

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*

12TH NOVEMBER 2023 THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WYONG CATHOLIC PARISH

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

Under the Pastoral Care of the

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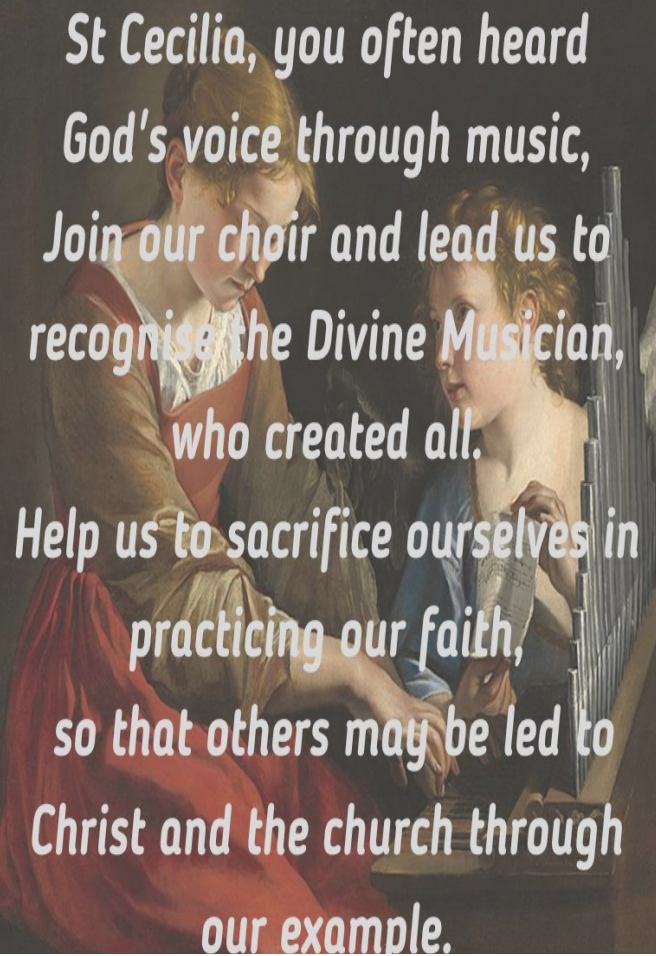
ST CECILIA

Evangelisation

Before the marriage was consummated Cecilia told Valerian about her virginity and that she had an angel watching over her, who "would punish anyone who would touch me". Valerian said: "Dearest, if this be true, show me the angel." Cecilia's reply: "That can only happen if you believe in one God and be baptized." She sent him to Pope Urban (223-230), who baptized him; when he returned, he saw Cecilia praying in her chamber and an angel beside her with flaming wings, holding two crowns of roses and lilies. The angel of the Lord placed these crowns on their heads. Shortly after, Tiburtius, brother of Valerian was also converted.

Together her husband and his brother took up the task of burying martyred Christians, which was illegal. At the same time, Cecilia devoted her time to her own ministry. She preached about the good news and was able to convert over 400 people.

(This love-story is recounted in a religious romance which circulated in Greece during the 4th Century)



St Cecilia, you often heard
God's voice through music,
Join our choir and lead us to
recognise the Divine Musician,
who created all.
Help us to sacrifice ourselves in
practicing our faith,
so that others may be led to
Christ and the church through
our example.

Reflection 12.11.2023 Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Are you one of those people who prepare for a camping trip and take much more than you need, or do you under-prepare and find yourself lacking a can opener when you need it or a pump for the air mattress? I'm an over preparer. I take everything we need and much more. I don't ever want to be caught short.

But is it the same when it comes to my faith life?

Today's parable of the ten bridesmaids highlights the importance of being ready when God moves in our life. The foolish bridesmaids thought they knew exactly when the groom would show up. They weren't prepared for his late arrival and didn't have enough oil in their lamps. As a consequence, they missed the bridegroom when he did show up.

Lord, help me to build up stores of spiritual oil, through prayer, sacraments and service. Help me to wait patiently on God's timing in my life and be prepared to receive God's movement and grace at exactly the time it appears.

Amen.

November Month of Remembrance

It is customary for us to acknowledge All Souls in November.

"It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins."

