

PARISH BULLETIN, 14TH MARCH 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*

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)

2nd Rite Reconciliation Wednesday 24th March 6pm

Fourth Sunday Of Lent

HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES 2021

Wednesday 24th March Reconciliation 2nd Rite
St Cecilia's Church 6pm

Palm Sunday Reconciliation 1st Rite
St John Fisher Mass Ctr
27th March Saturday Vigil
Reconciliation following the 5pm Mass
28th March Sunday
Reconciliation following the 5pm Mass

Holy Thursday Mass of the Last Supper
1st April St John Fisher Tumbi 7pm
Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
(Reconciliation will be available)

Good Friday Stations of the Cross
2nd April St Cecilia's Wyong 10am
St John Fisher Tumbi 10am
The Lord's Passion
St Cecilia's Wyong 3pm
St John Fisher Tumbi 3pm

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass
3rd April Please message or call Jo 0424
763 734 to book your attendance.
St Cecilia's Wyong 7pm

Easter Sunday Mass of the Resurrection
4th April St Cecilia's Wyong Please
message or call Jo 0424 763734 to book your
attendance. 7.30am & 9.30am

St John Fisher Tumbi
8.30am & 5pm

EASTER CEREMONIES

After discussions with Fr Raul, Fr Alex, The Parish Liturgy Committee and the Parish Pastoral Council, it has been decided to continue with the same format used the last 3 years for our Easter ceremonies;

Holy Thursday service in our Parish will take place at Tumbi Umbi only, and that the Easter Saturday Vigil service will take place at Wyong only.

This allows the opportunity for the whole parish to come together as one on these two significant occasions and allows our priests the opportunity of concelebrating Mass on the feast of the institution of the priesthood (Holy Thursdays Mass of the Last Supper) and the Mass which many regard as being the most symbolic in our liturgical year (The Easter Saturday Vigil).

Good Friday and Easter Sunday services will still take place at both Tumbi and Wyong as per previous years.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

GOSPEL REFLECTION JOHN 3:14-21

14th March 2021

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In 598BCE the Babylonian army conquered Jerusalem. The invading soldiers demolished the city walls, burned down the temple, destroyed buildings and led its leading citizens and artisans off into captivity in Babylon.

In exile the Jews soon realized that while they were captives in body, they did not have to be captives in spirit. The Babylonians could control where they lived but not what they believed. A faithful group of Jews refused to forget their religious heritage. They resisted every effort of their captors to entice them to ridicule their faith. They refused to allow the beauty of Babylon, with its rivers and poplars, to replace in their hearts the beauty of Jerusalem, the holy city. This resistance is well expressed in today's responsorial psalm. It reveals the peoples' immense grief at the loss of their homeland and their resolve never to forget the God of Israel despite the seemingly hopeless situation they were in.

Like the exiles, we can sometimes feel that we are living in an alien land. We are surrounded by a culture that oftentimes does not recognize Christ or Christian values. Like them we can be tempted to forget our religious heritage. We need to remain faithful to Christ not only for ourselves but also for the well-being of all peoples. God loves the world so much and desires that everyone be saved. By our Christian witness we can be instruments through which the saving grace of Christ is communicated to all.



Extract from;
MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2021

Jesus revealed to his disciples the deepest meaning of his mission when he told them of his passion, death and resurrection, in fulfilment of the Father's will. He then called the disciples to share in this mission for the salvation of the world.

In our Lenten journey towards Easter, let us remember the One who "humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross" (*Phil 2:8*). During this season of conversion, let us renew our *faith*, draw from the "living water" of *hope*, and receive with open hearts the *love* of God, who makes us brothers and sisters in Christ. At the Easter vigil, we will renew our baptismal promises and experience rebirth as new men and women by the working of the Holy Spirit. This Lenten journey, like the entire pilgrimage of the Christian life, is even now illumined by the light of the resurrection, which inspires the thoughts, attitudes and decisions of the followers of Christ.

