

PARISH BULLETIN, 7TH MARCH 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)

Third Sunday Of Lent

HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES 2021

Wednesday 24th March Reconciliation 2nd Rite

St Cecilia's Church 6pm

Palm Sunday Reconciliation 1st Rite

St John Fisher Mass Ctr

27th March Saturday Vigil

Reconciliation following the 5pm Mass

28th March Sunday

Reconciliation following the 5pm Mass

Holy Thursday Mass of the Last Supper

1st April **St John Fisher Tumbi 7pm**

Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

(Reconciliation will be available)

Good Friday Stations of the Cross

2nd April **St Cecilia's Wyong 10am**

St John Fisher Tumbi 10am

The Lord's Passion

St Cecilia's Wyong 3pm

St John Fisher Tumbi 3pm

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass

3rd April **St Cecilia's Wyong 7pm**

Easter Sunday Mass of the Resurrection

4th April **St Cecilia's Wyong**

7.30am & 9.30am

St John Fisher Tumbi

8.30am & 5pm

EASTER CEREMONIES

After discussions with Fr Raul, Fr Alex, The Parish Liturgy Committee and the Parish Pastoral Council, it has been decided to continue with the same format used the last 3 years for our Easter ceremonies;

Holy Thursday service in our Parish will take place at Tumbi Umbi only, and that the Easter Saturday Vigil service will take place at Wyong only.

This allows the opportunity for the whole parish to come together as one on these two significant occasions and allows our priests the opportunity of concelebrating Mass on the feast of the institution of the priesthood (Holy Thursdays Mass of the Last Supper) and the Mass which many regard as being the most symbolic in our liturgical year (The Easter Saturday Vigil).

Good Friday and Easter Sunday services will still take place at both Tumbi and Wyong as per previous years.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

LENT offers us all a very special opportunity to grow in our relationship with God and to deepen our commitment to a way of life, rooted in our baptism. In our busy world, Lent provides us with an opportunity to reflect upon our patterns, to pray more deeply, experience sorrow for what we've done and failed to do, and to be generous to those in need.

GOSPEL REFLECTION JOHN 2:13-25 **7th March 2021**

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The author of today's responsorial psalm speaks of God's law as refreshment for our journey through life. The law of God revives the soul: it gladdens the heart and brings light to the eyes.

I wonder if we think of God's law as refreshing. We can sometimes experience law as a burden imposed from without that restricts our enjoyment of life. Laws formulated by humans can have these characteristics but not the law of God. This law, expressed in the Ten Commandments and in Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, reveals the wisdom and love of God for all. It is the law most true to our human nature. If we are faithful to this law we will be at rights with God, and in harmony with our fellow human beings and all of creation.

The Ten Commandments were given by God to the people of Israel more than three thousand years ago. They retain their validity and freshness. Not one commandment has reached its 'use by' date. To dispense with any one of these commandments would be to impoverish humanity, indeed, to threaten its very survival. Yes, 'the precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart'.



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. Simply grab a shoe box or collect a calico bag from the parish office and fill it up with lots of goodies.

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.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Best Wishes

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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Marie Dyer



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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.



ROSARY MARIANE MOVEMENT of Priest Cenacle will be held Tuesdays after 8am Mass followed by Divine Mercy instead of 2pm.

LEGION OF MARY

Acies Ceremony (personal consecration to Our Lady) will be held after 8am Mass 25th March. All Welcome

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2021

At Baptism, your child began a life-long journey and a way of life. At Confirmation, the graces received in Baptism are sealed with the reception of the seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

If you have a child in Year 3 and above and they have received the Sacrament of Baptism and you would like them to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation please contact the Parish Office for further details. Ph:4352 1011

Jo:0424 763 734 or Office
Email:wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au

We look forward to sharing with you and your child, this journey of faith as he/she prepares to receive this sacrament.

Blessings Sacramental Team



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Contributions to the Diocese of Broken Bay Charitable Works Fund are now available through **Payroll Giving**.

Payroll Giving as a very simple and effective way to donate. It's a secure way for employees to make regular or one-off donations via their salary. Those who donate in this way instantly receive their tax-deduction.

Many employers also offer generous **donation matching** eg: a gift of \$30 per month is matched by the employer and your donation becomes \$60.

