25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B PARISH BULLETIN, 19TH SEPTEMBER 2021

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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



REFLECTION 19TH SEPTEMBER Mk 8:27-35 *Reproduced from God's Word 2021: Daily Reflections, published by St Pauls Publications, Strathfield*

Passing through Galilee, en route to Jerusalem with the Twelve, Jesus told them that an ignominious death at the hands of his enemies awaited him, after which he would rise again. Not surprisingly, this provoked an animated discussion among these often uncomprehending disciples who seemed to be more concerned about their future prospects and their personal status within the group than about Jesus' imminent demise. When they reached Capernaum, where Peter's mother-in-law lived, Jesus put them on the spot by asking what they had been arguing about. With good reason they were embarrassed and chose not to respond. At this point in their commitment to Jesus, lacking the simplicity and candour of a child, they had yet to understand, much less accept, the true nature of Jesus' mission as God's 'Suffering Servant'. Unmindful of his predilection for the poor and the outcast, they also failed to comprehend that the glory of God could shine forth most brilliantly in the face of the crucified Christ. In our own day Pope Francis has frequently drawn attention to Jesus' words, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all'—words we must take to heart, clergy and laity alike.

PRAYER: Jesus, by word and deed you taught the importance of serving others. Help us to realise that service is the authentic response of a genuine disciple. May we also learn to be as little children, looking to you with complete trust in your love for us. Amen

FEAST:

21 September St Matthew:

St Matthew was one of the twelve apostles who was a tax collector and turned his life around from one of self-serving to service in response to the Lord's call of "Follow me". He was one of the four Gospel writers.

Source: https://www.catholic.org/saints/



Birthdays and



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS Marilyn 3/9/1936 Michael Drain 4/9/1947 Kerry Bugden 13/9/1938

Please contact the parish office with **Birthdays** and your Anniversaries, we will have a Mass said for you. 0424 763 734

The September issue of Broken Bay News available is now online.

This issue features Bishop Anthony's message about looking after your spiritual wellbeing, the new Pastoral Discernment Project on the Central Coast, online parenting help in lockdown, Bishop Walker's David 25th anniversary and so much more. Read it online here:



Read it online here: https://issuu.com/bbcatholic/docs/ broken bay news september 2021 issue 211

IMPORTANT - LOCKDOWN EXTENDED FOR **REGIONAL NSW.**

Due to this announcement St Cecilia's Church and St John Fisher Mass Ctr will remain closed until the stay home order is lifted. The Parish office is not open to visitors at this time, you can contact the office on 0424 763 734.

Please join us as we livestream Mass this 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

We know this is a very difficult time so if you, your family or anyone you know is in need of assistance please call either Fr Raul 0450 115 099, Fr Alex 0432 947 245 or Jo 0424 763 734.



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FAN THE FLAME

Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021

'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me:' Mark 9:30-37

Our parishes in particular are challenged to renew the formation of children, young people and families who may not be strongly connected to the Church but who still have an 'instinct for the faith' which prompts them to seek the sacraments or engage in part with of the Church's life.

(Instrumentum Laboris #133) ul – Discernment Paper pp. 12 and 18)

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/ fantheflame/

VIRTUAL OPEN NIGHT Our Speakers:

Join our panel as we discuss

Areté 🌽 CENTRE FOR MISSIONARY LEADERSH

REASONS FOR HOPE IN A DISRUPTED CHURCH and learn about the Arete Centre Foundations of Missionary Leadership Course with a live Q+A.





Foundations Missionary of Leadership Course -**Sponsorships Available**

The Areté Centre for Missionary Leadership offers a *Foundations* for Missionary Leadership course designed to empower and equip participants through a unique blend of theological knowledge, human development, spiritual formation, and practical skills to be effective missionary leaders in our Australian parishes and communities today.

Evangelisation Broken Bay is offering subsidies for parishioners from the Diocese who would like to undertake this Course. For further information about the application process, please contact Pina Bernard on 0432 682 239 or pina.bernard@bbcatholic.org.au. Applications for sponsorships close 8 October.

A Virtual Open Night, with Areté Director Fr Chris Ryan MGL, along with Archbishop Peter Comensoli and Daniel Ang, will be held on 23 September at 7:30pm.

