

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C**  
**PARISH BULLETIN, 12TH DECEMBER 2021**

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;  
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.*

**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*



Hope  
Peace  
JOY  
Love

**REFLECTION 12TH DECEMBER Luke 3:10-18**

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One of the four candles on an Advent wreath is usually rose-coloured. This is the candle lit today, the Third Sunday of Advent, the Sunday also named Gaudete or 'rejoicing' Sunday, a name taken from the opening word of the Entrance Antiphon for today's Mass.

Before the birth of Christ people often seemed to be at a loss about how to live in harmony with God. While they received the law through Moses as a gift, they soon tragically reduced this life-giving direction to little rules that served to bind rather than free. Those who are captive struggle to sing songs of rejoicing. Such directionless people flock to John asking: What must we do then? At this point John presents the first clear social teaching of the Christian era, firstly to the people, then tax collectors, then the soldiers. Afterwards John declares before them all that Christ whom they had awaited was immanent and the era they had long awaited had arrived.

The risk we face is to see the arrival of the Messiah only as an historical event. The reality is that Jesus Christ, who overcame death, is present in our world today, and wherever there is love, there is God. There is no greater cause for rejoicing than awareness of this fact.





## 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 ...

Marie Dyer 4352 1994 for St Cecilia's Pageant  
Rehearsal will be 4pm Friday 24th December

and  
Chris 0406 539 444 for the St John Fisher Pageant  
Rehearsal will be 9.30am Sunday 19th December.

## TRIDUUM MASS

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

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2021

### CHRISTMAS EVE FRIDAY 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 SATURDAY 25TH DEC

7.30am St Cecilia's Church

8.30am St John Fisher

9.30am St Cecilia's Church

**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*

## ADVENT RECONCILIATION

1st form of the Rite of Reconciliation:

St John Fisher Mass Ctr

18th Dec Following 5pm Mass  
and 19th Dec following 5pm Mass

2nd form of the Rite of Reconciliation:

St Cecilia's Church

Wednesday 22nd Dec 6pm

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## A CHRISTMAS APPEAL

by Pam Campbell

As Christmas draws near we head for the shops, to buy gifts for our family and friends who are tops!

We love all the lights, the food and the songs, as we capture the mood and right all our wrongs.

We enjoy all the laughter, the barbeques and sweets, the fireworks at New Year and many other treats.

But we shouldn't forget there are those with much less, who are out in the cold, their lives in a mess.

Some don't have a family on whom to depend. They don't share the fun Or have gifts to send.

They need our assistance, our money and goods. Through St Vinnies, who keep them out of the woods.

As Christians we follow Jesus, His teachings of love—To be just, merciful and generous, His lessons from above.

This is His season, the time of His birth.

If we follow His example, we can show our true worth.

By having our own fun and looking after our own, but also reaching beyond and being kind to the bone.

(by Pam Campbell who wrote this in support of the St Vincent de Paul Appeal 2007)

## CHRISTMAS STALL

### ST JOHN FISHER

This weekend at Saturday 5pm and Sunday 8.30am Masses.  
(Weather permitting)

There will be some wonderful Christmas gift ideas and stocking fillers.



- Please bring your own drinks.
- At our Christmas get together we will be having lucky door prizes and a raffle.

## CHRISTMAS GET TOGETHER ALL WELCOME

On Friday 17th December at St John Fisher Hall, a special get together is being organised for our parish this year, in particular, this Christmas get together has special significance, as with the easing of COVID restrictions we can once again join together, renew friendships face-to-face and celebrate.

All parishioners and family members are invited and are most welcome.

The Christmas dinner will commence at 6pm with a meal (**barbecue, meats, salads and sweets Dinner will be provided but we ask that you please bring your own drinks**) followed by Christmas carols.

For catering purposes, it is essential you text or phone Jo on 0424 763 734 and register your attendance.

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

### CHRISTMAS APPEAL:

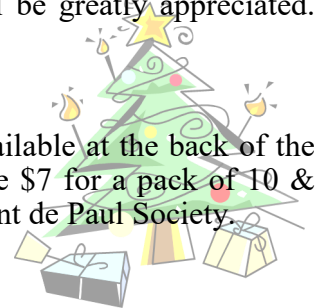
We are currently holding our Christmas appeal, the SVDP Wishing Well will be at the back of the church for you to fill with lots of goodies.

Each hamper needs tinned ham, Christmas Cake & pudding, custard as well as basics such as cereal, biscuits, pasta & sauce etc.

We are also seeking donations of Coles/Woolworths gift cards as well as cash donations, these can be placed in the box at the back of the church. 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 \$7 for a pack of 10 & calendars are \$10. Proceeds go to St Vincent de Paul Society.



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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

Fr Raul ph: 0450 115 099

Fr Alex ph: 0432 947 245

PARISH OFFICE 23 Byron Street Wyong

Phone: 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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### 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

St Barnabas, Yarramalong

1st Sun of month 11.15am

### 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 Cecilia's 5pm Mass Saturday

St John Fisher 5pm Mass Sunday

All parents are welcome to accompany their children at children's liturgy.

### 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

### Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

PPC Secretary; Kerry Bugden  
ph 4388 2938

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, Jacqui Stacey, Josie Campbell, Carol Dafter, Dave Rodney, Gwen Dwyer, Helen Waters, Rove Varman, Rod & Pauline Cornwell, Marie & Peter Rheinberger, Clara Banda, Hannah Hopwood

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### ANNIVERSARY DECEMBER:

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**‘Tis the Season**

‘Tis the season to remember when God came  
down to walk with men.

The Gift was not wrapped in boxes and bows for  
mercy came in swaddling clothes.

So when you think of Christmastime it isn't  
about trees and tinsel shine.

Love stepped down from heaven's height and  
was born on earth that blessed night.

So pause sometime in December For  
‘Tis the Season to remember.

**Sunday Mass 12th December 2021 Year C**  
**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD** *Reproduced from Liturgia*

**FIRST READING ZEPHANIAH 3:14-18**

Israel, shout aloud! Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem!

The Lord has repealed your sentence; he has driven your enemies away.

The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst; you have no more evil to fear.

When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem: Zion, have no fear, do not let your hands fall limp. The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior.

He will exult with joy over you, he will renew you by his love; he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM ISAIAH 12:2-6**

R. Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

**SECOND READING PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7**

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

**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 LUKE 3:10-18**

The crowds asked John the Baptist, "What should we do?" He said to them in reply, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none.

And whoever has food should do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized and they said to him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He answered them, "Stop collecting more than what is prescribed." Soldiers also asked him, "And what is it that we should do?" He told them, "Do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with your wages."

Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people.





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- Memory Innovations Centre
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