

PARISH BULLETIN, 28TH 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*



## Parish Lenten Preparation 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)

# Second Sunday Of Lent

## ***We give thanks for the generosity of our Catechists/Helpers***

**Catechist Sunday** gives our parish an opportunity to thank and encourage our Catechists/Helpers. The importance of their work cannot be underestimated and is most rewarding.

Our Catechists/Helpers are humble people who do not expect public gratitude for what they do. Occasionally though, we all like to receive a little thanks, particularly when we are volunteering our time. At this time we publicly thank our Catechists/Helpers for their hard work and dedication to the ministry. **At all our Masses this weekend we invite all Catechists/Helpers for a special Blessing and commissioning and encourage them as they continue this most important work of the Church.**

A special thank you to those Catechists/Helpers from 2020 who through retirement or family commitments are unable to help us this year.

We currently have 10 teachers and 2 helpers who cover 20 classes in 5 primary schools, which is amazing, but we are always looking for extra helpers. Anyone who may be contemplating this very worthy ministry, please know that you will be greatly supported with training provided. The ability to share the good news with the children is very spiritually rewarding.



## 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

## Condolences

The Parish extends our deepest condolences to Pauline Gibbs and family on the passing of her beloved husband **Victor Albert Gibbs**. Vic was a dearly loved member of our parish community. He will be sadly missed.

His funeral Mass was held on Friday 26th February at St Cecilia's Church Wyong.

We know and pray that Vic is in God's loving hands.

May he rest in peace. Amen

## 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.**

## Do You Want to Fast This Lent?

*In the words of Pope Francis*

*Fast from hurting words ...and say kind words*

*Fast from sadness ...and be filled with gratitude*

*Fast from anger ...and be filled with patience*

*Fast from pessimism ...and be filled with hope*

*Fast from worries ...and have trust in God*

*Fast from complaints ...and contemplate simplicity*

*Fast from pressures ...and be prayerful*

*Fast from bitterness ...and fill your hearts with joy*

*Fast from selfishness ...and be compassionate to others*

*Fast from grudges ...and be reconciled*

*Fast from words ...and be silent so you can listen*

## 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.

## 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 28 FEBRUARY 2021**  
**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING GENESIS 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18**

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood. Then he stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self - it is the Lord who speaks - because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 115:10, 15-19**

R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

**SECOND READING ROMANS 8:31-34**

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us - he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION CF MATTHEW 17:5**

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**GOSPEL MARK 9:2-10**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

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To contemplate the scene of the Transfiguration we need to 'go up the mountain with Jesus', leaving behind our worries and concerns. On the mountain Jesus appeared to Peter, James and John in all his glory as the Son of God. Peter wanted to hold on to that experience and stay on the mountain, offering to build a few tents!

It was while he was praying to his heavenly Father that Jesus was transfigured. The same can be the case for us.

Each time we pray and seek to be in communion with the Father, we too can experience being transfigured or transformed by God's presence. Very real changes can take place when we encounter Christ in prayer. An inner transformation can take place as our faith, hope and love are restored or renewed. And even a physical change can happen: the glow returns to our eyes, we smile again, and our shoulders are no longer weighed down.

Jesus' communion with his Father in the prayer of Transfiguration strengthened him to face the cross. We too need experiences of tasting heaven on earth in order to face the challenges of the cross in our own life.

***Lord, held us to taste and see heaven on earth. Lord, transform us!***

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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

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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 9am 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, 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: Victor Gibbs, Joe Grima, 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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