

# WELCOME

**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*

**11TH DECEMBER 2022 Third Sunday of ADVENT Year A**

**WYONG CATHOLIC PARISH**

**ST CECILIA'S CHURCH, ST JOHN FISHER MASS CTR & ST PETER'S CHAPEL**

**Under the Pastoral Care of the**

**Society of Our Lady of The Most Holy Trinity (SOLT)**

## 3rd Sunday of ADVENT

### **Reflection**

#### **Third Sunday of Advent**

*Reproduced from God's Word 2022: Daily Reflections, published by St Pauls Publications, Strathfield*

Isaiah's wonderful vision sings of the journey home to his enslaved people in Babylon. The sacred highway is lined with nature made new and luxuriant: nature itself sings for joy! And as they travel, people are given sight, hearing, speech --- healing---and sing for joy! The image of growth underlies the second reading, as the farmer patiently waits his crop. Be patient! And John himself continues to await the Messiah. He sends messengers to ask Jesus, but Jesus points them to the Kingdom and its fruits and asks them to make the identification for themselves. Jesus' praise of John is extraordinary: even more extraordinary is his praise of the least in the kingdom of heaven. What does this say about your relationship with Jesus this Advent? A great question to take to your prayer!



JOY

**Pope Francis:**

*"In switching on the light of the Nativity scene, we wish for the light of Christ to be in us."*

*A Christmas without light is not Christmas. Let there be light in the soul, in the heart; let there be forgiveness to others; let there be no hostilities, which are dark. Let there be the beautiful light of Jesus.*

*This is my wish for all of you, when you turn on the light of the crib."*

*"... If you have something dark in your soul, ask the Lord for forgiveness."*

*Christmas is a great opportunity to cleanse the soul. Do not fear, the priest is merciful, forgiving all in the name of God, because God forgives everything."*

*Lighting the Christmas tree, Gubbio, Italy, Dec. 8, 2014*



## **CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

All children are invited to take part in a Christmas Pageant at the Vigil Masses on Christmas Eve 24th December.

We are looking for the following to join us at rehearsal and be part of the Mass; confident readers, angels, shepherds, kings and gospel procession.

If your child would like to be in the pageant or you would like to help with the pageant please call ...

Text Chris 0406 539 444 for the

**St John Fisher Pageant**

Rehearsal will be 3.30pm Sunday 18th December.

And

Marie Dyer 4352 1994 for

**St Cecilia's Pageant**

Rehearsal will be 4pm Saturday 24th December

## **TRIDUUM MASS**

St Cecilia's Church 21st, 22nd and 23rd December 7pm

## **CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2022**

### **CHRISTMAS EVE SATURDAY 24TH DEC**

**St John Fisher**

5.00pm Children's/family Mass

**St Cecilia's Church**

5.00pm Children's/family Mass

10.30pm Christmas Carols

11.00pm Midnight Mass

### **CHRISTMAS DAY SUNDAY 25TH DEC**

7.30am St Cecilia's Church

8.30am St John Fisher

9.30am St Cecilia's Church

5.00pm St John Fisher

### **ADVENT RECONCILIATION**

**1st form of the Rite of Reconciliation:**

**St John Fisher Mass Ctr**

17th Dec Following 5pm Mass  
and 18th Dec following 5pm Mass

**2nd form of the Rite of Reconciliation:**

**St Cecilia's Church**

Wednesday 21st Dec 6pm

365 Pacific Highway  
North Wyong NSW 2259  
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## 100 Club Fundraising

### Draw no 8

1st	No 80	Lyn Brooks	\$80
2nd	No 58	Stephen Price	\$40
3rd	No 6	Pat Mooney	\$20

### Draw 9

1st	No 44	Dawn Bull	\$80
2nd	No 49	Trish & Doug Calder	\$40
3rd	No 29	Geoff Evans	\$20

The major draw will be held at our Parish Christmas Dinner on Friday 16th Dec. Prize winner will be notified by phone and the results will be published in the New Years bulletin.

Thank you everyone for your support once again. All the Blessings for Christmas and New Year.

Parish Pastoral Council.

## CHRISTMAS BUSH

We would love to decorate our Church and Hall with some Christmas Bush. If any parishioner would like to donate some, we would be very grateful. We will be decorating St John Fisher (Hall) on Wed 14th Dec and the Church (St Cecilia's) on Friday 23rd December.

