

PARISH BULLETIN, 4TH APRIL 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*



SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

GOSPEL REFLECTION JOHN 20: 1-9

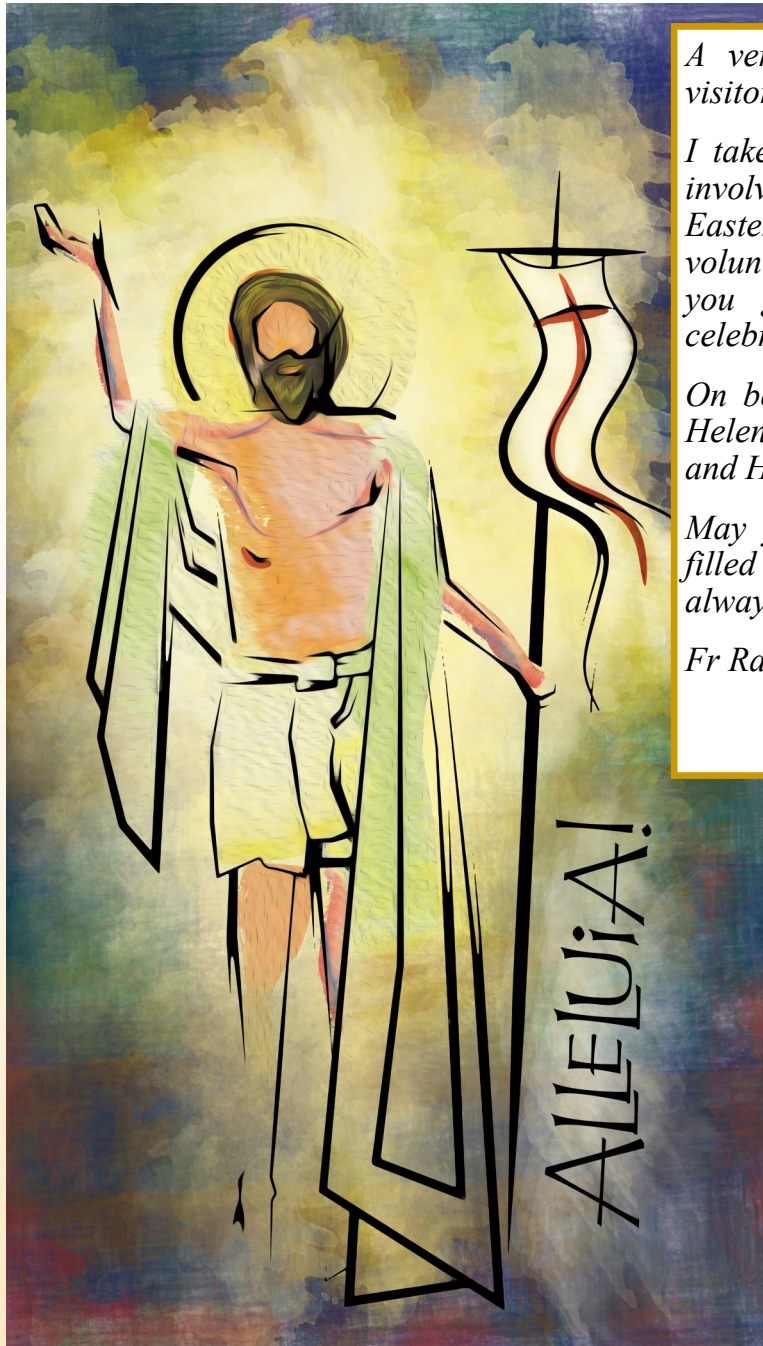
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This Sunday begins the Octave of Easter, eight solemn days when we reflect on the reality of the resurrection. Essentially, one grand narrative begins in heartbreak but ends in joy. A disconsolate Mary Magdalene goes to the tomb alone while it is still dark. We can almost feel the weight of her sadness. And sadness becomes confusion when she sees the stone rolled back. At her news, Peter and John run to the tomb, enter it and see the linen headpiece rolled up. An insignificant detail you might think. But, in this narrative it is hugely significant. According to the customs for eating in the Ancient Near East, a linen napkin rolled up and left in its place was a way of telling those serving the food that you would be returning again. John uses this little thing to proclaim the resurrection.

It is also noteworthy that none of the Gospels report someone witnessing the resurrection act as it happened. This explosion of God's eternal love into history is simply too great to be contained or confined by human words. It remains in the realm of mystery, in the realm of God. The effects of the resurrection make a real and decisive impact on the faith and hope of the disciples. If Jesus is resurrected, then they too will be resurrected, and so will we.

Indeed, our resurrection is happening here and now, but it is not yet complete until the second coming of Jesus. Are we living a resurrected life? Are we proclaiming by our everyday lives that we know and have come to believe that we share in this mystery of God's eternal love?



A very warm welcome to any new families and visitors to our Parish. We hope you enjoy your stay.

I take this opportunity to sincerely thank all those involved in any way in preparing our Lenten and Easter liturgies. We value the time and effort all our volunteers generously give to our parish. The care you give to your ministry is evident in our celebrations.

