

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT  
PARISH BULLETIN, 20TH MARCH 2022**

*Repent, says the Lord;  
the kingdom of heaven is at hand.*

**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*



**Station of the Cross**

**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 20th March 2022**

**Gospel Luke 13:1-9**

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Good teachers draw on the life experience of their pupils. If they can do so by means of storytelling, the attention of their listeners will be ensured and the later recall of the lesson by them will be facilitated. In these terms Jesus was a master teacher. It was said of him, with some exaggeration, that 'he would never speak to [the crowds] except in parables' (Matthew 13:34). When Jesus related today's parable to the people (it is introduced by a call to repentance), he and his hearers were on common ground. Both were familiar with fig trees, the harvesting of their fruits and perhaps some of the more than forty references to them in their Sacred Scriptures. Such trees were of little more than decorative value if they were unproductive. Jesus has something similar to say to us, who claim to be his disciples, if, having heard his teaching, we do not put it into practice. To the gathered disciples at the Last Supper he said: You did not choose me, no, I chose you and I commissioned you to go out and bear fruit, fruit that will last' (John 15:16). At leisure, you might read the whole of John 15. It is an apt Lenten reading.



## 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 BBQ

The postponed parish barbecue will now be held on **Saturday 2 April** following 5:00 pm evening Vigil Mass at St Cecilia's Wyong, weather permitting.

This date is the last opportunity to make use of the longer daylight-saving hours (clocks go back the next day). This social gathering is our first opportunity to get together as a parish since the removal of Covid restrictions. We hope you will be able to join with us.

For catering purposes please let Jo know your attendance numbers on **0424763734** or **43521011** by 12 noon on **Thursday 31 March.**

## 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.

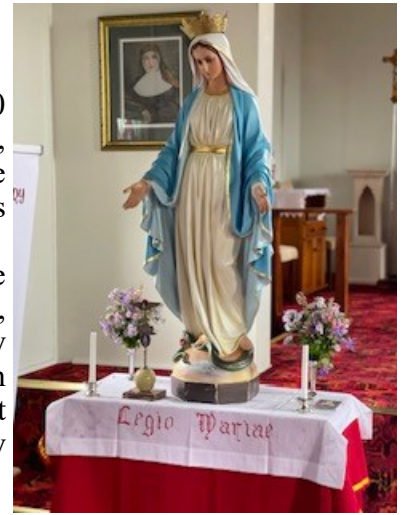
Together, we can help vulnerable Communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow  
***For All Future Generations.***

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au), or by calling 1800 024 413.

## Legion of Mary Celebrating 100

This time last year was the 100 anniversary of the Legion of Mary, however due to COVID we were unable to celebrate this momentous occasion in our parish.

To celebrate the anniversary of the Legion of Mary a Statue of Our Lady, a replica of the one used at the very first meeting in Dublin is currently on display. This statue will be in St Cecilia's Church till Wednesday 23rd March.



Please pray for the Legion of Mary and for new members.

## 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.

## 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.

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**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD** *Reproduced from Liturgia*

**First Reading Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15**

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am,' he answered. 'Come no nearer,' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 102:1-4, 6-8, 11**

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

**Second Reading 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12**

I want to remind you how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

**Gospel Acclamation Matthew 4:17**

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Gospel Luke 13:1-9**

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."'



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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

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.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Kevin Barry

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## Pastoral Discernment Central Coast Project

Many groups and individuals across the region have shared their stories about how all members of the Catholic Church can walk together to carry out our mission as Christians. Have you?

The local consultation process for the Pastoral Discernment Central Coast project is open for two more weeks – until March 31. Join with family, friends, parishioners, or participate yourself. Find out more at: [www.bbcatholic.org.au/pdcc](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/pdcc)

If you haven't already, please visit the webpage to upload your submission. <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/our-faith/pastoral-discernment-central-coast/submissions>



## Towards a Pastoral Mission Resource

A document titled Towards a Pastoral Mission has been developed to support the vision and mission of evangelisation in Broken Bay and the six key priorities Bishop Anthony Randazzo highlighted in his 2020 Pastoral Letter [Jesus Christ, Our Beginning and End](#)

Towards a Pastoral Mission is a precursor to our planned 2022-2025 pastoral mission entitled One in Christ, which will be released shortly and outline the outcomes we would like to work towards.

With your input we can ensure our pastoral mission, goals and priorities are aligned to the needs of the communities and individuals we serve.

You are invited to consider six questions in this document and provide us your feedback as we continue to develop the Pastoral Mission. For the document, questions, your responses and the submission form visit [bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralmission](http://bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralmission)



Domestic Church is a movement for married Catholic couples and families who want to grow in mutual love and pursue sanctity together. The Movement helps spouses to build true unity and create a truly Christian environment in which to bring up their children. It provides lifelong formation in personal, marital and family spirituality.

The family circles meet once a month and function on an annual basis. Each meeting will include sharing life experiences during a symbolic meal, prayer and Bible study as well as formation.

Please contact Gosford Parish if you are interested in joining this program for more details. Any families who are not from Gosford Parish and would like to join are also more than welcome to do so.

Domestic Church leaders will provide more details at the first meeting which will be held on Sunday 27 March after 9.30am Mass at the St Patrick's School Library East Gosford. All families are welcome.

Contact details: [maria.and777@gmail.com](mailto:maria.and777@gmail.com)

## Dating with Passion and Purpose course starting now!

The Dating with Passion and Purpose course is coming to Broken Bay. Simon Carrington – Catholic marriage and dating speaker – begins week 1 of this 6-week course on 23 March in Pennant Hills. These sessions for 18-35s can be life-changing so don't miss out! Registrations essential: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/867438>