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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 Tumby 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

Lunch served after mass. All welcome

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

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LIVING LAUDATO SI': The Ecological Challenge

of Pope Francis, the book written by Manny Bautista, offers 40 brief reflections on the care of our common home. These reflections are helpful in rediscovering our eco-vocation as carers of God's creation, rekindling a sense of intimacy and connection with the natural world, and facilitating the much-needed ecological conversion. The book is "an excellent resource, wonderfully clear, user-friendly and much-needed. . . It will be of great value for individual use, as well as for small groups in parishes." (Professor Denis Edwards, Australian Catholic University)

We welcome Manny to our weekend Masses this Sat/Sun the 10-11th February with copies of his book.

You will have the opportunity to have your book signed by him.

To order please contact:

St Paul's Publication at sales@stpauls.com.au

Manny at lionking2624@gmail.com

Price per copy: AU\$23.00 Postage cost: AU\$5.00

Condolences

The Parish extends our deepest condolences to Leslie on the passing of his wife Dorothy Puckeridge. We know and pray that she is in God's loving hands. May she rest in peace. Amen

Keep Us In Your Prayers

Prayer: The most valuable gift you can give someone.

Sick: Sebastian Martino, Laura Valtarel, Eoin McAweeney, Eileen Thorpe, Gail Parsons, Michael Briggs, Paris Tabernaberi, Michael King, Maria Mercedes, Ferraresi, John Susovich and daughter Wendy, Paul Wright, Cherie Gurtner, Leeann Hazelton, Rose Attard, Deb Roy, Dianna Williams, Juan Tabernaberi, Colleen O'Neill, Les McDonald, Zoila Vasquez, Myriam Iviviani, Dianna Chapman, Miguel Magno, Marisa Martino, Charles Richards, Maria Luisa Bazan, Baby George, Jim Kelly, Margaret Skimming, Ilaria McMahon, Jannese Thompson, Bailey Ferris, Haydn Kaltanbacher, Kevin Brien, Amelia Dunn, Aurora Estrella, Jean, Scotty, Margaret Shepherd, Pat Willemsem, Justus Cesca, Hettie Meulen, Peter McEvoy, Josephine Riediger, Luigi Schiavo, Talitha Milroy, Nora Dillon, Emma Carroll, Dianne Powell, Sue and Len Miller, Cecily Briggs, Terry, John Bof, Maureen Roast, Penny Taylor, Ann Brady, Regina Preston & May Fagan

Recently Deceased: Valerie Lumsden, Margaret Andrich, Jimmy Tobise, Dorothy Puckeridge

Anniversaries: Bill Cullinan, John Kiernan, Tony Kerr, Ann Stevens.



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*

6th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
11th February 2018 Year B



'Lord, if you will, you can make me clean'.

Gospel Reflection

Excerpt from: God's Word 2018 Daily Reflections

People afflicted with leprosy and similar skin diseases were regarded as untouchables in the Jewish society of Jesus' day. In keeping with the Law (see today's first reading), they had to proclaim their uncleanness publicly and keep their distance from all but their own kind. Today's gospel story, narrated with an economy of detail, poignantly captures the pariah status of one such unfortunate man. No onlookers are identified; there are only two characters— the leper in need of compassion and Jesus mercifully responsive to his need. In a sense, Jesus takes upon himself the uncleanness of leper; for in touching him he renders himself, according to the Law, ritually impure. In our own day there are classes of people who are bracketed out by society—outcasts judged harshly as inferior beings by law-abiding citizens and condemned to lead lives of conspicuous misery. Even as we stand by them in faith and love, we can make our own the leper's prayer: 'Lord, if you will, you can make me clean'.

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli is calling for the people of Broken Bay to join him in making the pilgrimage of Lenten Stational Masses in Broken Bay.

One of the beautiful faith traditions is the **Stational Mass** – a special opportunity that offers a way to greater prayer with the universal Church during particular seasons throughout the year.

All parishioners are invited to gather and pray as one body on this graced journey to Easter. Please join us at one or all of the following Masses celebrated at 7.30pm by Bishop Peter:

20 February	St Patrick's, Gosford
27 February	Mary Immaculate Church, Manly
6 March	St Agatha's Church, Pennant Hills
13 March	Our Lady of the Rosary Church, The Entrance
22 March	St Philip Neri Church, Northbridge



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Parish Lenten Preparation

St Cecilia's Church
Friday evenings in Lent,
February 16, 23,
March 2, 9, 16 & 23.

6.30pm Stations of the Cross
7pm - 8pm The Light is on
(Adoration & Reconciliation)

lectio divina Praying the Scriptures in Lent

The Diocese of Broken Bay Lenten program for 2018 is titled "Lifted Up" and takes us on a 6-week journey of *lectio divina*, a practice of reading Scripture that is prayerful and transformative.

