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Saturday Vigil / Sunday Mass Times

St Cecilia's Church

23 Byron St Wyong

Sat Vigil 5.00pm Sun 7.30am & 9.30am

St John Fisher Mass Centre

Hicks Lane Tumbi Umbi

Sat Vigil 5.00 pm Sun: 8.30am & 5pm

Weekday Mass

St Cecilia's : Mon-Sat: 8.00am

St John Fisher:

Mon, Wed, Thurs 8:00am

Tue & Fri: 9.15am

Eucharistic Adoration

St Cecilia's Daily 7am-8am

St John Fisher 1st Friday 8.15 - 9.15am

St Cecilia's 1st Friday of the month 7pm
mass followed by prayers - Mass Midnight
concluding 1am Saturday

Reconciliation/Confession

St Cecilia's Saturday morning after the
8am Mass & Saturday at 4.30pm

St John Fisher Saturday at 4.30pm

Anointing of the Sick (First Friday)

St Cecilia's During 8.00am & 11.30am
Mass

St John Fisher During 9.15am Mass

Monthly Mass

St Barnabas Yarramalong 1st Sunday
11.15am

Filipino Mass Every 3rd Sunday 12pm

Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Sat St Cecilia's & Wed St John Fisher
(after the 8:00am mass)

Devotion to the Divine Mercy

St Cecilia's Fri after the 8am Mass

St John Fisher Fri after the 9:15am Mass

St Cecilia's Church

Rosary Group 2pm Tuesdays

Legion of Mary 8am Wednesdays

Keep Us In Your Prayers *Prayer: The most valuable gift you can give someone.*

Sick: Len Miller, Sandy Riach, Sr Sylvia Markulin, Victor Gibbs, Harriet Powell, Danae Roe, Tania Denley, Pamela Cullinan.

Recently Deceased: Fr Tito Ayo, SOLT, Angelita Tabije, Rita Muscat.

Anniversary: Najividad Dieta, Jim Fagan, May McAndrew.

Discerning for a vocation is more than an intellectual weighing up of options, it is a process of becoming aware of what is in our hearts and minds, listening to God, gaining clarity and making a choice. It is not about choosing what you will do for life but about discovering who you are made to be.

The busyness of daily life takes away from our ability to listen to God and possibly discovering our deepest identity. This Discernment Retreat allows you to immerse yourself in a quiet environment that can help you listen to God and receive the spiritual direction you may be looking for. For more information please contact the Vocations Office for the Diocese of Broken Bay at Vocations.ministry@bbcatholic.org.au or call W: 02 9484 1427 M: 0418 522 449.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Readings: 17th March 2019 **First Reading** Gen 15:5-12, 17-18;

Second Reading Phil 3:17-4:1; **Gospel** Lk 9:28-36

You may view next week's readings by visiting this web site:

<http://www.usccb.org/bible/>

S a f e g u a r d i n g M e s s a g e

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 office@wyongcatholicparish.com)
A culture of Safeguarding values SERVANT LEADERSHIP...
"Like good stewards of the manifold of grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received." - 1 Peter 4:10



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PIETY STALL Due to some persistent health issues I am finding it difficult to have the piety stall open each Sunday after the 9.30 Mass at St. Cecilia's. If any parishioners are able/willing to work on the Piety Stall after the 9.30 Mass (for approximately 15 minutes) perhaps monthly, please phone Mary on 4355 4353. Thank you.

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*

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT 10TH MARCH 2019

Jesus was 'led by the Spirit into the desert ... to be tempted'. Not even the Son of God was exempt from the need for prayer, fasting, and struggling with temptation. Our Lenten imitation of Jesus in prayer, fasting, and resisting temptation strengthens us to follow Jesus by daily taking up our cross and laying down our life.

Professing faith involves at least expression in religious rituals (see first reading) and living it daily by resisting temptation.

In daily life people often grow discouraged because they have to face the same temptation over and over again. Being tempted may not mean that we are not growing in our relationship with God or that we are far from God. It is an opportunity to turn more fervently to God.

Luke organises the temptations of Jesus to showcase some of the major themes. For Luke the ministry of Jesus fulfils God's promises to Israel. Thus, Luke is very respectful of Jewish traditions, institutions, and Scriptures. For this reason Luke places a special emphasis on the Temple, the visible sign of God's presence to the people. Luke begins the gospel with Zechariah in the Temple (1:8ff); he ends it with the disciples in the Temple praising God (24:52); the only episode from Jesus' youth, and the last story before his appearance as an adult, takes place in the Temple (2:46-52). In this Sunday's episode Luke puts the temptation at the Temple in the third and climactic position (Matthew 4:5-7 has it second). Here, at the Temple in Jerusalem, the devil tempts Jesus to have God preserve him from death. Jesus' refusal to yield to this temptation foreshadows the time when Jesus comes again to Jerusalem to face his death. Then, he will lay down his life rather than throw it away.

Jesus responds to each of the three temptations of the devil using only words from Scripture - he speaks no words of his own to the devil. Jesus quotes - and fulfils - Scripture. This highlights the centrality of God's word. It also attests to the power of Scripture which can be used to resist the power of the devil. Which brings us to the next point.