On behalf of Fr Alex and our Parish Staff Jo and Helen, I wish you and your families a very Blessed and Happy Easter.

May you feel Christ's Love in your Heart and be filled with His Peace & Joy this Easter Season and always!

Fr Raul

Easter Sunday, Resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

This is the greatest week in the Church's calendar, with an entire octave dedicated to celebrating Jesus, risen from the grave. Let us rejoice in the risen Christ and the mercy, hope and love of God poured out and promised to each of us.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

In preparation for the Feast of Divine Mercy on 11th April, the Lord asked St Faustina to make known a novena of prayer from Good Friday to the following Saturday 10th April. These nine days of prayer in the upper room before the Feast of Mercy are like the nine days of prayer in the upper room before the day of Pentecost. For each of the nine days our Lord gave St Faustina a different intention.

Copies of this Divine Mercy Novena which commences on Good Friday are available in both Churches.

Divine Mercy Sunday 11th April

We will be having Benediction, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet at St Cecilia's Church 2-3pm



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Each year we purchase our beautiful Pascal Candle from the Benedictine Nuns at Jamberoo Abbey. I would like to share with you the story behind this years design.....

PASCHAL CANDLE 2021

The Universal Christ

During these dark days of the Universal COVID-19 crisis we have been inspired by the Coptic Icons of "The Harrowing of Hell" Holy Saturday and the Apostles Creed,

"He was crucified, died and was buried: He descended into Hell.

The third day he arose again from the dead..."

Jesus, the Christ rises from the Earth, the Sun for his Nimbus Halo, Redeemer of the whole Universe.

In the band, Jesus, the Christ leans into Hell pulling to himself a man and a woman symbolising all those waiting there..

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT GOSPEL REFLECTION MARK 16:1-7 3rd April 2021

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We are an Easter people and 'Alleluia!' is our song. It is not the death of Jesus on the cross that makes us Christian, but the fact of his resurrection from the dead. It is by the raising of Jesus that we are certain and sure in our hope of everlasting life with God. The perfect love that Jesus preached on Holy Thursday, enacted on Good Friday, is realized in the gift of the resurrection. This is why we sing 'Alleluia!'. As St Paul shows us, having died with Christ at our baptism, we shall return to eternal life with him. The messenger in the empty tomb tells us two very important things about God's love. Firstly, God, out of love, defends

Jesus' mission on earth by raising him. Secondly, Jesus, out of his love for the disciples, is waiting for them in Galilee. And even now Jesus, out of love, continues to wait for us. Moreover, just as the messenger in the tomb sends the women out as joy-filled heralds of the resurrection, we too are called to proclaim our resurrection joy.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April

FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

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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 7 to 8pm

Catechist Meeting

Liturgist 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:

ANNIVERSARY APRIL: Kay Taylor,

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PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed Tuesday 6th April and Friday 9th April. We will re-open as usual on Monday 12th April. Thank You

The next WOMEN'S GET

TOGETHER GROUP will be held on **Monday 12th April. (every second Monday of the Month)**

All Welcome to join us @ **10.30am** in our Parish Hall.

- ◆ Cake Coffee
- ◆ Companionship
- ◆ Chit Chat
- ◆ Craft - optional

Thank You

A very special thank you to Colleen, Wayne, Lachlan and Hayden Smith for donating to the Parish, the Book of the Chair to be used at St John Fisher. We appreciate your generosity.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Thank you!

Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Caritas Australia would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2021. If you still have your Project Compassion box could you please return them to the Parish.

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.

DISCIPLES SCHOOL OF MISSION

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Are you aged between 16 - 40 and searching for an adventure in 2021? If so, then join the Disciples of Jesus Community for the Disciples School of Mission. This five day live-in training course calls young people from across Australia to be equipped in youth ministry and evangelisation. You then have the opportunity to put into practice what you have learnt and dive into an optional three-week mission experience.

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SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB

Second Tuesday 6th April, 2021, 7.30pm - 9.00pm

The Grange Hotel Function Room

Cnr: Renwick St & Pacific Hwy, WYOMING

Bistro opens at 5-30pm.

Inquiries: 4365 9197 or 0498 588 261

THEME 2021: "INFLUENCES ON MY SPIRITUAL JOURNEY"

TWO SPEAKERS:

Lesley Earp. Born in Nigeria, Lesley is a retired GP who rejoices in her 5 sons and 15 grandchildren. Her strong Christian faith has sustained her through tragic loss and difficult earlier periods. With Barry, Lesley travels on mission trips with Impact Nations to help change the lives of the poorest of the poor.

Barry Earp. Born in Tamworth, Barry practiced as a GP in Terrigal for 40 years. His Christian Faith and overseas mission work have always been important to him. In recent years, connection with Impact Nations has made mission work possible, and exposed him to God's supernatural power on many occasions.



Birthdays and Anniversaries

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Alicia McCabe

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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

Ph;4352 1011 or text Jo 0424 763 734

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.

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