Further information about the Course and Open Night can be found at www.aretecentre.org

Pope Francis'

Prayer Intention for September

An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

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MASS TIMES

ST CECILIA'S CHURCH

23 Byron St Wyong 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

Emergency Priest Contact

Fr Raul ph: 0450 115 099 Fr Alex ph: 0432 947 245

PARISH OFFICE 23 Byron Street Wyong Phone: 0423 763 734 Po Box 385 Wyong 2259 OFFICE HOURS: Mon to Thurs 9.30am to 2.30pm & Fri 9.30am to 12pm

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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, Jacqui Stacey, Josie Campbell, Frank Costa, Carol Dafter, Dave Rodney, Gerard Byrne, Gwen Dwyer.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Joey Moloney, Jack Harris, Lucy Smith **ANNIVERSARY SEPTEMBER:**

ST JOHN FISHER MASS CENTRE Hicks Lane Tumbi Umbi Saturday Vigil / Sunday Mass Times

Saturday Vigit / 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

> 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 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

Catechist Meeting

Liturgy Meeting

Sacramental Team Meeting Social Justice Meeting BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE



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Welcome to the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In this week's Gospel reading, we continue to see the disciples' lack of understanding of the teachings of Jesus as they squabble over which one of them is the greatest. How do we respond to Jesus' instruction that if we want to be first, we must be servant of all? Following Jesus means a self-emptying, a life lived for others, not just for ourselves.

Please join us as we livestream Mass Sunday at 9.30am on Facebook. Please see the link below, don't forget to like and follow our Facebook page.

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Sunday Mass 19th September 2021 THE LITURGY OF THE WORD *Reproduced from Liturgia*

FIRST READING WISDOM 2:12, 17-20

The godless say to themselves, 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after - we have his word for it.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 53:3-6, 8

R. The Lord upholds my life.

O God, save me by your name; by your power, uphold my cause. O God, hear my prayer; listen to the words of my mouth. R.

For proud men have risen against me, ruthless men seek my life. They have no regard for God. R. But I have God for my help. The Lord upholds my life. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart and praise your name for it is good. R.

SECOND READING JAMES 3:16 - 4:3

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness. Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION CF 2 THESSALONIANS 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia! God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

GOSPEL MARK 9:30-37

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

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.

- Many parishioners assist us by donating to our plan giving program via automatic credit card donations weekly or monthly.
- As we are becoming a more cashless society we ask you to please consider this option. If you wish to donate by credit card, please complete the attached credit card form or call Jo in the parish office on 0424 763 734. You can also give **by credit card** over the phone.

• For parishioners who would like to continue using plan giving envelopes, for your convenience, you are welcome to use the credit card option on the back of the plan giving envelopes.

Or you can make your **donation directly into our bank account**:

1st COLLECTION; Society of Our Lady of The Most Holy Trinity (SOLT) BSB 062 195 Account 10229389

2ND COLLECTION; Wyong Catholic Parish BSB 062 784 Account 13528001

SAFEGUARDING MONTH

This week we remember in our **prayers** the safety and wellbeing of Children and Young People especially those who are particularly vulnerable due to COVID-19.

Thank you to Bishop Anthony for celebrating Safeguarding Sunday Mass on 12 September. The Mass was live streamed from the Cathedral. I found Bishop's homily thought provoking as it encouraged me to reflect on my own faith journey and the manner in which I personally and we as a community respond to those who are vulnerable. To go to <u>https://youtu.be/Ts6Kg4ASEx4</u>

Participation of Children and Young People in Catholic Communities: A Guide to Supporting & Engaging, Listening and Communicating with Children and Young people – available from <u>https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/about/safeguarding/safeguarding-month-2021</u>

Wednesday 22 September 2021 @ 11.00am to 12.30pm, via zoom – "Ministering to a Church in Trauma" presentation by Rev Dr David Ranson, Vicar General. To register for this free online event and receive a zoom link go to: <u>https://bbcatholic.zoom.us/meeting/register/</u>

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The horror in Afghanistan has thrown a spotlight on the ongoing refugee crisis. You are invited to the *Hope out of Horror-seeking Refuge in Australia* webinar hosted by SJAB, St Vincent de Paul and the Jesuit Refugee Service starting **7pm 23 September 2021**.

