

PARISH BULLETIN

WYONG CATHOLIC PARISH

ST CECILIA'S CHURCH & ST JOHN FISHER MASS CTR

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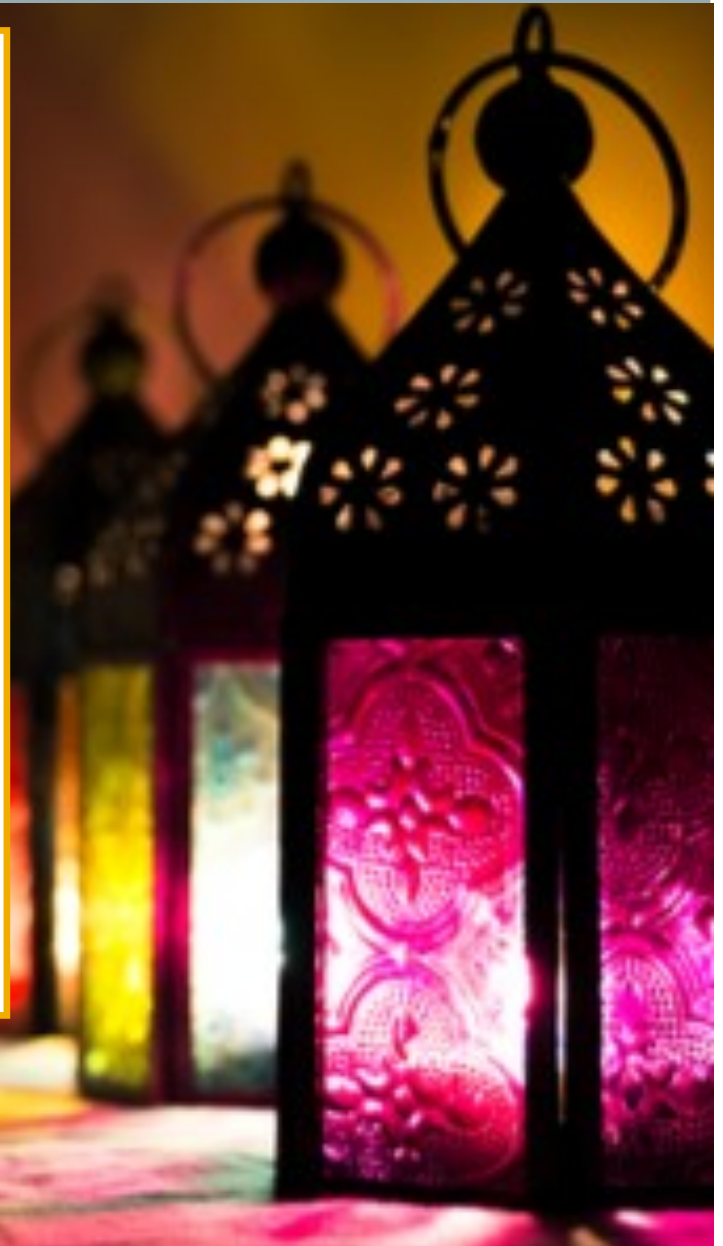
VISION *The Wyong Catholic Parish is a welcoming, caring dynamic community*

MISSION STATEMENT *We will live and proclaim the message of the Gospel :
Engage, Participate, Reach out and Transform*

REFLECTION 8TH NOVEMBER

There is a strange paradox in Christian revelation. The coming of the Son of God in Jesus and in his life, death and resurrection reveals the overwhelming love of God for humankind, yet Jesus repeatedly demands that we make this love real in our lives. Jesus is warning us that we cannot take God's love for granted. All the bridesmaids, whether sensible or stupid, were caught asleep when the bridegroom arrived but only five were ready with oil. This oil has traditionally been interpreted as love – both of God and of neighbour. The women with oil had prepared for the coming of the bridegroom by the quality of their lives. They had been loving and so could respond to the coming of the bridegroom. St John of the Cross has said, 'In the evening of life we will be judged on love.' Yes, we will be judged in the love of God but we will also be judged according to how we have loved. We have to practice love in the ordinary circumstances of life so that when the great revelation of love comes at our death, we can respond with love.

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8TH NOVEMBER 2020
32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A

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 8 NOVEMBER 2020

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING WISDOM 6:12-16

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her.

Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them.

Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates.

Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.

She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 62:2-8

R. My soul is thirsting for you O Lord my God.

SECOND READING 1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-14

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him.

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

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION MATTHEW 24:42, 44

Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL MATTHEW 25:1-13

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

Charitable Works Fund appeal - 14/15 November

Next week is our CWF collection and we appreciate your support.

The November appeal highlights the spiritual need of about 21,000 Catholic students who attend State Schools across Broken Bay.

Giving to CWF supports the wonderful work of Catechists, nourishing our children and young people with solid faith education. Raising them up to be passionate young people who love Jesus Christ and His Church.

Nurturing faith in our children and young people is one of the most powerful things we can do to support our parishes. Please take time to watch the short film of Christine Jap - former student and current Catechist - who shares what SRE means to her. https://youtu.be/qs3C_P0DxVA

Support by completing the CWF envelope, scanning the QR code, or visiting www.bbcatholic.org.au/give.

All donations are tax deductible and contribute to our parish quota.

Thank you and God Bless!

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND November 2020 Appeal

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Congratulations

May God Bless you on your First Eucharist

May you always know the peace of Jesus, the light of his love and the joy of his life within you.

We Congratulate all the children in our parish who will be making their First Eucharist on a Friday evening over the two three weeks.

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, Noel Muir.

RECENTLY DECEASED: George Mercieca

ANNIVERSARY NOVEMBER: Lourds Sur, Ron Mahoney, Eileen Preston, Geoff White, Agnes Myers, James Smith, Michael Bouchet, Jill Hill, Maxine Nell, Matthew Di Losa, Zenaida, Barry Austin, Donald King, Peggy Joyce, Joseph Costa,



Birthdays

and

Anniversaries

Best Wishes

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Frank Robinson 1/11/1923 97 years

Kerrie Deder 2/11/1953

Phil Bastick 7/11/1932

Paul Flynn

Enid Dwyer

Teresa Vella 11/11/1948

Gerry Martin 14/11

Warmest Congratulations

ANNIVERSARIES

Margaret & Alf Beer 31/10/1970

50 years

PRAYER

WE PRAY FOR ALL THE STUDENTS SITTING THEIR HSC EXAMS

Heavenly Father, we bring before you our HSC students. Give them the gifts of wisdom, right judgement, knowledge and courage. Bless them with calm hearts and clarity of mind as they sit for their exams. May they be affirmed in their efforts and may they know that you are there with them. We pray that they will stay calm under pressure and work to the best of their ability. May they feel your loving presence in their lives, now and always, and may they be strengthened by the prayerful support of their families and communities. Amen.



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100 CLUB

Thank you to everyone, who has supported the 100 Club we have had such a wonderful response. The total 150 numbers are now sold.

WEEK 1 WINNERS

- 1st prize \$100 Mary Kerry no.146
- 2nd prize \$60 Monica O'Sullivan no.54
- 3rd Prize \$40 Noreen Bolten Wood no.116

WEEK 2 WINNERS

- 1st prize \$100 Stephen Price no.117
- 2nd prize \$60 Helen Bath no.114
- 3rd Prize \$40 Marie Boden no.140

WEEK 3 WINNERS

- 1st prize \$100 David Crass no.25
- 2nd prize \$60 Pat Archer no.126
- 3rd Prize \$40 Christine Cause no.120

WEEK 4 WINNERS

- 1st prize \$100 Helen McGuirk no.119
- 2nd prize \$60 Monica O'Sullivan no.54
- 3rd Prize \$40 Kay & Noel Nuir no.41

WEEKS 5 – 9

- 1st prize \$100
- 2nd prize \$60
- 3rd Prize \$40

WEEK 10

- 1st Prize \$450
- 2nd Prize \$250
- 3rd Prize \$150
- 4th Prize \$50.

5th draw is Sunday 8th November after the 7.30am Mass at St Cecilia's.
Good luck!

RETURN AND EARN

From when we started collecting recycled bottles in October 2019

RETURN AND EARN HAS RAISED \$1333.50 TO DATE.

Thank You

In Wyong Catholic Parish we have 24 Catechists, who provide a formal Catholic Education to around 300 children in public schools in our area.