If you can donate some Christmas Bush please call Jo on 0424 763 734.

Thank you

## BUNNINGS BARBECUE

A very successful Bunnings Barbecue was held last Saturday under excellent weather conditions where over \$1500 was raised.

Thank you to all parishioners who gave of their time and helped to make this activity so successful.

A special thank you to Bunnings and Mars (Masterfoods) for their sponsorship.

## The WOMEN'S GET TOGETHER GROUP Monday 12th December 10.30am in our Parish Hall.

All Welcome

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

## PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER

**When** Friday 16th December 2022

**Where** St John Fisher Hall Hicks Lane  
Tumbi Umbi

**Time** 6pm

**Cost** Donation

Christmas dinner consisting of Chicken, Ham, salads and sweets will commence at 6pm. Tea, Coffee and soft drinks will also be available.

Christmas carols will follow after dinner. Be sure to bring your singing voices to join with our esteemed instrumental group (Fr Raul, Fr Alex, Steve & Hien).

There will also be a Christmas Raffle (many prizes) tickets will be \$2 each or 3 for @ \$5

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

### CHRISTMAS APPEAL:

Our Christmas appeal will be held over the next two weekends. Christmas hamper baskets will be located at the back of the Church for you to fill.

Each hamper needs tinned ham, Christmas Cake & pudding, custard as well as basics such as cereal, biscuits, pasta & sauce etc. We are also see kind donations of Coles/Woolworths gift cards. Whatever you can donate will be greatly appreciated. Many thanks for your continued support.

### Christmas Card & Calendars

Christmas cards and calendars are now available at the back of the church and after Mass at Tumbi. Cards are \$10 for a pack of 10 & calendars are \$10. Proceeds go to St Vincent de Paul Society.

## CONDOLENCES

*The Parish extends our deepest condolences to Elizabeth McVie and family on the passing of her beloved husband Ray.*

*Ray's funeral will be held at St Cecilia's Church on Monday 12th December 10am.*

*We know and pray that Ray is in God's loving hands. May he rest in peace. Amen*



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## MASS TIMES

### ST CECILIA'S CHURCH

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

### EMERGENCY PRIEST CONTACT

Fr Raul ph: 0450 115 099

Fr Alex ph: 0432 947 245

**PARISH OFFICE** 23 Byron Street Wyong

Phone: 02 4352 1011 Po Box 385 Wyong 2259

**OFFICE HOURS:** Mon to Thurs 9.30am to 2.30pm &

Fri 9.30am to 12pm

### PARISH CONTACTS

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Assistant Priest **Fr Alex Barnedo, SOLT** ph:0432 947 245

Parish Coordinator **Jo Helm** ph: 0424 763 734 (Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri)

email: [jo.helm@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:jo.helm@bbcatholic.org.au)

Parish Secretary **Helen Bath** ph:02 4352 1011 (Wed & Thurs)

**PARISH EMAIL:** [wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au)

**PARISH WEBSITE:** <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/wyong/>

**FACEBOOK:** [www.facebook.com/wyongcatholicparish](https://www.facebook.com/wyongcatholicparish)

### Children's Liturgy at the following Masses

St Cecilia's 5pm Mass Saturday

St Cecilia's 9.30am Mass Sunday

St John Fisher 5pm Mass Sunday

### BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE

**Mass St Barnabas, Yarramalong**

1st Sun of month 11.15am

**Filipino Mass St Cecilia's Church**

3rd Sun of the month 12pm

### Anointing of the Sick

**First Friday of the Month**

**St Cecilia's** During 8.00am

& 11.30am Mass

**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

### 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

### KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Prayer: The most valuable gift you can give someone.**

**SICK:** Harriet Powell, Danae Roe, Peter Ford, Harry Hall, Michael Briggs, Christine Heffernan, Jennese Thompson, Leeann Hazelton, Bernadette Kiely, Steve Durnford, Ann Durnford, Maureen Mulheron, Angela Watts, William Martin, Terence (Ted) Dafter, Finn McConnon, Margaret Hobbs, Christine, Jacqui Stacey, Josie Campbell, Carol Dafter, Dave Rodney, Gwen Dwyer, Helen Waters, Rod & Pauline Cornwell, Marie & Peter Rheinberger, Hannah Hopwood, Fay King, Joan Mabbutt, Irene Dainty, Eoin, Paula, Peter Meury, Lyn Nash.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Ray McVie, Gerald O'Sullivan

**ANNIVERSARY DECEMBER:** Bill Martin, Larry George Hooley, John Taylor, James Bastic, Rove Varman, Claire Baxter

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### Safeguarding Message

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 on the back to the Bulletin.

