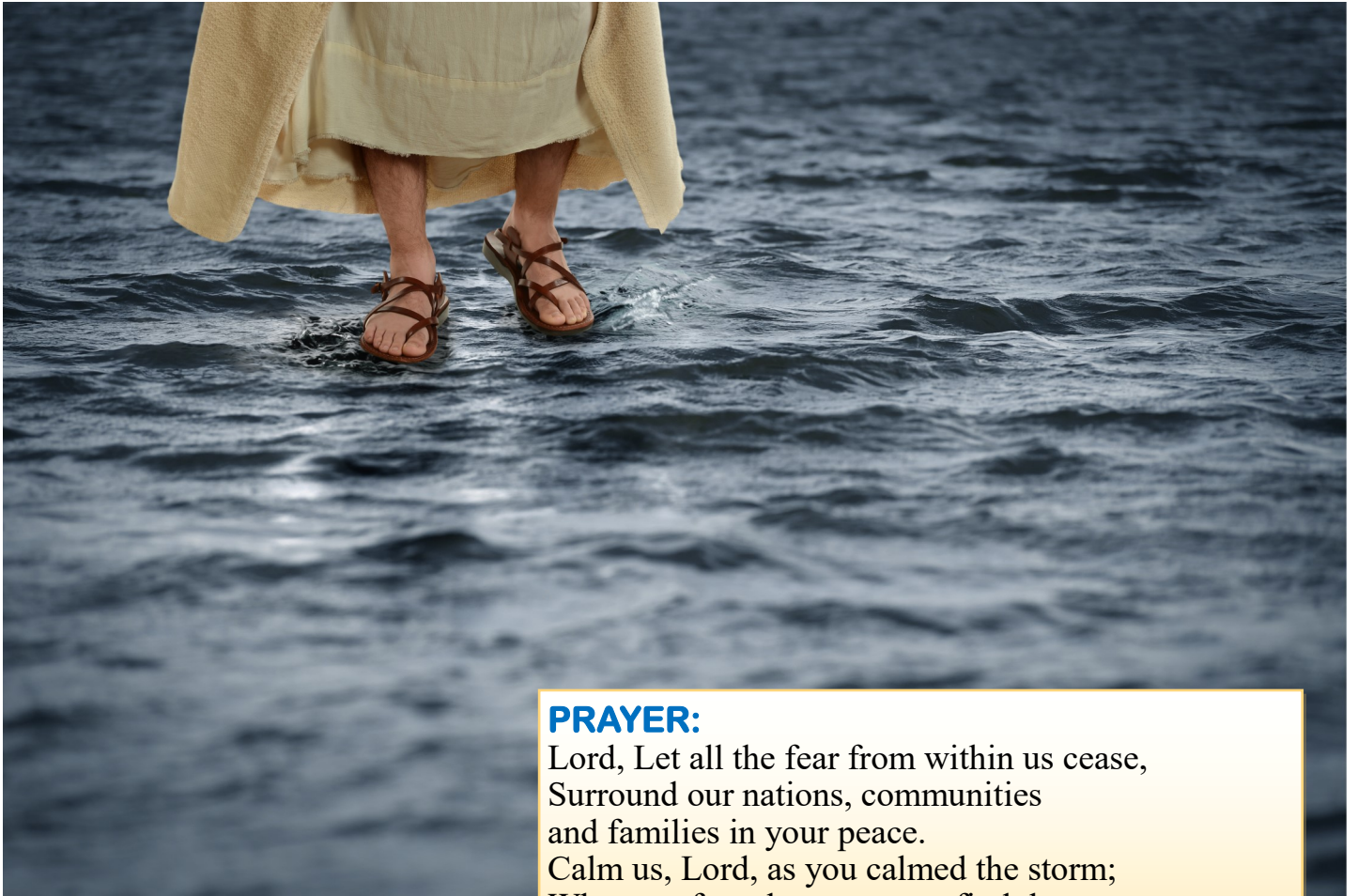


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**VISION** *The Wyong Catholic Parish is a welcoming, caring dynamic community*

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**PRAYER:**

Lord, Let all the fear from within us cease,  
Surround our nations, communities  
and families in your peace.

