY OCTOBER: Kerry Baldwin, Agnes Myers, James Smith, Michael Bouchet, Jill Hill, Eileen Preston, Matthew Di Losa, Zenaida, Barry Austin, Donald King.

CONGRATULATIONS YEAR 12 STUDENTS

The Year 12 students had their graduation Mass and awards last week. Please remember them in your prayers as they begin to prepare for their HSC exams.

Congratulations

We congratulate both Fr Raul and Fr Alex who celebrated the anniversary of their priestly ordination 1st October, on the Feast of St Therese of the Child Jesus.

We thank you for your faithful service to our Parish. May God continue to Bless you with His love and joy.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Best Wishes

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Father Raul 7/10/1971
Christine Greentree 10/10/1949
Brian Bugden 10/10/1938
Mark Helm 12/10/66
John Baxter 25/10/
Father Alex 31/10/71

Warmest Congratulations

ANNIVERSARIES

Margaret & Michael Drain
18/10/1974

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

THE LAITY'S MISSION IN THE CHURCH

We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.



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100 AND SOMETHING CLUB

Thank you to all who have supported the 100 Club, we have sold 127 numbers so far and are aiming for 150 numbers. Adjusted prizes will be in next weeks bulletin.

Just a reminder the closing date is Tuesday 6th October.

1st weeks draw will be after the 5pm Wyong Mass on Saturday 10th October.

RETURN AND EARN

From when we started collecting recycled bottles in October 2019 **RETURN AND EARN HAS RAISED \$1157.10 TO DATE.**

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION 4 OCTOBER 2020

On 4th October we join with other Parishes across the world in taking up the Peter's Pence Collection. The Peter's Pence Collection provides for the charitable works and structures of mercy identified by His Holiness, Pope Francis.

The annual appeal is usually taken up all over the world around the time of the feast day of St Peter and St Paul (29 June). This year, due to COVID-19, His Holiness Pope Francis has asked that the annual appeal take place on 4 October, which is the Feast of St Francis Assisi.

By supporting this collection, you join with other Parishes across the world in supporting projects identified by the Pope including emergency assistance to those in need due to natural disaster, war, oppression and disease. Our generosity allows the Holy Father to respond to those suffering with love and compassion. Thank you for your generosity.

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF MARY MACKILLOP'S CANONISATION

The date of 17 October 2020 marks the 10th anniversary of the canonisation of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. The Sisters of St Joseph invite us to celebrate the wonderful life and inspirational legacy of our first Saint.

The theme for this celebration is "Take Fresh Courage", a quote written by Mary MacKillop on 21 May 1877.

Details of the celebrations and resources can be found at <https://www.sosj.org.au/10th-anniversary/>

A "Courage Hour" will be held on the vigil Friday 16 October at 8pm (your local time), where all can participate online via the Sisters of St Joseph website.



ONLINE CHURCH ENGAGEMENT SUMMIT

This webinar, hosted in the US, will look at the question of how to effectively engage online audiences. This is a key question as we move more and more into the digital space. It becomes important to ask how we might move towards developing disciples instead of simply online consumers. This free 90-minute online event will take place on 8 October and features Levi Lusko, Nona Jones, Bobby Gruenewald, and hosted by Carey Nieuwhof.

One of the times offered (8.30pm EST) corresponds to **Friday 9 October, 11:30am** our time. For further information and registration, please visit:

<https://careynieuwhof.com/online-church-engagement-summit/>

Position Vacant – Administrative Assistant, Toukley - Lake Munmorah Parish

Toukley - Lake Munmorah Parish wishes to employ a casual Administrative Assistant to provide general admin assistance in the Parish Office. For the full advertisement, please see the Diocesan website: bbcatholic.org.au/people/positions-vacant

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo
Bishop of Broken Bay

Message for BBNeighbourhoods
29 September 2020

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

In a hymn cited by Saint Paul, the Church sings the mystery of the Incarnation:

“Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men, and being found in human form He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.” (cf. Phil 2:5-8; Liturgy of the Hours, Saturday, Canticle at Evening Prayer, Catechism of the Catholic Church, 461)

It is only when we understand the incarnate nature of our faith that we can really come to grips with the most dramatic implication of all. Our faith, centred on a God who pours out His love for us, draws us back to Himself, the font of love.

