

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 THE 23RD
SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
Year A,
6th September 2020**



**Catholic Earthcare NSW Invites you to celebrate SEASON OF CREATION 2020
1 September - 4 October**

Season of Creation is an annual celebration of prayer and action for our common home. During this season, all are called to enter a time of restoration and hope, a jubilee for our Earth, that requires radically new ways of living with creation.

Season of Creation starts with the World Day of Prayer for Creation on 1 September and ends with the Feast of St Francis of Assisi on 4 October.

**SAFEGUARDING
AWARENESS
MONTH!
SEPTEMBER
2020**



Promoting Rights of the Child

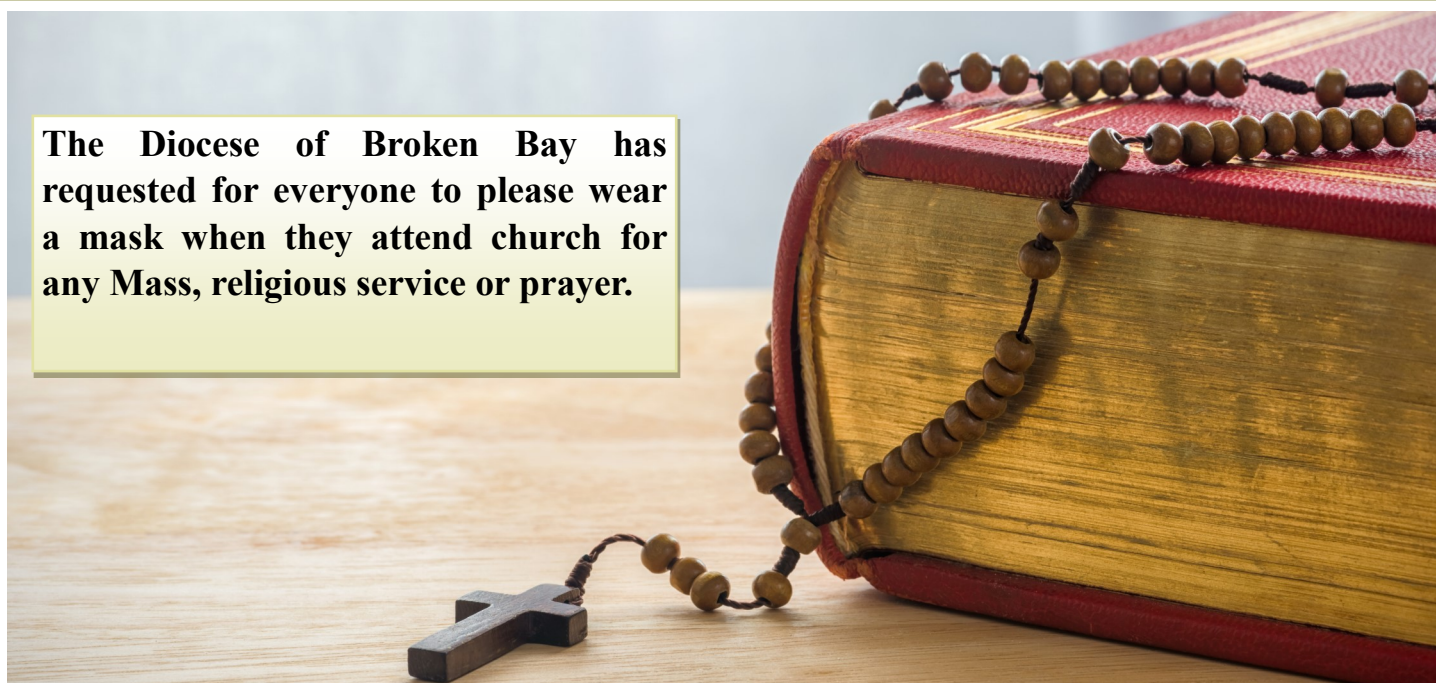
An annual initiative of the Diocesan Office for Safeguarding.

This year is the 30th anniversary of Australia ratifying the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.