Calm us, Lord, as you calmed the storm;  
When we face them may we find the  
courage to know that you are with us.

Calm us, Lord, keep us from harm.

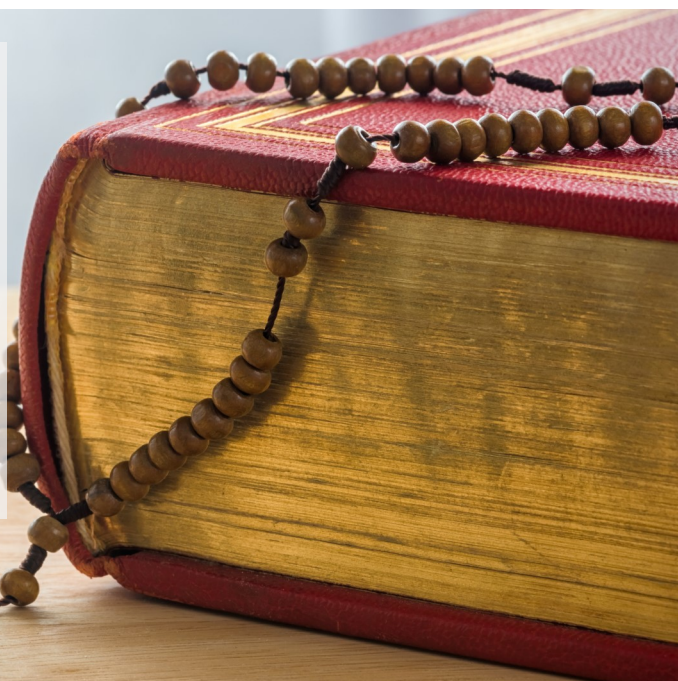
Take from our souls the strain and stress,  
and let our lives proclaim the beauty of your peace.

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**WELCOME TO THE 19TH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**  
**Year A,**  
**9th August 2020**

## NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

This week we celebrated the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. Our first Australian born canonised saint. St Mary took bold new directions in education and care of children. We know her saying 'Never see a need without doing something about it'. We pray this week that many young people in our communities may embrace this spirit in response to the call of the Lord to serve as priests or consecrated religious.



**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](http://www.facebook.com/wyongcatholicparish)**

## SUNDAY MASS 9 AUGUST 2020 THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING 1 KINGS 19:9, 11-13

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 84:9-14

R. Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

### SECOND READING ROMANS 9:1-5

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ - it is the truth - my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Ps 129:5

Alleluia, alleluia! I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word. Alleluia!

## GOSPEL MATTHEW 14:22-33

After he had fed the people, Jesus made the disciples get into a boat and precede him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. After doing so, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When it was evening he was there alone. Meanwhile the boat, already a few miles offshore, was being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was against it.

During the fourth watch of the night, he came toward them walking on the sea.

When the disciples saw him walking on the sea they were terrified.

“It is a ghost,” they said, and they cried out in fear.

At once Jesus spoke to them, “Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.”

Peter said to him in reply, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.”

He said, “Come.” Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus.

But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter,

and said to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” After they got into the boat, the wind died down. Those who were in the boat did him homage, saying, “Truly, you are the Son of God.”

## REFLECTION FOR 9TH AUGUST

Peter steps out of his boat into the troubled waters of life. Feeling the sudden force of the wind, he is afraid, experienced fisherman though he is. We can identify with Peter as we recall times of discouragement, disappointment, or frustration, when we knew the need to move forward and yet were hopelessly stuck. In the first reading, Elijah is overcome with fear and goes into hiding. He hears the voice of telling him to go to Mt Horeb. There he will meet God. On the mountain he finds that God is not in the earthquake, or the fire, or the storm, but in a gentle breeze. When a breeze arrives, he covers his face for he knows God is present! Peter, in the storm's violence, hears Jesus' gentle reproach about his doubt and lack of faith. This same gentleness is in God's word that echoes in our hearts in difficult moments. Instead of listening to our panic, our fear and our doubts, let us tune in to the gentle, personal, encouraging word that God is speaking in our hearts: 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid'.

