

## PARISH BULLETIN, 2ND MAY 2021

WYONG CATHOLIC PARISH

ST CECILIA'S CHURCH & ST JOHN FISHER MASS CTR

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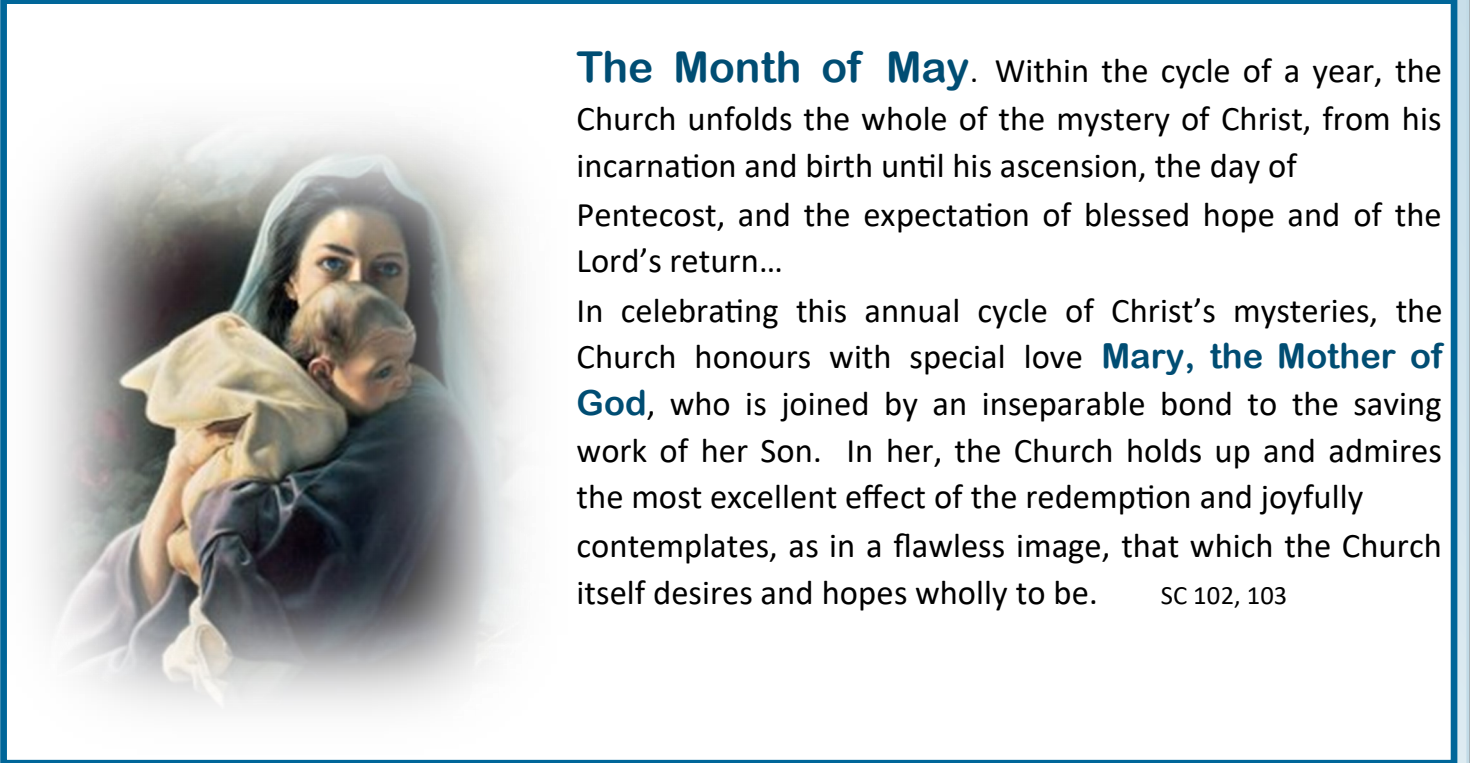
**VISION** *The Wyong Catholic Parish is a welcoming, caring dynamic community*

**MISSION STATEMENT** *We will live and proclaim the message of the Gospel:*

*Engage, Participate, Reach out and Transform*

**The Month of May.** Within the cycle of a year, the Church unfolds the whole of the mystery of Christ, from his incarnation and birth until his ascension, the day of Pentecost, and the expectation of blessed hope and of the Lord's return...

In celebrating this annual cycle of Christ's mysteries, the Church honours with special love **Mary, the Mother of God**, who is joined by an inseparable bond to the saving work of her Son. In her, the Church holds up and admires the most excellent effect of the redemption and joyfully contemplates, as in a flawless image, that which the Church itself desires and hopes wholly to be. SC 102, 103



### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER GOSPEL REFLECTION JOHN 15: 1-8 2ND May 2021

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John 15: 1-16:3 is located at the very heart of John's account of Jesus' final night with his disciples (John 13-17). Today's Gospel, taken from the opening verses of this central passage, uses the model of a vine and its branches to instruct the disciples on the need to maintain union with Jesus. The word that best expresses what Jesus is teaching in these verses is 'remain.' Some translations of the Greek original use the expression 'abide'. The expression appears six times in this Gospel. The relationship between the believer and Jesus should be one of deep intimacy where the life of the believer, described as a branch, draws from the richness of Jesus who identifies himself as the vine.

