

# 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

*A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.*

## PARISH BULLETIN, 25TH JULY 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*



### World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

**"I am with you always" are the words that I, as Bishop of Rome and an elderly person like yourselves, would like to address to you on this first World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly: the whole Church is close to you – to us – and cares about you, loves you and does not want to leave you alone!**



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### PRAYER FOR THE FIRST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

I thank You, Lord, for the comfort of Your presence: even in times of loneliness, You are my hope and my confidence, You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth!

I thank You for having given me a family and for having blessed me with a long life. I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty, for the dreams that have already come true in my life and for those that are still ahead of me. I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which You call me.

Increase, O Lord, my faith, make me a channel of your peace, teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me, to never stop dreaming and to tell of your wonders to new generations.

Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church, that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth. Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world, that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed, the poor consoled and wars ended.

Sustain me in weakness and help me to live life to the full in each moment that You give me, in the certainty that you are with me every day, even until the end of the age.

Amen.

## \$3000.00 GREATER BANK CENTRAL COAST.

Wyong Parish is nominated for the July round of the Greater Central Coast community funding program.

We will be vying for a share of \$3000 which is to be split between three organisations. If we have the most votes we receive \$2000, if not we receive \$500.

Voting is limited to one vote per hour per voter from **9am Monday 5 July until 5pm Wednesday 28 July.**

To vote go to [www.greater.com.au/greatercentralcoast](http://www.greater.com.au/greatercentralcoast) you can use your phone, computer or iPad.

**Remember we must have the most votes to win.**

## **IMPORTANT** - Message from Bishop Anthony Randazzo: Closure of all Broken Bay Parishes due to COVID 19 Stay at Home Order – 15 July 2021

COVID outbreak in Sydney continues to necessitate the implementation of the Stay at Home order for the Greater Sydney Area, including Central Coast, Blue Mountains and Wollongong, which is **now in place to at least 11:59pm Friday 30 July 2021.**

With the announcement of the continuation of the Stay at Home Order, I ask that **all our churches in Diocese of Broken Bay remain closed.** The obligation for the faithful to participate in Sunday Mass (can.1247) remains lifted for the people of Broken Bay for the duration of this Stay at Home Order. I will review the situation as we approach 30 July or if the stay at home order is lifted earlier. **Weddings are not permitted to take place, and funerals will be limited to 10 people including the celebrant.**

### Message from the Parish Office

Due to this announcement St Cecilia's Church, St John Fisher Mass Ctr and the Parish office will remain closed until the stay home order is lifted. Helen and I are currently working from home, you can contact the Parish Office on 0424 763 734 Blessings Jo

**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.**

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## Fan the Flame

Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021

*'Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready'*

*John 6:1-15*

Grace moves God's people to ask questions grounded in the call we received at Baptism: how do we better nourish, accompany, give witness, support, invite, welcome, engage and be present to others, such that we all grow in holiness? Prayerful and Eucharistic – Discernment Paper p. 6)

[www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/)



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## REFLECTION Gospel Jn 6:1-5

*Reproduced from God's Word 2021: Daily Reflections, published by St Pauls Publications, Strathfield*

The first reading and the Gospel of today speak about the reality of hunger and the food that satisfies. In both instances people were hungry and in need of food. In the Gospel episode, the crowd is large and far from any town. By human standards they are in an impossible situation for they have no way to obtain food. But what is impossible for humans is possible for the God of compassion and love. Jesus challenges the disciples to come up with a solution: 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' Andrew's half-hearted initiative and the boy's generosity are blessed by Jesus with remarkable results. The small boy's 'five barley loaves and two fish' are enough to feed well over 5000 people, with plenty left over!

God works wonders when we are willing to cooperate with him. Complaining and murmuring about the enormity of a problem won't solve it. But if we are willing and generous enough to place our small contribution at the Lord's feet, remarkable results can come. St Paul exhorts us today to lead a life worthy of the vocation to which we are called, and to support one another in love, with complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Humility, gentleness, patience in all situations and loving support for each other are hallmarks of the Christian life.



### Birthdays and Anniversaries

#### JULY BIRTHDAYS

Lucy Smith 16/7  
Moya Wicks 7/7  
Margaret Bastick 1/7  
Vince Allport  
Betty Bohm 17/7  
Nick Murace 23/7

#### JULY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Doreen & Michael Whipps  
16/7/1965

### National Catholic Men's Gathering 2021

*"They were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other Apostles, Brothers - what then must we do?" Acts 2:37*

The National Catholic Men's Gathering for 2021 will be launched online on Saturday 31 July. Join a diocesan group with your Bishop, or with your Men's Ministry/Parish group or individually.

Three sessions will be provided online, along with reflection questions for group discussion or individual reflection.