SHOE BOX COLLECTION FOR MEN & WOMEN DURING LENT

Once again we are taking on this very successful initiative to support people in need or without homes within our local community. We invite you to become involved. Simply grab a shoe box or collect a calico bag from the parish office and fill it up with lots of goodies.

Some items that can be included are: Toiletries; Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Lotion, Soap/Gel, Razor, Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Tissues, Comb, Feminine Hygiene, Face washer, Deodorant.

Non Perishable Food; Breakfast Biscuits/Cereal, UHT Milk, Noodles, Crackers, Muesli Bar, Lollies/Chocolate, Biscuits/Chips, Fruit Cups/Tins, Tea, Cappuccino sachets, Cup of Soup, Water/Juice, Disposable Cutlery.

Warmth; Socks, Gloves, Beanie, Scarf.

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DECEMBER 8, 2020 - DECEMBER 8, 2021

PLEASE JOIN FR RAUL AND FR ALEX AT ST CECILIA'S CHURCH 8AM MASS OR ST JOHN FISHER MASS
CTR 9.15AM MASS ON FRIDAY 19TH MARCH
ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SOLEMNITY

Gospel Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24

Reflection

O St Joseph, whose life was spent in the perfect fulfilment of duty and whose manual labour sustained the Holy Family of Nazareth, protect us who trust in you and appeal to you. You know our aspirations, our anxieties and our hopes; we come to you because we know that, in you, we shall find a protector, You too were subjected to trials, toil and weariness, but your soul was filled with the deepest peace, and rejoiced in its closeness to the Son of God entrusted to you, and to Mary, his sweet mother. Help us to understand that we are not alone in our work, that Jesus is beside us. May we receive him with grace and guard him faithfully as you have done. Please ensure that everything in our family may be sanctified by charity, patience, justice, and the search for goodness. Amen
(Prayer of St John XXIII)

GIFTED TO GIVE 500 YEARS OF CHRISTIANITY IN THE PHILIPPINES CELEBRATION

Join us in commemorating 500 years of Christianity in the Philippines at Our Lady of Dolours Parish on Tuesday 16 March at 7:30pm.

Bishop Anthony Randazzo will be main celebrant and His Excellency Archbishop Adolfo Tito Yllana will deliver the Homily.

Host for this event is the Filipino Chaplaincy Chatswood Parish (FCCP). Due to current Health Regulations, attendance is capped at 300.

Bookings now open on <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=726245&>

ROSARY MARIANE MOVEMENT of Priest Cenacle will be held Tuesdays after 8am Mass followed by Divine Mercy instead of 2pm.

LEGION OF MARY

Acies Ceremony (personal consecration to Our Lady) will be held after 8am Mass 25th March. All Welcome

WYONG CATHOLIC PARISH is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. We uphold that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult.

PALM SUNDAY CROSSES

All are welcome to come and help make our Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday Masses. *Wednesday 24th March at 11am in the Parish Centre.*

Morning Tea will be provided please bring your own lunch. Also if anyone has any palms that would be suitable to decorate our Churches for Palm Sunday could you please speak to Fr Raul or Fr Alex otherwise please contact the Parish Office.

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ST CECILIA'S CHURCH

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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

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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 Tues 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: Victor Gibbs,

ANNIVERSARY MARCH: Reg Preston, Manuela Anisco, Raquel Cabiles, Anne Badge, Patricia Mutton, Trevelhne Sonter, Fr Tito Ayo, SOLT, Angelita Tabije, Rita Muscat, Margaret Leslie, Michael Conneely, Barbara Brigoli, Najividad Dieta, Jim Fagan, May McAndrew.



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SUNDAY MASS 14TH MARCH 2021

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING 2 CHRONICLES 36:14-16, 19-23 (YEAR B)

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.'

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

SECOND READING EPHESIANS 2:4-10 (YEAR B)

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ - it is through grace that you have been saved - and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

GOSPEL JOHN 3:14-21 (YEAR B)

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believed in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