## **Pope Francis' Prayer Intention December** **Volunteer Not-for-profit Organisations**

We pray that volunteer non-profit organisations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

### **Sunday Mass 11th December 2022** **Third Sunday of Advent, Year A**

#### **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

##### **First Reading Isaiah 35:1-6, 10**

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy.

The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God.

Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. 'Look your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy, for those the Lord has ransomed shall return.

They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy on their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended.

##### **Responsorial Psalm Ps 145:6-10**

R. Lord, come and save us.

##### **Second Reading James 5:7-10**

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

##### **Gospel Acclamation Isaiah 61:1 (Luke 4:18)**

Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.  
Alleluia!

##### **Gospel Matthew 11:2-11**

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

# Christmas Eve Children Mass

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## **Vox Populi - Voice of the People**

### **8th December 2022**

During the season of Advent there are a number of feast days including two feast days dedicated to Mary.

In some countries the month of December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception. Other feast days we have already celebrated are St Francis Xavier on 3 December, St John Damascene on 4 December, and St Ambrose on 7 December.

Today, 8 December, we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception or Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

This celebrates the belief that Mary was conceived free of original sin and lived a sinless life. It is one of the most important feasts celebrated by the Catholic Church.

Some people may confuse this day with the Feast of the Annunciation when the Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary and told her she was carrying the Son of God, but that feast day takes place nine months before Christmas on 25 March.

Since 2001 in Australia the Feast of the Immaculate Conception has not been a holy day of obligation. The only feast days to be observed as holy days of obligation are Christmas Day, the Feast of the Assumption and all Sundays of the year, however it is a Solemnity many people attend Mass on this day.

On Monday, 12 December we celebrate another feast day of Mary - the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

In 1910 Our Lady of Guadalupe was declared Patroness of Latin America, and in 1945 Pope Pius XII declared her to be the Empress of all the Americas. She appeared to an Indian convert named Juan Diego on 9 December 1531, and left a portrait of herself on the mantle of Juan Diego. This miraculous image has proved to be ageless and is kept in the shrine built in her honour, the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

During this time of Advent when we are preparing for the coming of the Christ Child, we can offer a prayer of intercession to Mary to spiritual strength, remembering her preparation and prayerfulness was complete in every respect.

WELCOME TO THE CHRISTMAS  
NOVENA MASSES 2022

# Simbang Gabi Launch

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHEDRAL

10 December | 5:00 PM

27 Yardley Ave, Waitara

## Hornsby

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## Dee Why

ST. KEVIN'S CHURCH

15-23 December | 7:30 PM

50 Oaks Ave, Dee Why

c/o Marlon Cabilao

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## Chatswood

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CHURCH

16-24 December | 5:30 AM

94 Archer st, Chatswood

fccpadmin@gmail.com

## Wyong

ST. CECILIA'S CHURCH

The Tridumm

21, 22, 23 December | 7:00 PM

23 Bryon St, Wyong

monette2905@gmail.com

Pastoral Coordinator

Deacon Roberto Corpuz | m: 0414 525 448



Filipino Chaplaincy Broken Bay







**Our new Diocesan Advent resource is now available.**

**Written by Fr David Ranson, it offers reflections based on the Gifts of Christmas that are represented by the Advent candles, these being Hope, Faith, Joy, and Peace.**

**You may wish to use this resource for small groups during Advent, or it is also suitable for individual reflection.**

**The resource can be accessed on the [Diocesan webpage](#)**

**For further information or assistance, please contact Pina Bernard at [pina.bernard@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:pina.bernard@bbcatholic.org.au) or 0432 682 239.**