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## PRAYER FOR THE VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD –DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

*Send your Holy Spirit upon us, O Lord, that we may be holy.*

*In your mercy, guard and strengthen us to be disciples who witness to the Good News of Jesus.*

*Call forth from our community of the Church generous and loving shepherds after your own heart.*

*May they be zealous preachers of the Word; faithful teachers of the Truth; and devoted servants at the Altar.*

*Fill their hearts with love for you and your creation; open their minds to a lifetime of learning; and make them humble servants of your holy people.*

*For you, O God, are kind and merciful, and to you we offer glory, in your holy Church, now and forever. AMEN.*

*IMPRIMATUR: Anthony Randazzo Bishop of Broken Bay 24 June 2020*

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

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**Anniversary August:** Joe Farrugia, Monica Bito-on, Ruth & Cecil Booth, Brian Flints, Peter Ford, Abelardo Santiago, Judy Kennedy, Phillip Amey.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Best Wishes

#### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Josie Campbell  
Pat Byrne 10/8  
Rita Kerr 20/8

### Warmest Congratulations

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Trish & Doug Calder 1/8/1970  
**(50 Years)**

Helen & Peter Beamish 15/8/1970  
**(50 years)**

Margaret & Phil Bastick 19/8/1955  
**(65 years)**

Christine & Garry Greentree 25/8/1973  
**(47 years)**

### FEAST DAY: August 15th

#### THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Like all mother, Mary and Elizabeth felt the pangs of childbirth. As we focus today on Mary being taken up to heaven, her Son is presented as the Risen One, handing over the kingdom to God. Mother and Son, at home in God's kingdom: this is our destination. The joy-filled meeting of Mary and Elizabeth shows the beauty of motherhood, despite the pain and sacrifice that is always involved. Elizabeth reacts spiritually and bodily; we quote her words in the Hail Mary. Mary bursts in song, giving us the Magnificat which is prayed throughout the world, expressing the wonders of God in our lives as in the lives of Mary and Elizabeth. As we pray, and in daily living, we do not always feel wonder and joy; we are aware of our smallness—our utter dependence on God—as well as our greatness. We learn that God is working in us for our good and the good of the human family. With Mary we have our history, our strengths and weaknesses; like Mary we experience doubt and fear: 'Mary, we shout with joy as you are taken up with the angels to heaven. Sing with us each day the joy of belonging in God.'

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## **STRONG RECOMMENDATION TO WEAR MASKS**

As many would already be aware, on Sunday 2 August the Premier, along with the Chief medical officer announced the strong recommendation to wear masks in the following situations:

- in indoor settings where physical distancing is hard to maintain, such as on public transport or in supermarkets
- in indoor settings with a higher risk of transmission, such as for the staff of hospitality and customer-facing venues i.e. cafes, restaurants, pubs and clubs
- **during attendance at places of worship.**

In line with this, we strongly recommend to our parishioners, the use of face masks when they attend church for any Mass, religious service or prayer.

Please note that at this stage, it is not a mandate and does not replace any other COVID-19 safe practices, such as social distancing.

Encouraging the use of face masks will be another step in helping to keep our communities safe during this time.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** Due -COVID-19 when you collect your **weekly Bulletin**, Broken Bay News, Vocations Prayer Card please take them home with you. Please do not leave them in the church after you have handled them.

The August **BROKEN BAY NEWS** will be available for you to take home this week. The August issue is also available in digital form. Below is the link to the online edition.

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/news-events/broken-bay-news/broken-bay-news-editions>

**VOCATIONS PRAYER CARD** will also be available. Bishop Anthony has written a special prayer for Vocations to Priesthood in Broken Bay. The Prayer Card features the image *The Hand of God* by Yongsung Kim

## **54 DAY ROSARY NOVENA**

Please join us in Prayer at St Cecilia's Church August 15 2020 until October 7 2020  
Every day after 8am Mass Mon to Sat  
And after 9.30 Mass Sunday  
For Peace in America and the whole world.  
And for God's Blessing in the upcoming US election.



