

PARISH BULLETIN, 16TH MAY 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

The ASCENSION of the LORD, Year B

16th May 2021



The ASCENSION of the LORD 16th May 2021 Gospel Mk 16:15-20

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Allowing for the eventual gift of the Spirit on the day of Pentecost, fifty days after the Passover, in the Acts of the Apostles Jesus remains with the earliest Church for forty days. Following his ascension, they must wait in the city of Jerusalem, the centre of God's saving history, to which Jesus travelled, where he suffered and rose, and where the Spirit will be given. They are not to worry about when the end of the world will come as they have a mission ahead of them. As the physical presence of Jesus ends – to be replaced by the Holy Spirit – he commissions his disciples to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth. They do not understand. They stand, gazing into the sky, until the two men in white who were in the empty tomb (see Luke 24:4) appear and instruct them that they must begin their mission, as one day in the distant future Jesus will return.

The author to the Letter to the Ephesians instructs us on how we are to conduct that mission as Church, until we all reach the perfection for which we were made. The reading comes from a passage added to Gospel of Mark late in the second century. The author gathers from various earlier traditions to instruct us on Jesus' ascension, and the wonders that will accompany the faith-filled mission that follows Jesus' departure and the gift of the Spirit that we will celebrate next Sunday.

St Mary's chosen for global pandemic Rosary marathon

Pope Francis has named Sydney's St Mary's Cathedral as one of 30 Marian shrines around the world to participate in a Rosary marathon to help end the coronavirus pandemic. You are encouraged to come to gather in prayer at St Mary's Cathedral on 16th May at 6pm.

The Rosary at St Mary's Cathedral will be live streamed on the St Mary's Cathedral YouTube channel on 16th May at 6pm.

For more information contact St Mary's Cathedral.

A message from Bishop Anthony Randazzo

On Saturday 17 April 2021, I convened a meeting of the Plenary Council delegates and animators from across the Diocese for the first time since the pandemic began. The aim was to re-animate the Plenary Council initiative, to provide formation on this theme and to commission the four delegates for the Diocese of Broken Bay – Alison Newell, Raj Rajasingam, Danny Casey, and Fr David Ranson.

Until our gatherings were interrupted by COVID-19, the Diocese of Broken Bay was recognised as one of the highest responders to the Plenary Council invitation to "Listen to what the Spirit is saying" to the Church in Australia. The Council is an opportunity for a holy listening, a truthful speaking, and a dialogue of love. I look forward to continuing the journey of the Plenary Council with the many enthusiastic people who are generously engaged in this task.

My presentation on the Plenary Council day has been produced as a video resource for use throughout the Diocese and can be accessed

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xokINr_VME

I hope that you might find it of use also for our ongoing mission of evangelisation in Broken Bay.



WOMEN'S AND MEN'S BREAKFAST

On Monday last, the first community gathering for our parish, since the start of Covid was held and was an outstanding success. Parishioners from both sides of the parish all agreed, the food, weather and companionship was first class and so ensured the success of this get-together. All have indicated their attendance at the next breakfast.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Beth Hughes
John Dwyer
Gerard Byrne
Helen Beamish 19/5/1950
Maureen Cross 19/5

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Kerry & Brian Bugden 12/5/1962
Enid & John Dwyer 31/5/1958

MOTHER'S DAY STALL

Thank you to Rae Bof for organizing the Mother's Day stall in our Parish. Also special thank you to Rae's helpers Marie Dyer, Irene Smith, Christine Cause and Mary Kerry .

There were lots of lovely gifts to choose from.

\$1185 was raised, thank you to all those who supported this fundraiser.



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CONGRATULATIONS

84 Children were Confirmed at our Confirmation Ceremony on Saturday 1st May.

We extend our congratulations to each child and may the light of the Holy Spirit always burn brightly in you. Blessings on your Confirmation. *'God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us'. (Romans 5:5)*

May we continue to pray for these children and their families that the Holy Spirit will give them strength and draw them closer into a life of faith where their love for God will empower them.

The children's journey of faith would not have been possible without the support of parents, family members, sponsors and teachers.

We also express our gratitude to those who assisted us with our Ceremony. Your support is greatly appreciated.

May God Bless you and your families.

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND – May Appeal – 8/9 May 2021

Many thousands of young people and families in our community receive help from the charities that CWF supports. They can arise with new strength and hope because of your support.

We give thanks to God for the blessing these pastoral works offer to those in hospital, at school, across neighbourhoods and local parishes of Broken Bay.

Please give generously to the final CWF appeal of the Financial Year 2020/21. Donations are 100% tax deductible and support five charities: -

Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Programme – where Hospital Chaplains and five lay Pastoral Care ministers reach 3,500 patients and 700 families each year in our hospitals.

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine – materials, training and support for almost 1,000 catechists who take the gospel to students in our State schools.

St Lucy's School – serving primary school students with disabilities.

St Edmund's College – serving secondary school students with disabilities.

Ephpheta Centre – serving the Catholic deaf community.

Please take a moment to watch the 'Thank you' video to hear from those you are helping - <https://youtu.be/hvA4Etwvd4E>

All donations are gratefully received. **You can donate in three ways:**

Complete the CWF collection envelope in your pew; Online at www.bbcatholic.org.au/give;

Or scan the QR code.

Thank you for your contributions towards the pastoral works of the Church. God Bless.

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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

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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 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 5pm to 6pm

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, Carol Dafter.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Pasquale Murace, George Salvestro.

ANNIVERSARY MAY: Mark Bastic

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