

W E L C O M E

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*

8TH OCTOBER 2023 TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WYONG CATHOLIC PARISH

ST CECILIA'S CHURCH, ST JOHN FISHER MASS CTR & ST PETER'S CHAPEL

Under the Pastoral Care of the
Society of Our Lady of The Most Holy Trinity (SOLT)



*Keep doing these things that you
'have heard or seen that I do. Then
the God of peace will be with you.'*

Reflection 8.10.2023 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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The people of God are portrayed as a vineyard in both the Old and New Testaments. In every case, God is the one who plants the vineyard, after choosing the best and most fertile land and preparing it carefully. God then looks for a good harvest, only to be disappointed time and again.

In the first reading, God is disappointed because the vineyard produces sour grapes (some translations say 'rotten'). There is nothing to do but tear the vineyard down. Isaiah is warning the people that God plans to do the same to Israel. God looked for justice from Israel and instead it produced a harvest of bloodshed.

The Gospel parable tells the history of Israel as God's vineyard. The owner of the vineyard leased it out to tenants. Later the owner sent servants to collect the portion of the harvest that was due to him. These servants represent the prophets whom God regularly sent to Israel, only to see them rejected, abused and sometimes killed. Finally, the owner sends his son to them but he, too, is killed. (Jesus' opponents know that he is referring to himself.) The owner is left with no alternative but to lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the share of the produce to him when harvest time comes.

What is the good fruit that God wants from his vineyard? Saint Paul tells us: "everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honor, everything that can be thought virtuous and worthy of praise". Keep doing these things that you 'have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.'

**Congratulations to the following
Catechists who will be receiving awards this year:**

- Micheline Yardin on 15 years of service
- Francoise Munoz on 5 years of Service
- Veronica Quiroga on 10 Years of Service

We appreciate and thank you for all that you do.



Pope Francis' October Intentions

For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

WOMENS GET TOGETHER GROUP

2nd Monday of each month

Bring a plate, have a cuppa, have a chat and a laugh in the Parish Centre.

All are welcome !

THANK YOU, ST. CECELIA & ST JOHN FISHER.

In the last 40 years the Sisters of St Joseph have made up to \$500,000 from stamps. They are checked, collated, sorted and sold in auctions to collectors here and overseas. Our Parish has contributed much, by giving old stamps, stamp albums and forgotten collections. Before Christmas 2020 we sent in a large package and followed up with another one about Easter. All were very welcome! By continuing, we are helping the Sisters to make money for their Missions. Please continue to save and ask family, friends and neighbours to save as well. Old coins and postcards are welcome too. P.S. With Christmas coming up the Christmas stamps are sought eagerly by overseas investors, so please remember to save them.

There are boxes in the back of both churches to receive your donations.

Patricia McCarthy



We warmly welcome the children who are to be baptized this weekend into our Parish Community. May the grace of the Lord Jesus bless them and their Families.

St Patrick's Parish, Gosford

It's been almost a year since the installation of the relics of St John Paul II at Gosford Parish and we are preparing to celebrate the first anniversary of the Shrine. We extend a warm welcome to everyone to celebrate the feast day of St John Paul II beginning with **Mass at 9.30am on Sunday, 22 October at St Patrick's, 76 York Street, East Gosford.** The celebrations will continue during the day with praise and worship, the Rosary and reflections – and wonderful hospitality with a BBQ, live music and market stalls.

250 Club Update

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250 NUMBERS SOLD

Weekly Prizes are \$50 – 1st & \$20 – 2nd
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and will be last weekend of the month.

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Sunday Mass 8th October 2023

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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.

Gospel Acclamation of 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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 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.'

Safeguarding in our Parish means....

We the people of Wyong Catholic Parish are committed to fostering a community of safety and care for all people, especially for children and others in the community who are vulnerable. Our commitment is underscored by our faith in Jesus Christ.



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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, Monday 9.15am (School Term)

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

Fr Raul ph: 0450 115 099

Fr Alex ph: 0432 947 245

Fr Teody ph: 0414 494 823

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Children's Liturgy at the following Masses

St Cecilia's 5pm Mass Saturday

St Cecilia's 9.30am Mass Sunday

St John Fisher 5pm Mass Sunday

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE

Mass St Barnabas, Yarramalong

1st Sun of month 11.15am

Filipino Mass St Cecilia's Church

3rd Sun of the month 12pm

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

Eucharistic Adoration

St Cecilia's Daily 7am-8am

St John Fisher 1st Fri 8.45 - 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

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

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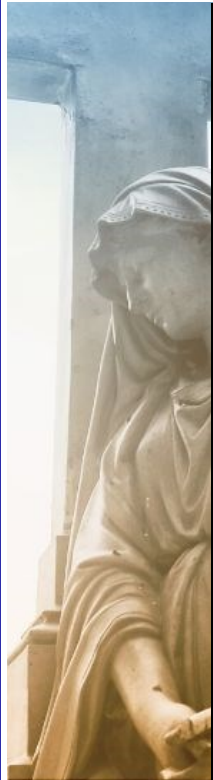
SICK: Harriet Powell, Danae Roe, Peter Ford, Harry Hall, Michael Briggs, Christine Heffernan, Jennese Thompson, Leeann Hazelton, Bernadette Kiely, Steve Durnford, Ann Durnford, Maureen Mulheron, Angela Watts, William Martin, Terence (Ted) Dafter, Finn McConnon, Christine, Jacqui Stacey, Josie Campbell, Dave, Rodney, Gwen Dwyer, Helen Waters, Rod & Pauline Cornwell, Marie Rheinberger, Hannah Hopwood, Fay King, Joan Mabbutt, Irene Dainty, Eoin, Paula, Peter Meury, Jai Coleman, Danielle, Frank Farrugia, Betty McDermott, Carmel Myers, Clara Banda, Marc Sabat

RECENTLY DECEASED: Richard Mahinay,

Carol Dafter, Raymond (Ray) Baker,

Fay King (Regina Preston's Aunt)

ANNIVERSARY SEPTEMBER: Gerard Byrne, Peter Donnelly, Jack Harris, Helen Cole, Donald King,



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Safeguarding Message

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 Fr Teody. The contact details are on the back to the Bulletin.

SAFEGUARDING is everyone's responsibility



Everyone must practice **A DUTY OF CARE**. We are called to step up and speak out.

Need to be listening & watching to understand if there are any concerns and take them seriously



Tell one of our designated persons in authority

- Fr Raúl 0450 115 099
- Maureen Roast 0435 245 849
- Anne Hooley 0428 149 793

Contact will be made with Diocesan Safeguarding Office



Our Community is **SAFE**

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