As He entices us back into His love, God invites us to bring along as many people with us as we can. God is living among us so that we can live in Him. This is an invitation for each one of us to enter into a life of discipleship.

Just as God has made His love incarnate for us to experience, we too are called to incarnate God’s love for others to experience, so that others can also “taste and see” the Lord’s goodness in their own lives.

Just as God is revealed in Jesus Christ with gentleness, humility, and poverty, so too we are invited to learn the path of gentleness and humility in communicating the truth of God’s goodness and mercy. This is particularly important because of another reality of our pilgrimage of faith with Jesus, that is, the reality of sin and our human weakness.

Baptism is not just the first Sacrament, but it is also the Sacrament of mercy.

In Baptism, we are plunged into the waters of death, but the Sacrament is a reminder that God in His mercy pulls us out from the waters, and brings us to new life in his Son by the power of the Holy Spirit.

What is important in our journey with Christ is not the number of times that we fall, nor is it the number of time that we get up again. It is the number of times that we are picked up by the merciful hand of God, outstretched to each and every sinner. We see this outstretched hand most vividly in the sacrament of Reconciliation and the Eucharist.

The emphasis on mercy is also why Pope Francis made 2016 a Jubilee Year of Mercy. At the end of that Jubilee Year, the Holy Father wrote a beautiful Apostolic exhortation called *Misericordia et Misera*.

There, Pope Francis said that “Mercy cannot become a mere parenthesis in the life of the church” (MM, 1) but must form the very heart of life in Christ.

After a personal encounter with the merciful gaze of Christ, we are enriched as women and men of faith and we become what the Pope called a missionary of mercy.

This week, I would like to invite you to that personal encounter with Jesus in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I am confident that after your encounter, you will want to return over and over again to meet Christ face to face and to experience God’s merciful love. It is not difficult; all we have to do is make some space in our lives and Jesus will do the rest.

Let us pray for each other this week and for the attentiveness to hear the Lord’s call in each moment of our lives. Let’s also pray for the courage to respond to God’s call with an emphatic “yes”, not just at the important moments, but in every moment of our lives.

All mercy and peace to you,

+Anthony

WEEKEND AND WEEKDAY MASSES

St Cecilia's Church and St John Fisher Mass Ctr have a **limitation of 45 people per Mass**, we kindly remind you that you **MUST RING** to book in your attendance for our WEEKEND MASSES. To book your attendance for the Weekend Masses please text or call Jo on 0424 763 734 during office hours.

UPDATED MASS TIMES FROM 3RD/4TH OCTOBER 2020

ST CECILIA'S CHURCH MASS TIMES

- **Saturday Vigil Masses 5pm** **Sunday Masses 7.30am and 9.30am**
- Weekday Mass times Monday to Saturday 8am

ST JOHN FISHER MASS CTR

- **Saturday Vigil Masses 5pm** **Sunday Masses 8.30am and 5.00pm**
- Weekday Mass times Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 8am and Tuesday, Friday 9.15am

Anointing Mass: We will not recommence Anointing Masses at this stage.

Group Meetings: We will not recommence group meeting at this stage.

PLEASE REMEMBER WHEN COMING TO MASS THAT:

- If you have a temperature or a cold, please do not attend.
- You must sanitise your hands before entry into the church.
- **we requested for everyone to please wear a mask when they attend church for any Mass, religious service or prayer.**
- For Weekend/Weekday Masses you Must make sure you have your name and contact details recorded on the attendance sheet as you come into the church.
- Individuals (not families) are asked to respect the 1.5m distancing from each other obligation.
- Boxes for 1st and 2nd Collections are inside the church/mass ctr

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PARISH COLLECTIONS

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.

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