

PARISH BULLETIN, 21ST FEBRUARY 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*



First Sunday of Lent

LENTEN PREPARATION

DISSEMINATE THE WORD OF GOD

RESOURCES TO DISSEMINATE THE WORD OF GOD TO ALL PARISHIONERS

Jesus Christ, the Alpha and the Omega – A Lenten Program for the Diocese of Broken Bay

This year, parishes of the Diocese of Broken Bay will take part in a Diocesan Lenten Program, Jesus Christ, the Alpha and the Omega. This resource invites you to prayerfully reflect on the Sunday Gospel readings in Lent together with the six priorities set before us by Bishop Anthony Randazzo in his Pastoral Letter to the community of the Church of Broken Bay, dated 29 November 2020.

For each of the 6 weeks of Lent, this resource includes a reading of the Gospel text; a reflection on the text which draws on one of Bishop Anthony's priority areas; and a personal testimony on an aspect of that particular priority area. All materials and reflections have been prepared by members from our Broken Bay Church community, making this resource relevant to us and the journey we are on as a community.

Our Diocese of Broken Bay Lenten Program *Jesus Christ, the Alpha and the Omega* is now available to be viewed online in PDF format at www.bbcatholic.org.au/lentenprogram



*Birthdays
and
Anniversaries*

Best Wishes

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Garry Greentree 3/2/1949
Mary-Louise McDarmont
10/2/1940

Warmest Congratulations

ANNIVERSARIES

Barbara & Tony Fish 7/2/1959
Sue & Len Miller 28/2/1970

**"BE
MORE"**

**THE THEME FOR PROJECT
COMPASSION 2021 IS:**

We are inspired by the quote
from St Oscar Romero, *"Aspire
not to have more, but to be
more."*

Instead of aspiring to have more,
we can focus on how we can BE
more kind, more green, more
involved, more aware, more
giving.

This Lent, let us consider how
we can 'BE MORE' for our
neighbours around the world.

PLEASE NOTE

During the week of 22nd
February the Parish office
will only be open on:

Wednesday 24th Feb and
Thursday 25th Feb.

Office hours will return to
normal Monday 1st
March.



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

**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 in the *'Shoe Box
Collection'*. Simply grab a shoe box
or collect a calico bag from the parish
office and fill it up with lots of
goodies.

Please note: if you would rather not
make up a shoe box we have also
provided a basket at the back of the
church for you to place individual
items into.

**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.

You are welcome to leave your
donations at the back of the Church/
Mass ctr.

**Children's Liturgy
Sunday 5pm Mass @ St John Fisher**

We have exciting news!!! Children's Liturgy has returned to the
Sunday 5pm Mass. The children come together to understand the
Word of God at a level that is appropriate to them. They will
participate in fun craft activities that are relative of the Gospel.
We look forward to seeing you there.



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SUNDAY MASS 21 FEBRUARY 2021 THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING GENESIS 9:8-15

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: nothing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 24:4-9

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

SECOND READING 1 PETER 3:18-22

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION MATTHEW 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL MARK 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

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On this first Sunday of Lent we are invited to journey into the wilderness with Jesus, a place of encounter and solitude. It was the Spirit who 'drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days....' in the wilderness Jesus prayed, fasted and was tempted.

The forty days of Lent are also a time when we can be strengthened for the work that God has prepared for us. Are we aware of the ways that God desires to use our lives to reach out to others? Pope Francis invites us 'take advantage of Lent as the privileged time to purify ourselves in order to experience the consoling presence of God in our lives'.

Lord, help us to seek moments of being alone with you. Teach us, Lord, the value of silence and solitude in our life. Help us to seek you in this time.

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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

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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 and

St John Fisher During 9.15am Mass

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

Prayer groups

St Cecilia's Rosary Group 2pm Tues

St Cecilia's Legion of Mary 8am 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, Victor Gibbs, 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: Elsie Smith, Rumsey Mangano, Josephine (Jo) Shelvey

ANNIVERSARY FEBRUARY: Bill Cullinan, John Kiernan, Rosie Attard, Natividad Dieta, Rita Muscat, Rod McCarthy.

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**Most Rev Anthony Randazzo
Bishop of Broken Bay**

**Message for BBNeighbourhoods
16 February 2021**

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

The Season of Lent is upon us once again as tomorrow is Ash Wednesday. Strangely, it is one of my favourite times in our liturgical year because of the potential that is hidden within the Season. There is a simplicity to our prayer and worship during Lent that seems to unclutter life and liberate us from the grind of a fast and furious world.

While I love the dimensions of prayer and fasting, I particularly appreciate the call of Jesus who gave his disciples a new commandment of Christ, “even as I have loved you, that you also love one another” (John 13:34). Charity means loving as Jesus loved. In the community of the Church, we seek to be witnesses to *caritas Christi* – the charity of Christ. It is more than simply doing good or registering as benefactors for worthwhile projects. The foundation to our charity, especially during Lent, is the example of Christ, who laid down his life for our salvation and for the salvation of the world. No greater love has any man or woman than this (cf John 15:13).

While the mission of the Church is understood to be spiritual in nature, we also embrace all the temporal aspects of human life. This Lent, I ask how might we do this with hearts and minds filled with the charity of Christ? How might we live and proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ so that all people, without exception, might know and feel the loving embrace of God? As the community of the Church of Broken Bay, how can we acknowledge, respect, and love the poor, the oppressed, the marginalised, and those who find themselves burdened by adversity, vulnerability, or powerlessness?

Inspired by the Word of God and nourished by the sacraments, I invite you to join with me as together we strive to bring to bear the charity of Christ which gives authentic witness to the faith we profess. The practice of charity reveals the “new commandment” which makes known to the world the new life of the children of God.

May the power of the Holy Spirit, who reveals the charity of Christ, strengthen us in our resolve to be disciples of Jesus in the world. The charity of Christ urges us!

+Anthony

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February

FOR WOMEN WHO ARE VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.