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### **Parish Fundraiser with Environmental Benefits**

From when we started collecting recycled bottles in October 2019 **RETURN AND EARN HAS RAISED \$1009.40 TO DATE.**

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

### **POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST The Maritime World**

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.



## 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 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 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.
- You must have your name marked off the attendance sheet, this will be at the entrance of the church/mass ctr.
- For 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Collections are inside the church/mass ctr

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#### 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.

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## STAY CONNECTED

Whilst we cannot worship together as we usually would, please know that there are many ways that you can still remain connected to us in the following ways:

- ◆ Contact Jo on 0424 763 734 to book your attendance at one of our Masses.
- ◆ Join our Facebook page to watch 9.30am Sunday Mass Live  
**[www.facebook.com/wyongcatholicparish](http://www.facebook.com/wyongcatholicparish)**
- ◆ Keep in contact with Jo and Helen in the Parish Office on 4352 1011 or Jo 0424 763 734.
- ◆ **Reconciliation by appointment.** To make an appointment call 4352 1011, Fr Raul 0450 115 099 or Fr Alex 0432 947 245
- ◆ **Prayer intentions**—send an email or call the Parish Office with your prayer intentions. These will be prayed for by Fr Raul and Fr Alex in the daily Masses.
- ◆ If you know of someone who does not have an email or access to the internet, please advise the Parish Office, so we can arrange for the parish bulletin to be delivered to them or you may like to deliver the Bulletin to them.
- ◆ We have many resources that can be collected from outside the church for example: Weekly Bulletin, the Holy Rosary booklet and Stations of the Cross booklet.

As a community we invite you to Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet each day with a special intention for those who are dying due to the COVID-19.

There are many ways that you can stay in contact with us: through email, by phone or checking our website.

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Most Rev Anthony Randazzo  
Bishop of Broken Bay

Message for BBNeighbourhoods  
4 August 2020

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

This week, I would like to offer you a short quote from Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, whose feast day we celebrate on Saturday 8 August. Our Saint, who suffered much due to the uncharitable ways of a couple of bishops and priests, and several of her own Sisters, simply said, “God gives me strength for what is necessary.”

I have no doubt that Saint Mary was familiar with the struggles of her time. She was a Prophetess for the poor, she advocated for children and the vulnerable, and she blazoned new ways of reaching out to those on the edge of the Church and society. To do all these things, and more, meant that she often stirred the minds and hearts of men and women who were happy with the status quo and who sometimes avoided change because change has a tendency to make some people feel uncomfortable.

As a woman of faith, Mary MacKillop was a woman of prayer who meditated deeply on the Word of God and who fed on the Body of Christ. She knew Jesus Christ personally in her life and in the community of the Church. Despite her many hardships, hurts, and frustrations, she never abandoned her faith. Faith is a gift from God. Once given, God never takes the gift back, and no one can rob us of it. Saint Mary teaches us that all things are possible, if we realise that God desires only what is good and holy for us in our lives.

God calls the Christian community to be a witness in human history. This is our vocation. Each one of us, like Saint Mary of the Cross, is called to proclaim by word and deed that God is our strength. In challenging times such as these, the world needs witnesses of faith. For our part, our discipleship as sisters and brothers of Jesus, leads us always into the world – where Jesus has gone before us.

Not everyone is open to hearing or receiving the Good News. Some will reject it while others will reject the messenger. No one particularly likes rejection. Preaching the Gospel of Jesus is seldom an experience of comfort or ease. Yet, that is what we do as Christians. The great reward in evangelising is the joy we receive when others come to life in Christ.

In his Encyclical on Christian Hope, Pope Benedict XVI gave us some insight into why we must persist in our joyful proclamation of the Gospel. He reminds us that we are created for greatness—for God himself; we are created to be filled by God. (Benedict XVI, *Spe salvi* 33) Our vocation is ultimately a calling to be with God.

In a spirit of faith and hope, I invite you this week to discern once more your calling as a Catholic Christian. One part of your discernment will be asking God what you are to do in life. The other part of your discernment will be discovering who God is calling you to be.

Enjoy your time with the Lord who gives you strength for what is necessary.

+Anthony