Before Jesus begins his ministry, he confronts the devil, the most powerful of his adversaries. This confrontation is merely 'the first round', as it were. Every time Jesus exorcises demons, heals the sick, and restores the handicapped, he is attacking and subduing the power of the devil. The devil departs for a time, only to return when he induces Judas to betray Jesus (22:3); similarly, the proceedings that lead to Jesus' death are the time for the power of darkness (22:53). These temptations are the first salvo in a struggle that will last throughout the gospel. They reveal Jesus as 'the Son of God' (4:3, 9) who demonstrates sonship not in power but in fidelity.

Gospel Reflection Reproduced from Liturgia Brisbane 2019

Parish Lenten Preparation - St Cecilia's Church

Thursday evenings in lent 7,14, 21, 28 March and 4, 11 April 2019 **6pm** *Lectio Divina*

Friday evenings in Lent, 8, 15, 22, 29 March and 5, 12 April 2019

6.30pm **Stations of the Cross**

7pm - 8pm **The Light is on** (Adoration & Reconciliation)

Palm Sunday Crosses

All are welcome to come and help make our Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday Masses.

Wednesday 10th April at 11am in the Parish Centre.

Lunch will be provided. 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

Lectio Divina Praying the Scriptures in Lent

The Diocese of Broken Bay Lenten resource for 2019 *Discerning the Way of Jesus* will take you on a six-week journey through Lent using the *lectio divina* practice of reading scripture, which is both prayerful and transformative. **6pm** on Thursdays during Lent held in the meeting Room behind St Cecilia's Church.

The Light is On is an initiative where Catholic churches are open for quiet prayer and Reconciliation on certain evenings during Lent. In Lent 2019, parishes of the Diocese of Broken Bay will be open during Lent for prayer and Reconciliation on **Fridays 7pm - 8pm** on 8, 15, 22, 29 March and 5, 12 April 2019.

Experience God's light and peace in your life this Lent.

Lent is the season where we prepare ourselves to renew and restore our relationship with Jesus and the Church as we prepare to celebrate Easter. You are warmly invited to join in prayer at our parishes during Lent.

When ready, you may consider participating in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. To help prepare yourself to receive the joy of God's mercy, explore information here to help you feel more confident and ready, including a Guide to Reconciliation.

For many of us the Sacrament of Reconciliation can be scary and even embarrassing. We may be too nervous or consider ourselves unforgivable. Yet with confidence Pope Francis reminds us:

"How many times in my pastoral ministry have I heard it said, 'Father, I have many sins,' and I have always pleaded, 'Don't be afraid; go to him; he is waiting for you; he will take care of everything.' We hear many offers from the world around us, but let us take up God's offer instead: his is a caress of love." - Pope Francis, Homily, Basilica of St. John Lateran, Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7, 2013.

100% HOPE Project Compassion

You are empowering communities with hope and helping those in great need to shape a better future for themselves, their families and their communities. *Lives change when we all give 100%*

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March; Christian Communities. That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

We give thanks for the generosity of our Catechists/Helpers

Last Sunday was Catechist Sunday this gave our parish an opportunity to thank and encourage our Catechists/Helpers. The importance of their work cannot be underestimated and is most rewarding. We congratulate them on the good work that they are doing and we encourage them as they continue this most important work of the Church.

To all those who are Catechists/Helpers for 2019, we ask God's guidance and blessing upon you and the students in your classes.

At this time we would also like to encourage Parishioners to please prayerfully consider this ministry that is so vital in our Parish.

The schools we currently visit are: Tuggerah, Tuggerawong, Tacoma, Berkeley Vale and Chittaway Bay Primary Schools as well as Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College.

Jesus calls us to "Witness" and spread "The Word" If you can spare an hour a week, then let this be the ministry you are called to.

Things to note:

- ♦ Training is provided
- ♦ All lessons are provided
- ♦ Classes run for 30min
- ♦ We currently have 19 Catechists who are more than happy to support and welcome you in this ministry.

If you are interested please call me or speak to Fr Raul and Fr Alex after mass.

Blessings Jo 0424 763 734

Shoe Box Collection for Men & Women During the month of March

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.

You are welcome to leave your donations at the back of the Church/Mass ctr.

ROSTER TIME

If possible please hand this slip in this weekend after Mass. Thank you in advance.

It is that time again when we have to prepare new Ministry Rosters for Wyong and Tumby Masses April - July 2019. Please complete this form and place it in the box marked 'Ministry Rosters for Wyong and Tumby' at the Back of the Church.

MASS MINISTRIES ROSTER

Name (print)

from Wyong / Tumby

I am available for the Mass time on Saturday/Sunday.

Please circle ministry/ies that you serve in:

Welcomer, Server, Music, Lector (Reader), Collector, Presentation of Gifts, Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, Children's Liturgy

I am not available on the following dates:

A very big thank you to all those who have contributed to the Rosters.

We would also like to take this opportunity to encourage you to consider **joining our Liturgy Team**. We meet on the First Wednesday of February, March, April, June, August, November and December from 6pm to 7pm in the Parish Hall.

Further information regarding the Rosters or joining the Liturgy team please contact;

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