

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Eucharistic Adoration Daily	7am—8am	St Cecilia's Church
Mon 26th		
Mass or Devotions and Prayers	11am	St Peter's Catholic College
Tues 27th - St Monica (Memorial)		
		Catechist Classes; Tuggerah & Tuggerawong Public Schools
Social Justice Meeting	1.15pm	Parish Centre
Rosary Group	2pm	St Cecilia's Church
St Cecilia's Choir practice in the church	7pm	St Cecilia's Church
Wednesday 28th - St Augustine, bishop, doctor (Memorial)		
		Catechist Classes; Chittaway & Berkeley Vale Public Schools
Legion of Mary	8am	St Cecilia's Church
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help - following	8am Mass	St John Fisher Mass Ctr
Secondary Catechist Classes	8.30am	Berkeley Vale Campus
Thursday 29th - The Passion of St John the Baptist, martyr (Mem)		
		Catechist Classes; Tacoma Public School
Parish Court House helpers -provide morning tea	9am-11.30am	Wyong Court House
Friday 30th		
Devotion to the Divine Mercy - following	8am Mass	St Cecilia' Church
Devotion to the Divine Mercy - following	9.15am Mass	St John Fisher Mass Ctr
Saturday 31st		
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help - following	8am Mass	St Cecilia' Church
Children's Liturgy	5pm	St Cecilia's Church
Sunday 1st September		
Mass	11.15am	St Barnabas Yarramalong
Children's Liturgy	5pm	St John Fisher Mass Ctr

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Week 4	1st	Paul Flynn	No 30	\$40
	2nd	Beryl Taylor	No 14	\$20
Week 5	1st	Sue Millar	No 1	\$40
	2nd	Patrick Fitzgerald	No 72	\$20

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25TH AUGUST 2019
 21ST SUNDAY
 IN ORDINARY TIME,
 YEAR C

Gospel Reflection

21st Sunday In Ordinary Time, Year C

On his fateful final journey to Jerusalem, while teaching in 'one town and village after another', Jesus was asked, 'Will only a few be saved?' He did not answer directly but invited the questioner (most probably a man) to consider what course of action he must take if he is to be saved. For Jesus 'salvation is not something a reckless person receives from a permissive God' (Jose Pagola); it requires effort on our part. In keeping with all that Jesus proclaimed in his public ministry, it calls for perseverance in a way of life characterised by love of God and neighbour. For his disciples Jesus himself is the door through which one must enter. 'I am the gate,' he said. 'Whoever enters by me will be saved' (Jn 10:9). No one comes to the Father except through him; for he is 'the way, and the truth, and the life' (Jn 14:6). It must have been reassuring to Luke's community, largely of Gentile origin, to hear that entry into the kingdom of God, was not dependent on their relationship with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

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 NO ONE COMES TO THE FATHER, EXCEPT THROUGH ME.**

The Jesus High 5

Purpose: To teach the students to adapt the use of the "High Five" celebratory hand gesture as a simple and fun way of remembering in a summarized form, some of the key behaviours that Jesus taught us to introduce into our Christian way of life. Wikipedia defines the high five is a hand gesture that occurs when two people simultaneously raise one hand each, about head-high, and push, slide, or slap the flat of their palm against the flat palm of the other person. The gesture is often preceded verbally by a phrase like "Give me five", "High five", "Up high", or "Slap hands".

Background: Year 6 students have been exposed to a wide variety of SRE content, with often similar themes repeated over their primary years, such that it can become a bit of blur of concepts centred around the general idea that Jesus wants us to be good and kind. Students can be overwhelmed as they enter high school so it hoped the Jesus High Five can be used a fun way to more easily and clearly recall the following five key Christian behaviours. There is nothing to be lost in students, at sporting and other celebratory occasions, associating at least partially, the High Five gesture with the five behaviors that Jesus taught us.

Year 5-6 Students at Tacoma Primary Public School were asked to draw an outline of their hands in the inside of their workbook covers. The students were taught that the most basic attitude Jesus taught us was to have **Gratitude** to God for what he has given us – so they were asked to write the word gratitude at the position of their thumb.

The second most important attitude Jesus wanted us to demonstrate in our life was **Love** which we defined to involve both Inclusion and Forgiveness – so the word Love was written at the index finger position. Jesus taught us to break down barriers between people and to spread the spirit of love and harmony among all people.

