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PARISH BULLETIN, 7TH NOVEMBER 2021

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs

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*



REFLECTION 7TH NOVEMBER Mk 12:38-44

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The widow in the first reading responded to Elijah's request with honesty—she was about to prepare the last meal she and her son would have before they starved to death. Nevertheless, she did as she was asked and shared the last of their food with Elijah. And the three of them lived because of God's provision. In the Gospel, Jesus drew the disciples' attention to another widow as a way of enabling them to see discipleship in action. He highlighted the innate goodness which leads to generous giving. Goodness is quiet literally so in the case of the widow, for the tiny coins she dropped into the treasury would not have made a sound. Goodness is not showy—she didn't seek to attract attention with lengthy prayers or elaborate clothing. Goodness is generous. It's almost impossible to get one's mind around the fact that she gave 'all she had to live on'. To give is to return to God what God has given us because of his innate goodness for, as the poem says:

To give and give, and give again,
what God has given thee;
to spend thyself nor count the cost;
to serve right gloriously
the God who gave all worlds that are,
and all that are to be.

(from; Awake, Awake to Love Work, GAS Kennedy, 1921)



Pastoral Discernment

Central Coast

As many of you would be aware following the formal launch on Sunday 31 October, this important project has commenced, and we now begin the consultation phase. If you haven't yet viewed the launch video please visit

www.bbcatholic.org.au/pdcc

Briefing Circles registrations are now open!

The project Briefing Circles provide an opportunity for our community to come together to learn more about the project and the ways in which you can participate. Anyone who is interested in learning more about the project is welcome to attend.

Participants may choose to join any of the four identical Zoom Briefing Circle sessions. Each will run for approximately 75 minutes and will be hosted by Patti Beattie (Project Facilitator).

- 9 November, commencing 11am
- 9 November, commencing 7pm
- 11 November, commencing 7pm
- 12 November, commencing 11am

Please register for one session at www.bbcatholic.org.au/pdcc Once you have registered, you will receive the zoom link for your chosen session.

November Month of Remembrance

It is customary for us to acknowledge All Souls in November.

"It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins."

2 Maccabees 12.46

Our Book of Remembrance (Memorial) in the parish will be put up near the Sanctuary of St Cecilia's Church from All Souls Day and will remain throughout November.

NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS

There are envelopes available for you to write the names of your beloved deceased. Please put the envelopes into the special box near the sanctuary or into our weekend collection baskets. All Masses in November will be offered for our departed brothers and sisters.

Anointing of the Sick will recommence this Friday 5th November

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

Help needed at the Sunday 7.30am Mass St Cecilia's Church

For anyone wishing to join the roster as a Senior Server, Eucharist Minister or Reader at the 7.30 Sunday Mass to please call Maureen Roast on 0435 245 849! Help please!

Thank you in advance
Maureen

Sisters of Charity Raffle to be held all Masses this weekend 6th & 7th at St Cecilia's Church and all Masses Next weekend 13th & 14th at St John Fisher.

Proceeds go towards Missionary Sisters of Charity at Katherine, Alice Springs and Orange.
Tickets are \$2.00 each

PRAYER:

Prayer for the Holy Father

O God, Shepherd and Ruler of all Your faithful people, look mercifully upon Your servant Francis, who You have chosen as shepherd to preside over Your Church. Grant him, we pray, that by his word and example, he may edify those over whom he has charge, so that together with the flock committed to him, may he attain everlasting life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

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Update from Bishop Anthony Randazzo regarding NSW Government "Roadmap" & implications for Diocese

From the Tuesday 19/10/21, public Masses will resume for all, regardless of vaccination status of people who attend Church, or who undertake a ministry.

- a. Other rituals such as Baptisms and other services of prayer and devotion may resume, including Reconciliation.
- b. The number of people who can attend Mass and other liturgies and services of prayer is based on the 4sqm principle, including for funerals and weddings. Based on this, St Cecilia's church can permit 45 people and St John Fisher hall can permit 100 people to these services.
- c. Congregational singing will not be possible, but a musician and cantor are permitted.
- d. Those who wish to receive Holy Communion on the tongue should wait until the end of the Communion Procession.
- e. The sign of Peace should only be given by a simple bow or nod of the head.

3. From 1 December 2021

- a. One person per 2sqm for indoor and outdoor gatherings will apply. Therefore St Cecilia's church can permit 90 people to gather and St John Fisher hall can permit 200.
- b. Congregational singing will be permitted.
- c. No restriction on the use of other parish facilities.

4. It is essential that anyone visiting our churches use the QR code to register their visit, sanitize, and always wear a mask.