**Aim: To inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish/diocese and the world.**

**Cost: FREE**

**Registration:** [www.catholicmensgathering.com.au](http://www.catholicmensgathering.com.au)

**Program:** Available from Saturday 31 July 2021

### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for July Social Friendship

We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

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## MASS TIMES

### ST CECILIA'S CHURCH

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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

**Weekday Mass**

Mon, Wed, Thurs 8:00am Tue & Fri: 9.15am

**Reconciliation/Confession** Saturday at 4.30pm

### EMERGENCY PRIEST CONTACT

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**PARISH OFFICE** 23 Byron Street Wyong

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**OFFICE HOURS:** Mon to Thurs 9.30am to 2.30pm &

Fri 9.30am to 12pm

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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 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**

### 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, Lucy Smith, Gerard Byrne.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Leslie Puckeridge, Patricia Malone, Sr Sylvia Markulin,

**ANNIVERSARY JULY:** Pauleene Crass, John Dwyer, Nora Dillon, Bridget Dermody, Colleen Warren, Ray Booby, Jessie Bastick, James Bastick

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## Sunday Mass 25th July 2021

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

#### FIRST READING 2 KINGS 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some over." He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 144:10-11, 15-18

**R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. R.

The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time. You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live. R.

The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. R.

#### SECOND READING EPHESIANS 4:1-6

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION LUKE 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

#### GOSPEL JOHN 6:1-15

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee - or of Tiberias - and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.





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**When to vote:** Monday 5th July to Wednesday 28th July

**Where to vote:** [www.greater.com.au/greatercentralcoast](http://www.greater.com.au/greatercentralcoast)

**Why:** The Parish could win up to \$2000.00 (if we have the most votes)

## 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:**

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## ***Vox Episcopi* - The Voice of the Bishop**

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

**Message for BBNeighbourhoods  
20 July 2021**

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

A little over three years ago, I had the pleasure of being at the launch of a new initiative called Fire Up Ministries ([fireupministries.com](http://fireupministries.com)). Along with several hundred young people, I gathered at Epping for the launch of this marvellous initiative by Simon and Madeleine Carrington.

I first had the pleasure of meeting the Carringtons quite early in my ministry as an Auxiliary Bishop in the Archdiocese of Sydney when Simon and Madeleine were engaged to be married. The next time our paths crossed was when I participated in a panel to discuss vocations in August 2017. Just two months shy of their wedding day, which they celebrated on 7 October – the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary – Simon and Madeleine were representing couples called to married life.

I distinctly remember being impressed not only by their eloquence, but also their radiating a clear sense to others that what they were living out as a soon-to-be-married couple was nothing less than a response to God's call.

In a similar way, I am convinced that what they embarked upon with Fire Up Ministries is also a response to a call. The world, and our young people in particular, is crying out for good news regarding issues that plumb the depths of their identity, particularly those that touch upon that very beautiful and delicate, yet complex and profound area of human sexuality.

When we look around the world, we are constantly being given reminders of the darkness that envelops it, particularly in all matters relating to human identity. But as the saying goes, "it is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness", and both Simon and Madeleine are in their burgeoning ministry, providing that little bit of light to the young people of Broken Bay, Parramatta, Sydney, and beyond.

I believe that this is indeed good news for our community of the Church – especially for our young people as they explore their conviction in life and mission as men and women of faith.

Simon and Madeleine's vision has promoted a mission to restore marriage and family life in our culture by proclaiming Saint John Paul II's Theology of the Body, which is a comprehensive teaching encompassing all of life from conception until natural death. A topic that is indeed ripe for our time.

People often ask me for direction and resources that might assist in making positive and fruitful choices in life. I would encourage communities throughout Broken Bay to see Fire Up Ministries as one such experience which offers positive Catholic teaching and experience to our young people

Blessings of love, peace, and good health for the week ahead,

+Anthony





*Ad Astra* is a program for the young leaders of the Diocese of Broken Bay who desire to grow in leadership and aspire for the heights of ministry and relationship with God. The goal of *Ad Astra* is not just to enhance a prayer life, but to transform one's capacity for ministry. As an intentional community, we will journey together in a number of ways:

- Formation Nights – We will gather for our Formation Nights at Wahroonga Parish Sunroom where we will eat together, pray together and receive cutting edge formation through talks and workshops. Topics include: The Heart of Ministry, Revelation: Why do we listen to the Church? Charisms & Temperaments, Social Media and Graphic Design, Vocation and Mission, Anthropology and Self Care, What is Spiritual Warfare and more (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month from 6:30pm – 9:00pm except for this coming July, due to Y-Factor we will have it on the 3rd Thursday).
  - Community Nights – We will gather for Community Nights in someone's home, sharing company, ministry life, a meal and prayer. (4th Thursday of the month from 6:30pm – 9:00pm).
  - Mentorship & Ministry – Each leader who joins *Ad Astra* will have a mentor from the CYBB team, for bi-monthly support meetings and each leader will have a parish placement.
- Evangelisation School – In January we will attend an intensive all-expenses paid Evangelisation School. Do you know a young person in your parish, who might benefit from this program? Send them an online application form today! <https://forms.gle/Lgr8pEK9MVdd8YNKA>

## **Rescheduled seminar on Wills, Enduring Guardianship and Powers of Attorney.**

Due to current COVID-19 restrictions, the free seminar on Wills, Enduring Guardianship and Powers of Attorney for the Catholic community of Broken Bay is postponed and rescheduled. The new date is **25 September 2021**, pending restrictions on gatherings at that time. Previous bookings for Saturday 17 July 2021 remain valid and will be transferred to the new date.

For more information and details go to <https://www.trybooking.com/BPNGJ> or contact David Armstrong at [david.armstrong@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:david.armstrong@bbcatholic.org.au) should you have any questions.