Diocesan
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**CATHOLIC
DIOCESE OF
BROKEN BAY**

The Diocese of Broken Bay has requested for everyone to please wear a mask when they attend church for any Mass, religious service or prayer.



Please join us as we livestream Mass every Sunday at 9.30am on Facebook. Please see the link below, don't forget to like and follow our Facebook page. www.facebook.com/wyongcatholicparish

SUNDAY MASS 6 SEPTEMBER 2020

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING EZEKIEL 33:7-9

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 94:1-2, 6-9

R. O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

SECOND READING ROMANS 13:8-10

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 2 CORINTHIANS 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

GOSPEL MATTHEW 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

REFLECTION 6TH SEPTEMBER

Today's responsorial psalm is a hymn of praise introducing the people to God's presence. It served to remind the Jewish people as they came into the temple that they were entering a sacred place. When we gather for liturgy we too come into the presence of God in a special way. As Jesus tells us in today's Gospel, 'Where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them'.

Our awareness of God's presence fills us with a sense of humble awe prompting us to bow before God. We are also filled with joy and sing praises. Such songs and gestures have meaning only if we have a genuine desire to listen to God's voice. If we come to liturgy with hardened hearts, our songs and gestures are mere hypocritical show.

In the liturgy God speaks to us in many ways – in the scripture readings, the prayers, the silences, the hymns, the ministers and the worshipping community, even in the baby crying a few pews away. 'Lord, what are you saying to me in this disturbance?', we might pray.

God speaks to us in other ways as well – in the brother or sister who courageously calls us back to God; in the prophets who stand sentry for our society and point out where we are going wrong, often at great personal cost; in the members of our community who seek to reconcile differences.

O that today we will listen to God's voice.

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Baptisms

We warmly welcome **Maxwell Lewis** who is to be baptized this weekend after the 9.30am Mass into our Parish Community: May the grace of the Lord Jesus bless you and your family.

Congratulations

We warmly welcome **Shaan Coleman** who is to be Baptized, Confirmed and receive First Eucharist this weekend at the Sunday 9.30am Mass, SJF. We welcome Shaan into our Parish Community: May the grace of the Lord Jesus bless you and your family.

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, Steve Durnford, Ann Durnford, Maureen Mulheron, Angela Watts, William Martin, Terence (Ted) Dafter, Finn McConnon, Val Martin, Margaret Hobbs, Shane & Christine, John Baxter, Joey Moloney.

Recently Deceased: Neville Bowman.

Anniversary September: Gail Parsons, Michael Bouchet, Thelma Newbury, Barry Austin, Donald King

Birthdays and

Anniversaries

Best Wishes

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Marilyn 3/9/1936

Michael Drain 4/9/1947

Kerry Bugden 13/9/1938

Vic Gibbs 90th 16/9/30

Warmest Congratulations

ANNIVERSARIES

Thank You

With the recent passing away of Neville Bowman (17th Aug) the family would like to thank the Wyong parishioners for their friendship, love, prayers and support over the years. Margaret Bowman & Family

We will be kept safe by ADULTS who...



ASK

us how we are feeling and what we are thinking, ask us what we need



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We wish all father's a very Happy Father's Day and may all God's Blessings be with them.



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RETURN AND EARN

From when we started collecting recycled bottles in October 2019 **RETURN AND EARN HAS RAISED \$1095.70 TO DATE.**

Parish Fundraiser with Environmental Benefits

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

Families across Broken Bay need your help September 2020 CWF Appeal

We are deeply grateful to our Parish Community for supporting our Charitable Works Fund. The donations you generously share with us are helping our families, our friends and our neighbours in the Diocese of Broken Bay.

You can collect a Charitable Works envelope as you enter the church, or you can call the Parish Office and contribute by Credit card over the phone 4352 1011.

You may also do a direct deposit into the **Wyong Catholic Parish account (reference CWF)**
BSB 062 784
Account 13528001

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.

Our Lady's Birthday

We celebrate Our Lady's Birthday, Tuesday 8th September.

All Legionaries, Auxillary members and parishioners are invited to celebrate Our Lady's Birthday with Rosary after the 8am Mass @ St Cecilia's Church.



THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY—8TH SEPT

Mary was born without the stain of original sin, as she had been chosen to be the Mother of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. She accepted this great role she had to play in the salvation of humankind and corresponded to this call in the most eminent manner. It was through the humble acceptance of God's request to her to be the Mother of his Beloved Son, Jesus, that she surrendered her will totally to the will of God. From that moment she never deviated from this commitment despite the confusion and hardships that accompanied it. It is right, then, that we should rejoice at her birth. As we celebrate her birthday, let us entrust ourselves to her love and protection.

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THE SPIRITUAL ROSARY PILGRIMAGE

This virtual pilgrimage begins on 8 September, the birthday of Mary, and concludes on 7 October, the Feast of the Holy Rosary.

The Spiritual Rosary Pilgrimage: A Biblical Journey through the Life of Christ with His Mother, will include over 20 Australian and international speakers offering video presentations over 4 weeks, including Tomasz Juszczak, Scott Hahn, Jason Evert, and Dr Edward Sri.

Register at: <https://www.parousiamedia.com/the-spiritual-rosary-pilgrimage/>

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

RESPECT FOR THE PLANET'S RESOURCES

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

**Most Rev Anthony Randazzo
Bishop of Broken Bay**

**Message for BBNeighbourhoods
1 September 2020**

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

This week marks the beginning of the Safeguarding Month of September for the Diocese of Broken Bay. Our theme this year is 'Focusing on the Rights of the Child'. We dedicate September to this theme as an ongoing reminder for us to build and value the culture of safety and well-being for all people in the community of the Church. It is something that we are committed to, every day, all year round.

We begin this month with a Liturgy of Lament, an opportunity to gather and pray to God and to acknowledge the suffering caused to our most vulnerable and to give public expression to our sorrow. The theme of the Liturgy this year is 'Listening to the Past: Caring for the Future'.

Safeguarding month in 2020 will be marked by a number of 'firsts':

- It is the first time as your Bishop that I will release my message on the priority of safeguarding in our mission and ministry. I have done this through a video that you can watch here which communicates that safeguarding is not simply a tick-the-box exercise, but an important priority that needs to be acknowledged and embraced throughout the whole life of our Diocese and upheld on multiple levels.
- It is the first time we welcome a person who is a survivor of sexual abuse to be with us and share her story at the Liturgy of Lament. She will be present to give voice to her experience and bear witness to her journey of survival. To listen to her story is a privileged moment. I am personally grateful for her trust, her dignity, her courage, and for giving us this opportunity to hear her voice.
- As a community of the Church, we need to defend and promote the spiritual rights of our children. It is the first time the spiritual rights of the child will be articulated along with the human rights of the child in our newly released Diocesan Rights of the Child Framework. This is an initiative about which I feel very strongly. This year observes 30 years since Australia ratified the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. That is an important milestone. Our Diocesan Framework will be released during the month and will be an excellent resource for catechesis, education, and ministry.

I am thankful for the work being done in our parishes and communities, our Catholic Schools and by our Catechists in the Public Schools. I am particularly aware of the ministry and mission of CatholicCare, the merciful arm of our Church. So many good people in our community of the Church are committed to ensure that children and vulnerable people have a safe environment in which to live and grow, to pray and worship.

I encourage all people in our Diocese of Broken Bay to reflect on your contribution to Safeguarding in our communities and consider how you can engage throughout September with initiatives that raise awareness and build a culture of safety and care.

Blessings and thanks,

+Anthony

WEEKEND AND WEEKDAY MASSES

St Cecilia's Church and St John Fisher Mass Ctr have a **limitation of 40 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 18TH AUGUST 2020

ST CECILIA'S CHURCH MASS TIMES

- **Saturday Vigil Masses 4pm and 5pm** **Sunday Masses 8.30am and 9.30am**
- Weekday Mass times Monday to Saturday 8am

ST JOHN FISHER MASS CTR

- **Saturday Vigil Masses 4pm and 5pm** **Sunday Masses 8.30am and 9.30am**
- 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 in the parish until we receive notification from the Diocese.

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.
- The Diocese of Broken Bay has 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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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:**

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