REGISTRATION FOR THIS EVENT IS ESSENTIAL

To register click on the link below: https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/stories-ofhope-and-courage-seeking-refugee-inaustralia-tickets-166888717647

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo Bishop of Broken Bay

Message for BBNeighbourhoods 14 September 2021

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Like many of you, I watched the news last week with great interest about the disappearance, search and rescue of "AJ", the three-year-old boy who was lost for several days in rugged NSW bushland. This amazing little boy survived three nights in the bush in freezing temperatures without food or water, sustaining minor injuries before being reunited with his family. It was a heart-wrenching story of initial despair and anguish, progressing to the mobilisation of the community and finally, to hope and elation once AJ was found safe and sound.

My interest was also captured because of the way that the community responded and took action. From many reports, people from across the whole community participated in the desperate search which lasted over 72 hours. They provided support for family and friends in their time of need. All this in the midst of a global pandemic. I am confident that had this incident occurred in our own community, many of us would not have hesitated instinctively to participate in the search for a lost person as well as offer support to the family.

This led me to reflect on the importance of communal safety. It is incumbent on us, as individuals and as a community, to be aware and to take action in situations where the safety of the vulnerable is in jeopardy. We are never merely individuals, isolated or alone. We find ourselves belonging to multiple groups and communities within the one human family. As such, one eye is constantly on the higher goal of the common good. As sisters and brothers of Jesus Christ, our vocation is to care for and cultivate the communities with each other. Central to our vocation is the need to foster communities of safety and care for all people.

As Safeguarding is a Diocesan focus this month, we seek to ensure children and vulnerable people are provided with the fundamental right to be kept safe and respected. This right is held sacred because Jesus himself showed us how to do so in the Gospels. It is the Gospel that sets the standard for us as a community of the Church. The Good News of Jesus has the power to convert, renew, and reform us as individuals and as a community. In Broken Bay, our awareness is heightened by the commitment and energy required to ensure that everyone is educated and focused on their obligations and responsibilities for the safeguarding of children, young people, and vulnerable adults.

My thoughts are also very much with you at this time that our Church buildings are closed. I have previously indicated that our compliance with the government health orders is to minimise the risk of infection during our gatherings. I understand the pain and anguish that this is causing all of us, myself included, however, I ask you once again to pray fervently for an end to this pandemic. The knowledge that vulnerable people are being protected and cared for must outweigh the inconvenience and distress that many are feeling

It is my hope and desire that as we prepare for the re-opening of our churches, that our community of the Church will respond with the spirit of cheerfulness required to gather to celebrate the Mass and the Sacraments. In the meantime, let us encourage one another, especially those who are troubled or restless. Let us never lose sight of our life in Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

My continued prayers for our communal well-being and safety during these challenging times.

+Anthony



Safeguarding Awareness Month September 2021

Participation of Children & Young People in Catholic Communities





Bay Connect

Evangelisation Broken Bay has launched a new program of online events called Bay Connect. The program provides an online program of regular activities commencing on 30 August, to converse, reflect and connect spiritually online during this challenging time.

The program commences on Monday, 30 August, and includes:

• THE CHOSEN MONDAY

Mondays @ 7:30-8:45pm via Zoom - Join us as we go through the first season of *The Chosen*, viewing one episode every Monday, breaking open some themes and coming to know Jesus in a fresh new way.

• TUESDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

Tuesdays @ 7:00-7:30pm via Instagram Live (@cybbaus) - A place for the community to come together for prayer and to praise God from the setting of your home. All youth, young adults, singles and families, parishioners and clergy are invited.

• HUMPDAY HANGOUT W/ BR BERNARD

Wednesdays @ 7:00-7:30pm via Zoom - Our jolly friar Br. Bernard Mary will host the session with time for prayer, 'Banger' of the week, casual chat and an entertaining selection of activities.

• FORMATION FRIDAYS

Fridays @ 7:00-8:00pm via Zoom - An opportunity to get some simple Catholic formation on various aspects of the faith, from the basics to the hot topics, featuring a different guest speaker each week, followed by some time for questions/discussion.

"Through this, we hope that those in our community who are seeking opportunities to come closer to Christ can do so in a new and fresh way," said Tomasz.

