

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
PARISH BULLETIN, 13TH MARCH 2022

*From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.*

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*

**Parish Lenten
Preparation
St Cecilia's Church**

Friday evenings in Lent
6.30pm Stations of the Cross
Please join us, as we prayerfully walk
the Way of the Cross (Pope Benedict
XVI version)

REFLECTION 13th March 2022

GOSPEL LUKE 4:1-13

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The observation of the English mystic poet, William Blake, that 'great things happen when men and mountains meet' is true of such pivotal incidents in the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures as Moses' reception of the Ten Commandments on Mt Sinai (Exodus 19:16-25; 20:1-21) and the transfiguration of Jesus 'on the mountain' (often associated with Mount Tabor). Scripture scholars point to several parallels that may be drawn between these two events. In the latter instance, as recorded in all three Synoptic Gospels and now included in the luminous mysteries of the rosary by St John Paul II, Jesus is revealed as the long-awaited Messiah. Accompanied by representatives of the Law and the Prophets (Moses and Elijah), he is transfigured in the presence of Peter, James and John—the three apostles who later are witnesses to his agony in the garden (Matthew 26:36-46). Jesus' human bodiliness becomes the vehicle through which his inner reality as God-Man shines forth. Surely, this was a source of hope to his disciples after Jesus' prediction of his death by crucifixion had become a reality. Alluding to this event Peter wrote: 'We had seen his majesty for ourselves ... when we were with him on the holy mountain' (2 Peter 1:16-18).

Legion of Mary Acies

(Personal Consecration to Our Lady)
All auxiliary and parishioners are invited to join us on 25th March.

Exposition 7am.

Mass 8am followed by

Rosary.

Sacramental Program

The Sacramental Program for 2022 will be commencing in March.

For more information regarding the sacraments please call Jo on 0424 763 734

PARISH MEETING DATES

St Cecilia's Parish Hall

Social Justice

15th March 1pm

Baptism Preparation

2nd April 10.00am

Parish Pastoral Council

15th March 6pm

Catechist Meeting

16th May 10.30am

Project Compassion

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help people living with disabilities in India gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to build a better future.

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CONDOLENCES

The Parish extends our deepest condolences to Barbara Barry and family on the passing of her beloved husband Kevin Barry.

Kevin was a dearly loved member of our parish community and he will be sadly missed.

Kevin's funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday 15th March at St Cecilia's Church, Wyong at 11am.

We know and pray that Kevin is in God's loving hands.

May he rest in peace. Amen

Flower Arranging

The flowers in St Cecilia's are arranged by a few dedicated women, who always ensure that the church looks beautiful. Many of you reading this commented on the arrangements at Christmas and of course Easter last year.

Unfortunately, at present, the number of flower arrangers has decreased to an all time low and we are looking for new helpers.

It is not a question of ability or knowledge, it is the willingness and enthusiasm to contribute to this work. We would welcome any help and are sure that many of you would enjoy the comradeship that this team enjoys and you may just discover a creative talent of which you were previously unaware.

If you are interested and want more information please contact Irene on 4393 6033.

Do you feel called to visit hospitals, nursing homes, the housebound, sick and elderly?

Legion of Mary Work for and with Our Lady.

Meet Wednesday mornings 9am in Wyong and visit hospitals, nursing homes, the housebound, sick and elderly.

The Legion of Mary are looking for more members to carry out this important and rewarding work.

Please call Irene on 4393 6033 for more information or come along to a meeting and see what is involved.

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 13th March 2022
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD *Reproduced from Liturgia*

FIRST READING GENESIS 15:5-12, 17-18

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms: 'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 26:1, 7-9, 13-14

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

SECOND READING PHILIPPIANS 3:17 - 4:1

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION MATTHEW 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL LUKE 9:28-36

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' - He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him'. And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.



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Mon-Sat: 8.00am

Reconciliation/Confession Saturday morning after the 8am Mass & 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

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 Cecilia's 5pm Mass Saturday

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 Tues night 5pm to 6pm

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

PPC Secretary; Kerry Bugden

ph 4388 2938

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, 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, Rod & Pauline Cornwell, Marie & Peter Rheinberger, Hannah Hopwood, Fay King, Joan Mabbutt, Irene Dainty, John Cornwell.

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9 March 2022

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

During this second week of Lent there has been a great deal to pray for throughout our communities.

Torrential and relentless rain has caused devastating flooding not only throughout the state but in our own parishes in the Diocese.

Suburban streets have become rivers, backyards turned into lakes. Dams have spilled as a result of the deluge and main roads and bridges inundated.

Huge swathes of our Diocese in the northern suburbs, northern beaches and Central Coast have been swamped causing landslides and extensive damage to homes.

Many of our churches, schools and community halls have been flooded.

Thousands of people have been forced to evacuate, and tragically lives have been lost.

Added to this, the escalating and destructive events in Ukraine with the ever-growing humanitarian crisis, and the words challenging and overwhelming just don't seem to convey the sadness and heaviness of heart.

However, it is exactly at times like this we should remember that we do have someone to guide us, give us the courage and strength to keep going.

We know prayer is a large focus during Lent as it is the main source of communication with God.

While it is a time of reflection and renewed faith when we focus on the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we can also pray for those who have lost their homes and livelihoods, who are injured or anxious and despairing or are fleeing conflict, carrying very little except fear and uncertainty.

And despite our prayers if we think all we can hear and see is more rage and resistance, then it's also good to remember that when God is quiet, He is up to something.

He is watching and working.