The longest/middle finger – with longest reach – was reserved for **Generosity** which is to be used with all or as many people as possible in our life. Jesus taught that a fresh attitude should be taken towards material possessions in that we should live simply and share with others.

The following finger – the ring finger – was used for **Serving others** in our community including but not limited to our parents, other students and our teachers. The students were taught that Jesus took on the form of a servant. He came not to be served, but to serve. He went about doing good, healing the sick, preaching the good news to the poor and binding up the broken hearted.

The little finger was reserved for **Caring for Others and the Environment** in our daily living as both belong to God. This requires that openness to all forms of life which was characteristic of Jesus. The photo shows the Jesus High Five drawn by Grace, a year 6 student at Tacoma Public Primary School.

By Tony Camenzuli
Wyong Parish Catechist at Tacoma Public School

10.45am Baptism's

We warmly welcome the following children who are to be baptized this weekend into our Parish Community:

Lily Manon, Samuel James, James Henry, Grace Elizabeth, Nick Lawrence and Ivy Rae.
May the grace of the Lord Jesus bless them and their families.

Sacrament of First Eucharist Let your faith shine through

We welcome again all the children/families who are preparing for the Sacrament of First Eucharist in our Parish. This is their final week of preparation to receive Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Please continue to support and pray for them.



Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

Volunteers Needed
Saturday 21st Sept

1 hour time slots between 7.30am and 5.30pm

Please volunteer your time on this day, even if it is only for one or two hours. Put your name and phone number in the time slot that suits you, on the Roster at the back of the Church.

Please ring Kerry Bugden on 4388 2938 to find out more. Your commitment to this will be much appreciated.

This will help go towards raising much needed funds to meet the Parishes Charitable Works Fund quota for this financial year of \$21,840.00.

Men's Retreat Weekend:

30 Aug – 1 Sept 2019 - \$230 Mr Paul White

Join other men of faith exploring how, the power of "Yes!" changes circumstances in dark times; how we can live in the light of God's truth which can bring much joy to our lives and much needed peace and harmony. Come, relax and enjoy God in tranquility at St. Mary's Towers Retreat Centre, Douglas Park, RSVP Ph:4630 0233 OR mail contact@towersretreat.org.au

Anointing of the Sick (First Friday)

St Cecilia's During 8.00am & 11.30am Mass
St John Fisher During 9.15am Mass



Keep Us In Your Prayers

Prayer: The most valuable gift you can give someone.

Sick: Len Miller, Victor Gibbs, Harriet Powell, Danae Roe, Gail Parsons, Harry Hall, Michael Briggs, Kerry Baldwin, Christine Heffernan, Jennese Thompson, Stephen Doyle, Martin Wicks.

Recently Deceased: Peter Ford, Abelardo Santiago, Judy Kennedy, Phillip Amey.

Anniversary: Joe Farrugia, Monica Bito-on, Ruth & Cecil Booth, Brian Flints.

Weekend Mass Times

St Cecilia's Church
23 Byron St Wyong
Sat Vigil 5.00pm Sun 7.30am & 9.30am

St John Fisher Mass Centre
Hicks Lane Tumbi Umbi
Sat Vigil 5.00 pm Sun: 8.30am & 5pm

Weekday Mass

St Cecilia's : Mon-Sat: 8.00am
St John Fisher:
Mon, Wed, Thurs 8:00am
Tue & Fri: 9.15am

Reconciliation/Confession

St Cecilia's Saturday morning after the 8am Mass & Saturday at 4.30pm
St John Fisher Saturday at 4.30pm

Monthly Mass

St Barnabas Yarramalong
1st Sunday 11.15am

Filipino Mass

Every 3rd Sunday 12pm

Eucharistic Adoration

St Cecilia's
Daily 7am-8am
St John Fisher
1st Friday 8.15-9.15am
St Cecilia's 1st Friday of the month
7pm mass followed by prayers - Mass
Midnight concluding 1am Saturday

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention

for August; Families That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of true human growth".

Readings: 1st September 2019

22nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME,
Year C First Reading; Sirach 3:17-20,28-29; Second Reading; Heb 12:18-19;
Gospel; Lk 14:1,7-14. You may view next week's readings by visiting this web site: <http://www.usccb.org/bible/>

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