**16TH  
DECEMBER**

**7PM**

@ St Patrick's  
Church Gosford,  
Shrine of JP II

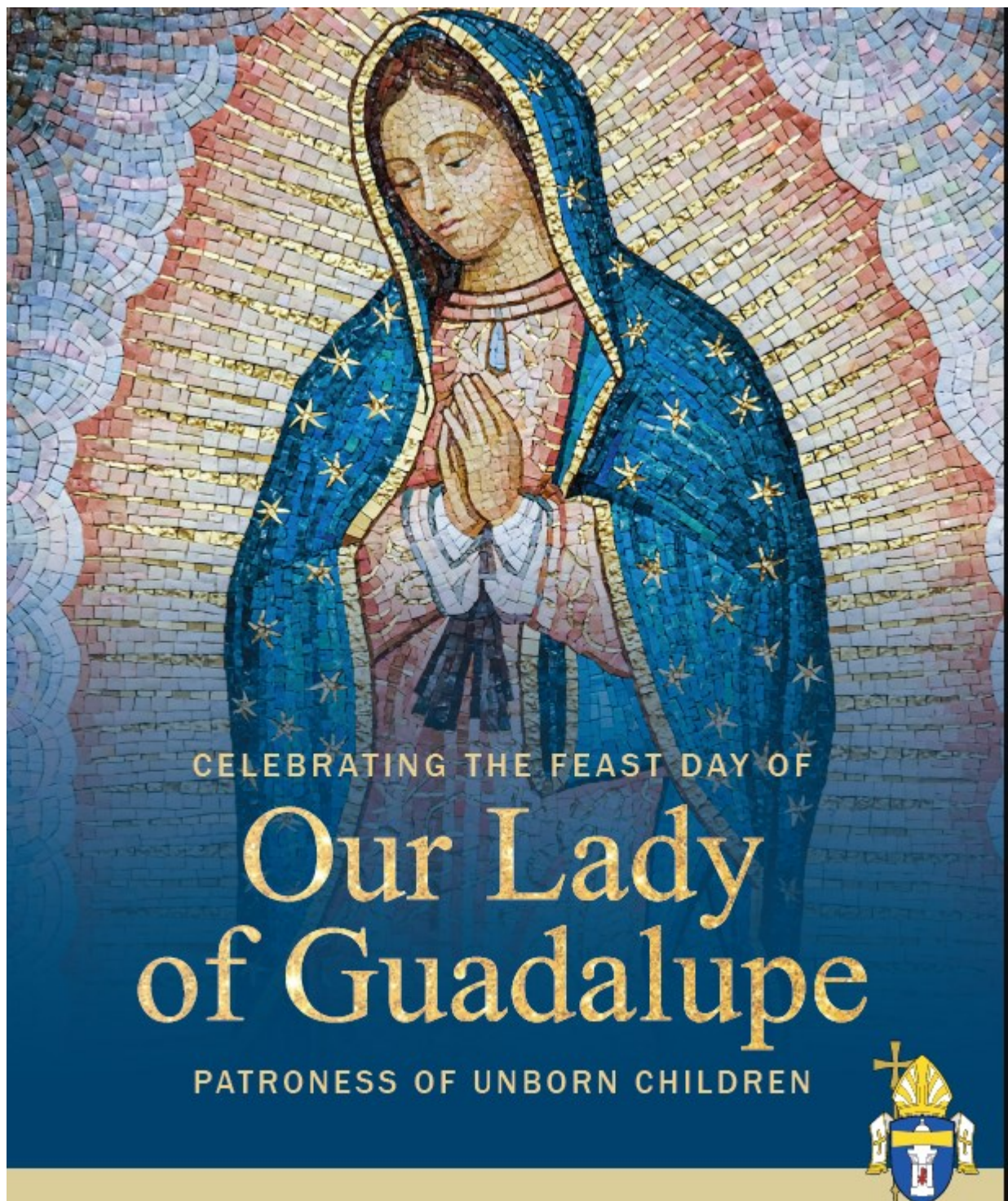


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# MERCY NIGHT

AN ENCOUNTER EVENING

CONFESSION | ADORATION | PRAISE & WORSHIP  
| VENERATION OF RELICS & PRAYERS THROUGH  
THE INTERCESSION OF JP II



All are invited to celebrate the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of unborn children, at a Mass celebrated by Bishop Anthony Randazzo.

The Mass will include a special blessing for expectant mothers and those wishing to conceive a child. Details are as follows:

Date: Monday 12 December 2022

Time: 7:00pm Mass

Venue: Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church, 94 Archer St Chatswood

Following Mass, refreshments and entertainment will be offered in the church forecourt.