

**5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**PARISH BULLETIN, 6TH FEBRUARY 2022**

*Come follow me, says the Lord,  
and I will make you fishers of my people.*

**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*

**WORD  
OF GOD  
SUNDAY**

**6TH FEBRUARY 2022**



This Sunday marks Sunday of the Word of God, an occasion to celebrate God's word in our Sacred Scriptures. We remember that when we read the Scriptures or hear them proclaimed, we are entering into a true dialogue with God, both individually and communally. God continues to speak, and we are encouraged to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures so as to enter into this dialogue and grow in our friendship with the risen Lord.

Pope Francis tells us, "A profound bond links sacred Scripture and the faith of believers. Since faith comes from hearing, and what is heard is based on the word of Christ (cf. Rom 10:17), believers are bound to listen attentively to the word of the Lord, both in the celebration of the liturgy and in their personal prayer and reflection." (Aperuit Illis #7)

Consider taking some steps to read or study the Scriptures more this year. Some ideas follow:

1. 'The Bible in A Year' Podcast with Fr Mike Schmitz: Make 2022 the year that you read the whole Bible with this easy-to-use podcast. Includes explanations on the text.
2. 'Pray as You Go' App: Start your day with one of the day's Scripture texts and reflection / music.
3. Join a bible study or reflection group. Take some time to get to know and understand our foundational texts.

## PARISH MEETING DATES St Cecilia's Parish Hall

Baptism Preparation  
5th Feb 10.00am

Catechist Meeting  
8th Feb 10.30am

Parish Pastoral Council  
8th Feb 6pm

## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February

### For religious sisters and consecrated women

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

## 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.

On 10 December 2021, The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) released its first report on the safety of children in care in Australia throughout the 2020-21 period.

To read the Safety of Children in Care Report, visit <https://www.aihw.gov.au/reports/child-protection/safety-of-children-in-care-2020-21/contents/about>.

## REFLECTION 6th January 2022

GOSPEL LUKE 5:1-11

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'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch. When Jesus shows us the abundance he has in store for us, when we get a glimpse of the utter goodness of God, it is natural for us to respond by saying we are not worthy. We are sinners.

This was the case with Simon Peter when the Lord asked him to go out into the deep and put out his nets for a catch. A fisherman all his life, Peter told Jesus that he'd worked hard all night, but caught nothing, so what is likely to change now? But in obedience, he does as Jesus asks and catches so many fish that his nets break. Jesus meets Peter's lack with overflowing abundance and Peter is overcome by his sinfulness and unworthiness.

But what we learn here is that God's goodness doesn't depend on our worthiness. We can't earn his abundance. It just is. And having strengthened Peter by giving him this glimpse of how God provides, Jesus urges him to banish his fears and step out in faith to share the message of God's goodness with others.

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**5TH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**  
**Sunday Mass 6th February 2022**  
**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD *Reproduced from Liturgia***

**FIRST READING ISAIAH 6:1-8**

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings. And they cried out one to another in this way, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said: 'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said: 'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?' I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 137:1-5, 7-8**

R. In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

**SECOND READING 1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11**

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you - believing anything else will not lead to anything.

Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it.

I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

**GOSPEL LUKE 5:1-11**

While the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God, he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. He saw two boats there alongside the lake; the fishermen had disembarked and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, he asked him to put out a short distance from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. They signalled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that the boats were in danger of sinking.

When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon. Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.



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## MASS TIMES

### ST CECILIA'S CHURCH

23 Byron St Wyong

Saturday Vigil / Sunday Mass Times

Sat Vigil 5.00pm Sun 7.30am & 9.30am

Weekday Mass

Mon-Sat: 8.00am

**Reconciliation/Confession** Saturday morning after the 8am Mass & Saturday at 4.30pm

### ST JOHN FISHER MASS CENTRE

Hicks Lane Tumbi Umbi

Saturday Vigil / Sunday Mass Times

Sat Vigil 5.00 pm Sun: 8.30am & 5pm

Weekday Mass

Mon, Wed, Thurs 8:00am Tue & Fri: 9.15am

**Reconciliation/Confession** Saturday at 4.30pm

### EMERGENCY PRIEST CONTACT

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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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**BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS**  
**PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE**

### KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS

*Prayer: The most valuable gift you can give someone.*

**SICK:** Len Miller, Harriet Powell, Danae Roe, Peter Ford, Harry Hall, Michael Briggs, Christine Heffernan, Jennese Thompson, Leeann Hazelton, Bernadette Kiely, Steve Durnford, Ann Durnford, Maureen Mulheron, Angela Watts, William Martin, Terence (Ted) Dafter, Finn McConnon, Margaret Hobbs, Christine, John Baxter, Jacqui Stacey, Josie Campbell, Carol Dafter, Dave Rodney, Gwen Dwyer, Helen Waters, Rod & Pauline Cornwell, Marie & Peter Rheinberger, Hannah Hopwood, Fay King, Joan Mabbutt, Sandy Riach

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Colleen Salbestro, Albert Attard, Fr Manoj Manuel, Gloria Fisher (Archbishop Fisher's mother)

**ANNIVERSARY FEBRUARY:** Bill Cullinan, John Kiernan, Rosie Attard, Natividad Dieta, Rita Muscat, Rod McCarthy, Victor Gibbs.

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## **Vox Episcopi – The Voice of the Bishop**

### **2 February 2022**

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Many people have now returned to work and students are beginning a new school year. There has been much to organise to ensure a safe and smooth return to the classrooms and my thanks to all our dedicated teachers and committed staff with Catholic Schools Broken Bay who have worked assiduously for the wellbeing not only of our students and their families but all their fellow colleagues in our schools in the diocese. A great deal of work has gone on behind the scenes and I want you to know your professionalism and pastoral support is greatly appreciated.

At such a busy time it is possible to overlook the significance of the beautiful Feast of the Presentation of the Lord we celebrate today, 2 February, the fortieth day after the festival of Christmas where we welcomed the birth of the Lord.

Saint Luke tells us how Joseph and Mary took the infant Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem in accordance with the Jewish custom of the day (Luke 2:22-40). The presentation of Jesus was also important because of the presence of Simeon and Anna.

The Evangelist Luke tells us that the Holy Spirit visited Simeon and revealed to him that he would not die until he had seen the Christ of God, and to go to the Temple that day. Simeon did so and taking Jesus in his arms recognised Him as the Lord. Anna, also elderly and a prophetess who lived in the Temple, recognised Jesus as the Messiah.

What we learn from St Luke's Gospel is the importance of being patient when it comes to God's promises. Our patience should mirror God's patience and with the many challenges that will still no doubt present to all of us this year, together, let us pray to be more patient with ourselves and each other.

I have also prepared some thoughts for you on the approaching Season of Lent which is a marvellous time of preparation for the celebration of Easter.

Ash Wednesday may seem like a little "down the track" but time spent in faithful preparation is faithfully rewarded. Lenten penance can be another good test of our patience! My full Lenten Penance for the Diocese can be found [here](#).

While you read this edition of BBNeighbourhoods, I will be on my way to Rome. As well as being present at a Symposium on the Priesthood I will be attending several meetings in the Eternal City. There are still many restrictions and health challenges in Italy, so I humbly ask you to keep me in your prayers that I might return to you safe and well at the end of the month.

While I am away the Vicar General, Fr David Ranson, will administer the Diocese of my behalf.

With my prayers and blessing to you and your families.

+Anthony