Thursday 11th November

Remembrance Day in Australia is an occasion to commemorate and remember all Australians who have died as a result of war. Remembrance Day Commemoration at the following Masses:

Thursday 11th November

8am Mass St Cecilia's Church
8am Mass St John Fisher Mass Ctr



FEAST:

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica – 9th November

It is not common for us to celebrate the feast of a church building, so why this one? Built by Emperor Constantine around the year 324 on the 'Lateran Hill' in Rome, this beautiful church is actually the Cathedral for the Diocese of Rome, and the official seat of the Pope as bishop of Rome, not St. Peter's Basilica! We celebrate this dedication to signify our global unity as a Church under the one leadership and care of the 'See of Peter.'

Safeguarding Message

The protection of children and vulnerable adults within our Diocese will be achieved as every member of our community strives to be a person who **LISTENS** to others with an open heart and mind, and responds well so that concerns and risks may be identified early and addressed.

Wyong Parish is committed to safeguarding. All children, young persons and vulnerable adults have a right to feel safe and be safe. If you have a concern about the safety of anyone in the parish, please raise your concern with Fr Raul, Fr Alex or Joanne.

Individual mobile numbers are on the back of the bulletin. or email wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for November

PEOPLE WHO SUFFER FROM DEPRESSION

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.



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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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Fr Alex ph: 0432 947 245

PARISH OFFICE 23 Byron Street Wyong

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OFFICE HOURS: Mon to Thurs 9.30am to 2.30pm &

Fri 9.30am to 12pm

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Parish Secretary **Helen Bath** ph:4352 1011 (Wed & Thurs)

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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 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 Tuesday night 5pm to 6pm

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

PPC Secretary; Kerry Bugden
ph 4388 2938

Catechist Meeting

Liturgy Meeting

Sacramental Team Meeting

Social Justice Meeting

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, Catherine Amey, 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, Rove Varman, Rod Cornwell.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Frank Costa, Maria Galea, Dennis Booth, Patrick Smyth, Gerard Byrne, Tony Pilay

ANNIVERSARY NOVEMBER:

Ron Mahoney, Bill Cullinan

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Welcome to the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel, Jesus is teaching in the temple and notices the monetary contributions being added into the treasury. He offers his listeners a teaching that praises the poor widow, who gives an amount - though small - that has cost her much, compared to the giving of the well-off who flaunt large amounts so as to be admired by others. Let's search our own hearts this week for traces of showiness in the good that we do and ask for the grace to give sacrificially as Jesus suggests.

Sunday Mass 7th November 2021

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD *Reproduced from Liturgia*

FIRST READING 1 KINGS 17:10-16

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel: "Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth."' The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 145:7-10

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. R.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. R.

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. R.

SECOND READING HEBREWS 9:24-28

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION MATTHEW 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs. Alleluia!

GOSPEL MARK 12:38-44

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

<https://brokenbay.goodgiving.com.au>



Parish Giving Broken Bay is a new digital App for the Catholic community in Broken Bay, which offers pastoral features and giving options to your local Parish.

With the dash towards digital and contactless engagement, the App is modern, straightforward and easy to use, and offers the ability to:

- **give** regular weekly offerings to your parish community
- **see** readings of the day;
- **find** Mass times and locations
- **discover** Catholic news highlights.

As you might know, collections are a major source of funds for Parish mission and ministry. With the ability to easily set up Giving to your Parish, the new App offer a fantastic way for parishioners to support at a time when envelopes and cash are increasingly less common.

The App is available on desktops or mobile phones from www.bbcatholic.org.au/parishgiving. Alternatively, search for “Parish Giving Broken Bay” where the App can be download from your mobile store.

Please do take a few moments to check out and download today!

PASTORAL WORKS Broken Bay



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November 2021 Appeal

St Edmund's College is one of the five beneficiaries of Pastoral Works Broken Bay.



The College supports 120 students with disabilities such as intellectual, sensory impairment or autism, providing skills and experience for them to fully engage in life.

Your generous donations help with vital fee assistance to families in our Catholic community so that their children can access the services offered by St Edmund's.

Watch the attached short film to see the amazing impact your donations support <https://youtu.be/3r5BE26o2H4>.

To donate, complete the collection envelope in your parish, or visit www.bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks.

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.





PARISH FUNDRAISING

Rae has been very busy during lockdown and has made these beautiful coat hangers -- they are in packs of two for \$10 -- presented in cellophane. She also has some singles for \$5 each.

Rae also has quantity of these musical jewellery boxes - four colours -- fraction of the original price selling for \$5 each

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.

- Many parishioners assist us by donating to our plan giving program via automatic credit card donations weekly or monthly.
- As we are becoming a more cashless society we ask you to please consider this option. If you wish to donate by credit card, please complete the attached credit card form or call Jo in the parish office on 0424 763 734. You can also give **by credit card** over the phone.
- For parishioners who would like to continue using plan giving envelopes, for your convenience, you are welcome to use the credit card option on the back of the plan giving envelopes.

Or you can make your **donation directly into our bank account:**

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I have called you to renew and rebuild.