To find out more and register online, visit the Bay Connect page on the Diocese of Broken Bay website

https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/news/covid-19-updates/prayer-resources/bay-connect



Save the date Plenary Council Online Prayer Vigil

The First Plenary Council Assembly starts Sunday 3 October and we are inviting the community of the church of Broken Bay to an online prayer vigil on Saturday 2 October from 7-7:30pm.

"Listen to what the spirit is saying" has been the theme of this Plenary Council acknowledging the importance of prayer and God's relationship with His Church. This prayer vigil will call the community to come together as one Church to offer our prayers of support to the Bishop, Members, Delegates, and the whole Assembly gathering. More details to come soon.

Here to help at home

Local aged care provider, Catholic Healthcare, continues to deliver in-home services to older people in the community.

"Home Care is considered an essential service," says Nicola Rosenthal, Regional Manager, Home & Community Services. "All Home Care services are continuing as normal except for our Wellness Centre at Hamlyn Terrace.

"We are monitoring Government advice and keeping up-to-date with changing restrictions. We have comprehensive COVID-19 protocols in place to minimise risk for clients and staff. Protocols include updated mandatory staff training on infection control and handwashing; mask wearing; pre-visit screening; and reminding staff to stay home if they are unwell. We are also actively encouraging staff and clients to be vaccinated for COVID-19."

The Catholic Healthcare team can provide extra shopping and social support.

"Our Community Workers can accompany and transport clients to their local grocery store or help make purchases online. If clients would prefer to remain in their homes, we can do their shopping and drop it off at their home.

"Our teams have also adjusted our social support groups and can move these to one-on-one connection. We can organise check in phone calls from one of our caring team members or volunteers to help support social, emotional, and spiritual wellbeing."

Catholic Healthcare's local team can provide COVID-safe support for older people struggling with possessions and assist with decluttering. They are also offering a program, Buried in Treasures, which commences on 30th of August. Please go to <u>Buried In Treasures (catholichealthcare.com.au)</u> to register - please note you do have to be over a certain age to attend.

Staff are also available to walk through the My Aged Care website, to discuss aged care options.

"Our Care Advisors are available to assist you," says Nicola. "They can speak to you via video conferencing, by phone or if preferred, in person at your home. Please call 1800 225 474."

Or visit the Catholic Healthcare website www.catholichealthcare.com.au.



FOSTER CARE WEEK: WE NEED FOSTER CARERS

A struggle that rarely makes news headlines is that of children and young people in our community who are suffering. Many have been through experiences few of us could begin to fathom and who, without our help, will go through childhood without the love and support of a family. CatholicCare provides essential support, care and stability for these children and young people often affected by abuse and neglect, to enable them to recover and thrive. The reality is though, we just don't have enough carers. If you have a spare bedroom and the time to help, you'll be showing them they haven't been forgotten. We need carers for babies, right through to kids aged 18 years.

Please visit <u>www.fostering.org.au</u> for more information.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL - HELP AVAILABLE Lockdown assistance

Although our stores are closed the St Vincent de Paul support centres are open to provide emergency assistance of food parcels and Coles cards. If you or anyone you know is in need of assistance, please ring Wyong Support Centre on 4353 5614 (option 1) to make an appointment. Interviews are conducted by phone with contactless food pickup at the door.



International Day of Peace Interfaith Prayer Service

All are warmly invited to celebrate the UN International Day of Peace with an online Interfaith Prayer Service.

When: Tuesday 21 September 2021 at 2.00pm

Where: Zoom - https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/96010303812

Occasional address: Rev. Simon Hansford, the Moderator of the Uniting Church in Australia NSW & ACT Synod.

Religious leaders from Aboriginal, Bahai, Brahmakumaris, Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Islamic, Jain, Jewish, Mandaean, Sikh, Sufi and Zoroastrian communities will offer prayers for peace. There will be an opportunity to light a candle for Peace during the service, so please keep a candle and matchbox ready.



DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER! THERE'S STILL TIME.

As part of the Bay Connect series of online events, the Life, Marriage and Family team will be running The Parenting Children Course (0-10-yr-olds). The Parenting Children Course is a series of 10 weekly sessions for parents of young children seeking connection and support during lockdown while learning new skills. It's fun, hopeful and designed to inspire confidence in your abilities as a parent. Starts **21 September 2021** at **7.30pm via zoom**. For more information contact <u>Emma.Baker@bbcatholic.org.au</u>