The Lifted Up booklet comprises Lenten reflections by:

Rev Dr David Ranson VG (Vicar General, Diocese of Broken Bay)
Ashleigh Green (Australian Youth Delegate to Rome to prepare for the 2018 Youth Synod), as well as added reflections for Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday, offered by **Most Rev David Walker**.



Name Badges We will be placing a new order for name badges on Monday. The names on my list so far are: Maureen Cross, Les Cross, Maria Galen. If I have missed anyone who has recently asked to go on the list or would like to be added, please email the parish office or call Jo on 0424763734. Thank you

THE START OF LENT

ASH
WEDNESDAY

14th February Ash Wednesday Masses

8am St Cecilia's Church

(please note: there will be no 8am Mass @ St John Fisher)

9.15am St John Fisher School Hall

10am St Cecilia's School

6pm St Cecilia's Church

7pm Our Lady of the Rosary, The Entrance

Ash Wednesday Reflection God's Word 2018 Daily Reflections

Our Lenten fast can benefit both our physical health and, if accompanied by conversion of heart, our spiritual wellbeing as well. It can also serve to remind us that the whole material world is God's gift to us, to be shared and enjoyed by all people. Jesus himself fasted for forty days before he began his public ministry (Mt 4:1-11). In today's gospel reading Jesus links fasting with prayer, almsgiving and the practice of good works unostentatiously performed. This is completely in harmony with the word of God revealed through the prophet Isaiah: 'Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not hide yourself from your own kin?' (Isa 58:6-7)

You may view next week's readings by visiting this web site:
<http://www.usccb.org/bible/>

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B Readings: 18th February 2018. **First Reading** Gen 9:8-15 **Second Reading** 1 Pet 3:18-22 **Gospel** Mk 1:12-15

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February

Say "No" to Corruption

That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

World Day of the Sick 11 February 2018

The theme for this year's World Day of the Sick is provided by the words that Jesus spoke from the Cross to Mary, his Mother, and to John: *"Woman, behold your son ... Behold your mother. And from that hour the disciple took her into his home"* (Jn 19:26-27).

Pope Francis says, "The Lord's words brilliantly illuminate the mystery of the Cross, which does not represent a hopeless tragedy, but rather the place where Jesus manifests his glory and shows his love to the end. That love in turn was to become the basis and rule for the Christian community and the life of each disciple. Before all else, Jesus' words are the source of Mary's maternal vocation for all humanity. Mary was to be, in particular, the Mother of her Son's disciples, caring for them and their journey through life." (Message for World Day of the Sick 2018)

Pope Francis highlights the Church's long history of service to the sick which continues today like a "field hospital" that welcomes all those wounded by life; and calls for a renewed enthusiasm in this work.

The full message can be found at w2.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html in the 'Messages' section.

The Light is
ON for you

A warm invitation is extended to everyone to drop in and visit for some quiet time, prayer, and a space to take time out to reflect on faith and life. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be offered for the hour. Take time to experience God's light and peace in your life during Lent. The light is on for you. St Cecilia's Church as well as other Churches around the Diocese will be open on Friday evenings in Lent, February 16, 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23, from 7:00pm – 8:00pm. For more information please visit www.thelightisonforyou.org.au

Alpha

We need to train leaders if we are going to run the Alpha program in our parish, please consider if this is your calling!

Two Alpha in a Catholic Context Training events are being held in the next couple of weeks:

Alpha Full Day Training Friday 16th February @ Terrigal or Saturday 17th February @ Waitara.

"Come and See" evening sessions 6.15pm-8.30pm (includes dinner) at both venues.

Please contact the parish office for more details.

We give thanks for the generosity of our Catechists/Helpers

Catechist Sunday gives our parish an opportunity to thank and encourage our catechists. The importance of their work cannot be underestimated and is most rewarding.

Our catechists and helpers are humble people who do not expect public gratitude for what they do.

Occasionally though, we all like to receive a little thanks, particularly when we are volunteering our time.

At this time we publicly thank our catechists/helpers for their hard work and dedication to the ministry. 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 2018, we ask God's guidance and blessing upon you and the students in your classes.

A special thanks go to those catechists from 2017 who through retirement or family commitments are unable to help us this year.

Extra Mower's Required

We are in the process of making up a new Mowing Roster for 2018 and if there is any person who would be kind enough to participate in the mowing and general maintenance of the Church (approx. 1 hr four times a year depending on the numbers we have) please contact the Parish Office 4352 1011 or 4388 2938.

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