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Pastoral Works Broken Bay is the new name for CWF. www.bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks

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CatholicCare is our social services agency in the Diocese. Psychologist Mary McMullen has capacity to take on new clients, and is available for Medicare rebates, Victims Services (VOC) and NDIS. She also can bulk bill depending on circumstance. Mary has a particular interest in working with clients living with anxiety and depression, PTSD and a range of mental health disorders relating to trauma. Mary is experienced in working with both adolescents and adults having worked in child protection, community mental health, parenting programs as well as in private practice. Right now Mary is providing telehealth sessions during lockdown, moving back to face-to-face appointments when safe to do so. For more information or to book an appointment call 1800 324 924 or visit www.catholiccaredbb.org.au.

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

**Message for BBNeighbourhoods
1 November 2021**

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The English word disciple has its origin in the Latin word discipulus meaning learner; from the verb discere, to learn. These days it is commonly used to mean “a follower”, and in the Christian context more precisely, a follower of Jesus Christ. Unfortunately, the further one moves away from the original meaning, the more watered down that meaning becomes.

One can regularly hear people from all walks of life claiming to be a Christian because they follow Jesus, however, being a Christian entails much more than simply “following”. To be more exact, being a disciple of Jesus is to learn from him the Truth of the Gospel and to follow Him by our way of life and love. Knowledge of the teachings of Jesus is essential for an authentic discipleship. Reading, studying, praying, discussing, and discerning the teachings of Jesus, in both the Scripture and Tradition, will take a lifetime to unfold in the life of each of us as Catholic Christians.

Over the past 55 years, following the Second Vatican Council, successive Popes and Bishops have made much about the discipleship that is proper to every baptised Christian. The Council also gave new impetus to the mission of the baptised to evangelise the world in which we live. To be missionary is to be sent into the world to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Missionary disciples are formed by the teachings of Christ and sent to propagate the seeds of faith in Jesus as the Son of God, the Saviour of the world. There are some who think that it is only possible to engage as missionary disciples if we have an academic degree in theology or one of the sacred sciences. Higher learning provides wonderful opportunities however, Pope Francis reminds us that “in order to be in a state of mission, it is enough to live life as it comes, carrying out the most habitual actions and the most ordinary occupations in a missionary way, amidst the people that the Lord has us encounter”.

There are several areas of mission that the Holy Father proposes, and this week I would like to share them with you so that each of us might discern more fully where God is sending us as disciples of the Lord. This infographic ([Click here](#)) highlights five areas of mission:

1. Mission of compassion
2. Mission of hope
3. Mission of fraternity
4. Mission of encounter and a Church of outreach
5. Mission of joy

The Second Vatican Council’s decree on the Mission Activity of the Church, *Ad gentes*, reminds us that the mission of the Church is fulfilled by that activity which makes her fully present to all people or nations (cf AG5). By following Jesus as faithful disciples and being sent by the power of the Holy Spirit as missionaries, our community of the Church is animated to preach the Gospel in our ordinary daily lives. Nourished by the Eucharist and the Sacraments, we are urged to embrace others in the great dialogue of faith.

This week, how might you live your life as a missionary disciple of compassion, hope, fraternity, encounter and outreach, and joy?

+Anthony



In this one-day symposium, we explore best practices and pitfalls in our efforts to engage our communities and key groups to effectively grow our mission in Jesus Christ. Our scenario is a fictional parish, planning for 2022. We will journey with its representatives through the experience of a live panel consisting of a Parish Priest; School Principal; Life, Marriage, Family Coordinator; Parent in the School; Pastoral Council Representative and Young Person. We explore three key moments in the life cycle of the parish, with the panel guided by a facilitator looking at:

- Session 1: Let's Dream Big!** Engaging with the community – both present and disconnected – in a new vision for 2022.
- Session 2: Managing Change** Managing the tensions, road-blocks, and opportunities for healthy conflict and collaboration as the vision starts to come to life.
- Session 3: Making it Happen** Determining how to align goals, resource actions, and keep people motivated through safe and healthy processes.

After each panel session, small group sessions further develop ideas and approaches. In our rapidly changing world we are invited to consider new and innovative pathways in ministry. Fresh Heart! Fresh Hope! Offers inspiration through a practical scenario for getting going in 2022 with the Holy Spirit and your community for the sake of Christ's mission!

Emma Baker, Life, Marriage and Family Coordinator for the Diocese of Broken Bay will participate on the panel.

For more information and registration: <https://aliveinthespirit.com.au/symposium/>



WORLD YOUTH DAY

This year World Youth Day will be held on Sunday 21st November! Previously celebrated each year on Palm Sunday, the Holy Father has changed the annual celebration to the last Sunday of the liturgical year, being the feast of Christ the King. Watch this space and Catholic Youth Broken Bay for more information relating to World Youth Day this year and in the future!

“He is our king. He desires ardently to rule our hearts, because we are children of God.” – St. Josemaria Escriva