For *every lesson*
you've prepared
The *love of God*
has been shared

We take this opportunity to sincerely thank the Catechist/Helpers of our parish for sharing the Joy, Love and Faith of Jesus with the children.

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.

POPE FRANCIS'

PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

Christmas Stall

ST JOHN FISHER

On the 28th/29th November at all Tumbi Masses,

ST CECILIA'S CHURCH

On the 5th/6th December at all Wyong Masses, Rae will be running a Christmas Stall.

All money raised will be going towards our Parish Charitable Works quota. There will be some wonderful Christmas gift ideas and stocking fillers.

Message from the Bishop - Vox Populi

Welcome to the first edition of *Vox Populi*, the “voice of the people”. In this fortnightly column, I hope to give expression to the voices from around our community, so that we might listen and discern what the Spirit is saying to us as the community of the Church in Broken Bay. This first message comes from Alison Newell, one of our Broken Bay delegates for the Plenary Council.

The Family – A Blessing for the Church

One of the earliest memories of my childhood is kneeling by my bed at night with my parents and brothers and sisters to pray the Rosary. Dad’s devotion to the Rosary underpinned all we were as a family in those early days of my life. Prayer held us together, nourished us and formed us for our future lives. Whilst there wasn’t a lot of spare money around in those days and raising a large family was tough, mum and dad’s devotion to the faith of our family was a witness to what they believed; that in Jesus Christ, we were all rich.

When I was raising my own family, this same faith, and the promises that we made to our five children at Baptism were always at the forefront of my mind. I raised my children with Jesus Christ at the centre of our daily lives. The daily tasks of work, education, washing, shopping, cooking, taxi-ing to sport or music and simply loving them, became my spirituality even as they frequently challenged my parental decisions. I used to call it the spirituality of the clothesline. Sometimes, prayer was done on the hop, or at the clothesline, and sometimes it was as simple as marking them with the sign of the cross at bedtime.

Christian families are places of evangelisation and catechesis as they witness to their faith in the living out of their daily lives. This witness has the capacity to spread the Good News beyond their family unit. Families provide fertile ground for evangelisation through the building of trust and friendships.

Love in families is expressed through fidelity to each other. This faithfulness of family members provides strength for the day ahead and helps to overcome challenges which families face daily. God is in the joys and sorrows, the good times, and bad times. God is in the calm and the chaos of family life. The spirituality of the home is where parents and children learn to make sacrifices for each other. It is where children first experience love, friendship, and forgiveness. These things are ‘caught’ not ‘taught’ in families. These spiritual experiences form children in the ways of love; the love which Christ has for the world.

The domestic church is the smallest body of gathered believers in Christ. Jesus promised to be where two or three are gathered in his name (Mt 18:20). The term domestic church dates to the first century AD. The early Church fathers understood that home was a holy place.

My domestic church now lives in several different households, with most of my children married with children of their own. When my children or grandchildren visit my home, which they do regularly, I mark their foreheads with the sign of the cross (we call it Nan’s blessing) to remind them of their Baptismal call to holiness. Sometimes, if they are driving past my home, mum or dad will pull up out the front just because one of the grandchildren ‘needs’ a blessing. This simple practice has brought peace and hope to my children and their children. It provides a moment of the sacred in the chaos of busy lives and it is a constant reminder of the presence of Jesus Christ in the joys and challenges of relationships and life.

We know that today, many families are struggling with disability, sickness, unemployment, domestic violence, mental illness, or loneliness. Putting food on the table and paying bills is a challenge for many. Brokenness in families is a space where Christ enters to provide healing and love. The Church has much to learn from ministering to families. In their struggles, we see the sufferings of Jesus.

Families are the backbone not only of the Church, they are the foundation of society. As a community of Christian believers, let us value the dignity of all families and appreciate the blessings which families bring to our parishes and to our world.

Alison Newell

Alison is one of the delegates representing the Diocese of Broken Bay at the Plenary Council. She is the CCD Diocesan Coordinator and a parishioner of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Toukley/Lake Munmorah Parish.

WEEKEND AND WEEKDAY MASSES

St Cecilia's Church has 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 LIMITATION OF 45 PEOPLE PER MASS

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

ST JOHN FISHER MASS TIMES LIMITATION OF 100 PEOPLE PER MASS

- **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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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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