Many well-known companies offer the scheme – such as Westpac, NAB, Australia Post, PwC, St George, NRMA, Toyota, Sydney Water, Citibank, Macquarie Bank – and many others. Details of such matching schemes will be available from your employer.

One of the first Diocese of Broken Bay parishioners to use the scheme made a generous donation of \$2,400 that was matched into \$4,800 for CWF.

Setting up Payroll Giving is easy.

The first step is to contact your employer's HR or Payroll team who can set it up. CWF is registered with www.good2give.ngo who facilitate Payroll giving scheme.

If you have any questions on Payroll Giving to CWF, please contact David Armstrong, David.armstrong@bbcatholic.org.au, 02 8379 1664 who can assist.

WYONG CATHOLIC PARISH is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. We uphold that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult.

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23 Byron St Wyong

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

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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

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, Leann 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,

ANNIVERSARY MARCH: Reg Preston, Manuela Anisco, Raquel Cabiles, Anne Badge, Patricia Mutton, Trevelnne Sonter, Fr Tito Ayo, SOLT, Angelita Tabije, Rita Muscat, Margaret Leslie, Michael Conneely, Barbara Brigoli, Najividad Dieta, Jim Fagan, May McAndrew.

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SUNDAY MASS 7 MARCH 2021 THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING EXODUS 20:1-17

The Lord spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the house of slavery.

'You shall have no gods except me. 'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. 'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it. 'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work on that day, neither you nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred. 'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you. 'You shall not kill. 'You shall not commit adultery. 'You shall not steal. 'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. 'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

SECOND READING 1 CORINTHIANS 1:22-25

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

GOSPEL JOHN 2:13-25

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.



Vox Populi -

The Voice of the People

This week's *Vox Populi* comes from Fiona Brown, Education Officer in the Evangelisation and Catechesis Workstream, Catholic Schools Broken Bay. Fiona is a parishioner at Hornsby Cathedral Parish and accompanies the young adults in the parish in their faith journey.

The gardener (also known as Mother Superior)
By Fiona Brown

My role at the Hornsby Cathedral Parish is to accompany young adults in their faith journey, assisting the two leaders of the Young Adults Group. They call me Mother Superior!

Fr Peter deSouza asked the young adults in the Parish to run the Lenten Program this year, after running it last year. We were so excited to use the Diocese of Broken Bay Lenten Program and in 2021 include the wider parish community as we journey towards Easter.

I try to lead by example, so the first week of the Lenten Program I led the discussions, then two of the young adults thought they could take over the following week. I'm really happy to see them take over, and that's how I see accompaniment. Lead by example to begin with, give them the model, allow them to feel positive and confident, then empower them to go on and lead.

I like to plant seeds, I'm the gardener. I plant seeds, give them a little water, see how they grow and then flourish in their relationship with Jesus.

There are up to 15 regular attendees of the Young Adults Group at the parish on a Monday night, and we have about 25 parishioners joining in the Lenten program on Thursday nights in Lent. We were able to split up into four groups with young people leading the discussions in the groups.

The Lenten Program Jesus Christ, the Alpha and the Omega is based on Bishop Anthony's Pastoral Letter Jesus Christ, our beginning and end, which was perfect timing for me personally. I have been in discernment about joining the Parish Pastoral Council and as part of that discernment, I have read the Pastoral Letter numerous times. It's helpful to see the flow of the Bishop's priorities and relate them to scripture.

I love lectio divina, so this is a great way to literally play with the scriptures before you listen to them on the weekend. I feel you get a much richer experience at Mass after hearing about the readings from other people and discussing their opinions during the Lenten Program. I can bring that to this week's Gospel.

The Young Adults Group discussed Lent the Monday before Ash Wednesday, and Mary, one of the leaders, brought the Pope's letter for Lent which talked about Lent being a joy-filled time. It led to a great discussion with the young people about Lent often feeling like a time of preparation and giving up things, but not about joy. Then hearing what Pope Francis said about joy gave them a new perspective. I set them homework in the first week, which was to bring joy to others and spread the Good News to them!

Our young people are also preparing to lead the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at the Parish. After leading the Lenten Program, they'll end Lent with leading the Stations of the Cross before we celebrate the Resurrection as the fulfilment of the Easter mystery. It's the full journey.