Jesus tells of two possibilities. Those who remain in Jesus bear fruit, receive all the blessings that they request, and are truly disciples of Jesus. Those who do not remain and fail to bear fruit will be removed from their source, and thus die. Jesus warns: 'Cut off from me you can do nothing'. The opposite is also true: by remaining in Jesus, the disciple can do everything. The theme of 'remaining' does not end as Jesus concludes his references to the vine and the branches. As we will see next Thursday and next Sunday, remaining in Jesus leads to dwelling in his love, but it also generates hatred.



## Sacrament of Confirmation

We warmly welcome Bishop Anthony Randazzo to our Parish this weekend.

Bishop Anthony will minister the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday 1st May to our children at St Peter's College.

Please pray for these children and their families. May the gifts of the Holy Spirit enrich their lives as they grow in their faith.

We extend our congratulations to all the children and pray for God's Blessings upon them.

## Thank You

We sincerely thank all our wonderful *VOLUNTEERS* who have helped in any way with making the children's Confirmation Day special.

Thank you, thank you and may God Bless you all.

## CHARITABLE WORKS FUND – May Appeal – 8/9 May 2021

Many thousands of young people and families in our community receive help from the charities that CWF supports. They can arise with new strength and hope because of your support.

We give thanks to God for the blessing these pastoral works offer to those in hospital, at school, across neighbourhoods and local parishes of Broken Bay.

Please give generously to the final CWF appeal of the Financial Year 2020/21. Donations are 100% tax deductible and support five charities: -

**Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Programme** – where Hospital Chaplains and five lay Pastoral Care ministers reach 3,500 patients and 700 families each year in our hospitals.

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**St Lucy's School** – serving primary school students with disabilities.

**St Edmund's College** – serving secondary school students with disabilities.

**Ephpheta Centre** – serving the Catholic deaf community.

Please take a moment to watch the 'Thank you' video to hear from those you are helping - <https://youtu.be/hvA4Etwvd4E>

All donations are gratefully received.

**You can donate in three ways:**

**Complete the CWF collection envelope in your pew;**

**Online at [www.bbcatholic.org.au/give](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/give);**

**Or scan the QR code.**

**Thank you for your contributions towards the pastoral works of the Church. God Bless.**



## ALL WELCOME

Please come and join Fr Raul and Fr Alex for our **COMBINED WOMEN'S GET-TOGETHER AND MEN'S BREAKFAST**

- ◆ **MONDAY 3RD MAY 2021**
- ◆ **10.30AM**
- ◆ **PARISH HALL 23 BYRON ST WYONG**
- ◆ **PLEASE RSVP to Jo on 0424 763 734**

## Birthdays and Anniversaries



### MAY BIRTHDAYS

Beth Hughes  
John Dwyer  
Gerard Byrne  
Helen Beamish 19/5/1950

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Kerry & Brian Bugden 12/5/1962  
Enid & John Dwyer 31/5/1958

**Please contact the parish office with your Birthdays and Anniversaries, we will have a Mass said for you.**



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## MOTHER MARY – Model of Humility, Love and Tenderness

“Whenever we look to Mary, we come to believe once again in the revolutionary nature of love and tenderness. In her we see that humility and tenderness are not virtues of the weak but of the strong who need not treat others poorly in order to feel important themselves.”

*Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel, 288*

### EXTRA MOWER'S REQUIRED

**We are appealing for more mowers for 2021.**

If there is any person who would be kind enough to join us in the mowing and general maintenance of the Church (approx. 1 hr four times a year depending on the numbers we have) please contact Brian on 4388 2938.

**To make life a little easier our equipment consists of a ride-on-mower and a self-propelled mower. Thank you.**

### DEFIBILLATOR TRAINING

In 2020 a family from our parish donated 2 defibrillators to our parish. With the easing of the Covid restrictions, it is now possible for these to be placed at St Cecilia's and St John Fisher. We need however, parishioners who are trained to use these items.

A training session will be held in the Parish Centre at Wyong on **Tuesday 11 May at 7:00 pm.** Any parishioner who is willing to be part of this training session is asked to contact Jo Helm at the Parish office on 43521011 or Kerry Bugden on 43882938 by **Monday 3 May** to have your name included.

### MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

On **Sunday 9 May** a special morning tea will be held after

**8:30 a.m. Mass at Tumbi and**

**9:30 a.m. Mass at Wyong.**

This is our first chance to celebrate in over twelve months and all are welcome.

If you wish to contribute, a plate would be appreciated.

### MOTHER'S DAY STALL

On the following dates we will be having a Mother's Day stall in our Parish. There will be lots of lovely gifts to choose from, so please support this fundraiser. Thank you.

**Sunday 2nd May -- 7.30 and 9.30 Masses at Wyong**

### SAFEGUARDING MESSAGE

A culture of Safeguarding values COMMITMENT...."Speak out and judge fairly, defend the rights of the poor and needy." - see Proverbs 31:9 Wyong parish is committed to safeguarding. All children, young persons and vulnerable adults have a right to feel safe and be safe. If you have a concern about the safety of anyone in the parish, please raise your concern with Fr Raul, Fr Alex or Joanne.

The contact details are (4352 1011 or [wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au)) or see back of Bulletin for Mobil no.

### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for May

**“The World of Finance**

**Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.**

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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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### 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

**St Barnabas, Yarramalong**

1st Sun of month 11am (4th April)

### 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

**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, Carol Dafter.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Pasquale Murace

**ANNIVERSARY MAY:**

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