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2nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
19th January 2020 Year A

*'Look, there is the lamb of God that
takes away the sin of the world.'*

Gospel Reflection

There is a good chance that today many parish communities will sing one of the well-known versions of Psalm 39, 'Here I am Lord', based on the ancient hymn of David. While we may sing this hymn enthusiastically our reality is that we are usually not here in the present. Instead we carry burdens from the past and are troubled with anxiety about the future. Often the one place we struggle to be is where we are and in the reality of the present moment. This does not mean we should forge the pain from the past or ignore our anxiety about the future since emotion (paid, anxiety or other) can only exist in the present. While what has happened in the past has already happened, our present feelings of guilt, grief, hurt or pain about a past experience are an opportunity for us today to experience the healing of God in the present. In the same way anxiety about the future is a present feeling and can be healed by God in the present. The only moment God has with us now is the present reality of the circumstances of this day. Let our prayer from this present reality be simply, 'Jesus: Here I am...'

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The BAPTISM of the LORD
12th January 2020 Year A

Gospel Reflection

I asked the children 'when did your life begin?' A few quickly answered 'when I was born' and another added 'when I was very little inside my mummy.' I affirmed their responses but suggested that I was looking for another answer. One sharp child looked especially puzzled for a moment then called out 'when I was baptized.' This is the most accurate answer of all. When I asked my parents to tell me about my own baptism I was surprised by the simplicity of the gathering. My father had arranged it with the priest in the small New Zealand town where we lived and he collected my mother and I from the maternity hospital stopping at the church on our way home. My godparents and grandmother were the only others present. In this initial sacrament of the Church I became a child of God, one on whom God's favour rests. About the time I had the baptism conversation with my parents I discovered the date on which I was baptized in this little church on the south bank of the Waitaki River. Now every year I celebrate the anniversary of this day on which my little existence became a divine life.

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Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for January

Promotion of World Peace

We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

Thank You For All Your Support

The Social Justice committee of our parish would like to thank all parishioners for their support during 2019.

Your generosity for those in our own community who need our help through the 'Shoe-Box' collection and the 'homeless' campaign was very much appreciated. The continued support given to other communities through the many raffles and monetary collections reflects your generous nature and concern for all. Once again, in 2020 our first major project will be the 'Shoe-Box' collection. Our month for collection will be **March**. This is earlier than usual so we can distribute before the cold really sets in.

We pray that the Holy family will bless you all in this Festive Season. Kerry Bugden for The Social Justice Committee.

Keep Us In Your Prayers

Prayer: The most valuable gift you can give someone.

Sick: Len Miller, Victor Gibbs, Harriet Powell, Danae Roe, Peter Ford, Harry Hall, Michael Briggs, Christine Heffernan, Jennese Thompson, Stephen Doyle, Martin Wicks, Leeann Hazelton, Janet Ellis, Catherine Amey, Mary Kerry, Philip Dwyer.

Rec Deceased: Nicholas Zammit (Micallef)

Anniversary: Peter White, Patricia Unger, Bill Martin, Peter White, Tony Kerr.

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: 26th January 2020

First Reading Is 32:15-18; **Second**

Reading Cor 12:4-11; **Gospel** Mt 5:2-12

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

Wyong Parish Filipino-Australian Devotees'

Celebration of Faith

Viva Senor Sto Nino

(Feast of the Holy Child)

"Festival of Faith, Food and Fun"

19th January 2020

St John Fisher Hicks Lane Tumbi Umbi

11am (Novena) 11.30am Mass

Sto Nino Devotees' assembly and procession (Please bring your Sto Nino images for blessing)

Followed by procession, lunch sharing and cultural program

(Please bring a plate to share)

For more information please call

Mona 0406 998 422



Plenary Council 2020

We are now in the second phase of preparing for Plenary Council 2020. We have moved from listening and dialogue, which aimed at identifying areas of interest for the church in Australia to listening and discernment which formulates how exactly we deal with these areas of interest. This discernment phase is the last opportunity for us as lay members of the Catholic Church to have a definite influence on the agenda for the Plenary Council.

From the listening and dialogue phase of 2018/19 responses were grouped into six areas/themes, listed below, to respond to the Question

How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church?

- Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal
- Prayerful and Eucharistic
- Humble Healing and Merciful
- A Joyful, Hope-filled and Servant Community
- Open to Conversion, Renewal and Reform
- Missionary and Evangelising

Each week, commencing 18/19 January, one of the above themes will be addressed in our bulletin. Everyone is asked to pray and reflect upon Scripture, church teaching and our contemporary situation in order to discern the answer to the question asked and make suggestions on how we should respond. This discernment will help to shape the agenda for the first session of the Plenary Council in October 2020.

For further information:- plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/themes/

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Parish office hours during the Christmas/School holidays 2020.

During January and the beginning of February the Parish Office will only be open:

Wed 22nd/Thur 23rd, Wed 29th/Thur 30th January.

And Wed 5th / Thur 6th February

Office hours will return to normal on Monday 10th February.

Thank You

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Australia Day—Sunday 26th January

Australia Day is an excellent time to remind ourselves of the great land that God has given us and to thank him for all the blessings that we take so much for granted – blessings like peace, freedom, caring friends, and loving families.

Come along to **Mass on Sunday 26th January** and give thanks to God for what's great about Australia, and to pray for continued blessings on this great South Land.

Plenary Council Discernment Area 1

**How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is:-
Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal**

This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a desire for individuals and groups within and also beyond the Church to find a better welcome and be incorporated more into her life and mission. There was a call to renew forms of governance and leadership in the Church, to find ways formally and informally of being co-responsible for ministry and mission, seeking structures and processes of collaboration, shared decision-making and financial co-responsibility in order to enable this greater involvement of lay people particularly of women, young people, people of diverse cultural backgrounds and people with disabilities.

There was an expressed need for stronger connections across the many parts of the Church, and with other Christian traditions. (Broken Bay Diocese). If you have ideas on how we deal with this area please speak to our priests or contact Kerry Bugden—Phone: 43882938 or Email: kbbugden@bigpond.com

Parish Christmas Raffle Prize Results—please see our noticeboard.

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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 Yarralong 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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