

PARISH BULLETIN, 11TH APRIL 2021

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*



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
GOSPEL REFLECTION JOHN 20: 19-31
11th April 2021

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The Second Sunday of Easter marks the end of our solemn eight days of reflection of mystery of the resurrection. Today we are told the story of Thomas and Jesus. Thomas is very like us, an ordinary person with doubts and fears in his life, struggling for faith. Having experienced the reality of Jesus' death, he doubts the reality of Christ's resurrection. He needs proof. Verifiable proof!

When Jesus himself provides that proof, Thomas proclaims, 'My Lord and my God'. This is the first proclamation of the divinity of Christ and at the same time it is an affirmation of the reality of his humanity. And just as his divinity was humanized, so now his humanity is glorified. However, notice that the text does not tell us that Thomas did what Jesus suggested. It seems that when he is faced with truth of the resurrection, Thomas no longer needs to feel the wounds of Christ for himself. It no longer matters. His Lord and his God is welcoming him into full faith and Thomas accepts gladly.

Pope Francis tells us, 'The Lord does not disappoint those who take this risk; whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realise that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms...With a tenderness which never disappoints, but is always capable of restoring our joy, he makes it possible for us to lift up our heads and to start anew'. How can we embrace the resurrection more fully? In what way can we provide help for those who still doubt? How do we acknowledge their doubts and help their faith in Christ grow?

The next WOMEN'S GET TOGETHER GROUP will be held on **Monday 12th April.** (every second Monday of the Month)

All Welcome to join us @ **10.30am** in our Parish Hall.

- ◆ Cake Coffee
- ◆ Companionship
- ◆ Chit Chat
- ◆ Craft - optional



Birthdays and Anniversaries

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Alicia McCabe

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Please contact the parish office with your Birthdays and Anniversaries, we will have a Mass said for you.

Ph;4352 1011 or text Jo 0424 763 734

PROJECT COMPASSION Thank you! **Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!**

Caritas Australia would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2021. If you still have your Project Compassion box could you please return them to the Parish.

A very warm welcome to any new families and visitors to our Parish. We hope you enjoy your stay.

I take this opportunity to sincerely thank all those involved in any way in preparing our Lenten and Easter liturgies. We value the time and effort all our volunteers generously give to our parish. The care you give to your ministry is evident in our celebrations.

On behalf of Fr Alex and our Parish Staff Jo and Helen, I wish you and your families a very Blessed and Happy Easter.

May you feel Christ's Love in your Heart and be filled with His Peace & Joy this Easter Season and always!

Fr Raul

PRAYER:

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion - inexhaustible. Look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments, we might not despair, nor become despondent, but with great confidence, submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.

<https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/pray-the-chaplet>

Mother's Day Stall

We will be having a Mother's Day Stall on **Sunday 18th April at our weekend Masses at St Cecilia's.** There will be lots of lovely gifts to choose from, so please support this fundraiser for our Parish. Thank you.

P o p e F r a n c i s ' P r a y e r I n t e n t i o n f o r A p r i l

"We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis."

SAFEGUARDING MESSAGE

A culture of Safeguarding values COMMITMENT...."Speak out and judge fairly, defend the rights of the poor and needy." - see Proverbs 31:9 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.

The contact details are (4352 1011 or wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au) or see back of Bulletin for Mobil no.



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SUNDAY MASS 11 APRIL 2021 THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING ACTS 4:32-35

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 117:2-4, 15-18, 22-24

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

SECOND READING 1 JOHN 5:1-6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is - keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world - our faith. Who can overcome the world?

Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood,

not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness - since the Spirit is the truth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION JOHN 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

GOSPEL JOHN 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them,

"Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them,

"Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks

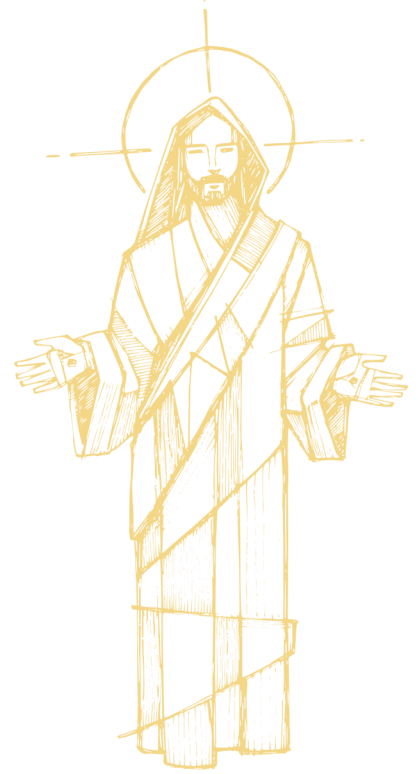
and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Now a week later his disciples were again inside and

Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked,

and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me?

Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.



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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

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Anointing of the Sick First Friday of the Month

St Cecilia's During 8.00am

& 11.30am Mass and

St John Fisher During 9.15am Mass

St Barnabas, Yarramalong

1st Sun of month 11am (4th April)

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 7 to 8pm

Catechist Meeting

Liturgy Meeting

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

PPC Secretary; Kerry Bugden
ph 4388 2938

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, Joey Moloney, Noel Muir, Jacqui Stacey, Josie Campbell, Frank Costa.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Paul Oakes.

ANNIVERSARY APRIL: Kay Taylor,

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