2 Maccabees 12.46

Our Book of Remembrance (Memorial) will be put up near the Sanctuary of St Cecilia's Church from All Souls Day and will remain throughout November.

November Mass Offerings

There are envelopes available for you to write the names of your beloved deceased. Please put the envelopes into the special boxes near the sanctuary in both Churches. All Masses in November will be offered for our departed brothers and sisters.

White Elephant Stall—SJF Tumbi Umbi

Support our Pastoral Works Appeal- Rae will once again be having a stall at our Masses at Tumbi on:

Saturday 18th Nov at 5pm & Sunday 19th November at 8:30am.

She will have a variety of items for sale, everything but the kitchen sink!!

If you are able, please support us with this appeal.

Thank you.

CELEBRATION MORING TEA

As part of the celebration of the launch for St Cecilia's Relic on **Sunday 26 November**, morning tea will be provided after the 9:30 am Mass in the Parish Meeting Room.

If you can provide a plate to help with the catering it would be appreciated.

SAVE THE DATE!!!!!!!!!!!!

The Parish Christmas Function will be held on **Friday 15 December** in the school hall at St John Fisher, Tumbi Umbi. We hope everyone will join us, so please mark your calendar.

We warmly welcome the children who are to be baptized this weekend into our Parish Community. May the grace of the Lord Jesus bless them and their Families.



Talk on the Mass — St Mary of the Cross Church, Warnervale

How does the mass relate to my life? How can I get more out of the mass?

Broken Bay seminarian, Shayne D'Cunha, will address these questions as he explores *how we can participate more fully at mass.*

Some of you may remember Shayne from when he was completing his pastoral placement here at Wyong Catholic Parish in December 2020.

When: 6:15pm-7:15pm (with time for Q & A) on **Saturday, the 18th of November.**

Where: St Mary of the Cross, Catholic Church, Warnervale.

ST CECILIA'S FEAST DAY—SCHOOL LITURGY

You're invited to join us for a liturgy at St Cecilia's School, Wyong, as we celebrate St Cecilia's Feast day on the **22nd of November at 8:45am** in the Cola area. Please contact the Parish office on 4352 1011 or Jo Helm the Parent Engagement Coordinator (PEC) on 0424 763 734 so the school will know you will be attending.

250 Club Update

THANK YOU FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING SUPPORT

250 NUMBERS SOLD

Weekly Prizes are \$50 – 1st & \$20 – 2nd

Monthly Prizes are \$200 – 1st & \$50 – 2nd

and will be last weekend of the month.

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11th/12th November	Weekly	19	Jenny Browne	205	Denis Hanrahan

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Sunday Mass 12th November 2023

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Wisdom 6:12-16

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Wisdom is found by those who look for it.

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.

By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.

Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them.

Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;

you will find her sitting at your gates.

Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;

be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.

She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her

and graciously shows herself to them as they go,

in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 62:2-8

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 24:42, 44

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

you know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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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, Monday 9.15am (School Term)

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

Fr Teody ph: 0414 494 823

PARISH OFFICE 23 Byron Street Wyong

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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 8.45 - 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

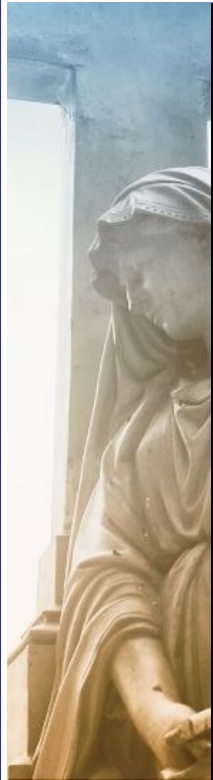
KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS

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, Christine, Jacqui Stacey, Josie Campbell, Dave, Rodney, Gwen Dwyer, Helen Waters, Rod & Pauline Cornwell, Marie Rheinberger, Hannah Hopwood, Joan Mabbutt, Irene Dainty, Eoin, Paula, Peter Meury, Jai Coleman, Danielle, Frank Farrugia, Betty McDermott, Marc Sabat, David Myers, Adam Smith.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Richard Mahinay, Carol Dafter, Raymond (Ray) Baker, Fay King (Regina Preston's Aunt).

ANNIVERSARY NOVEMBER: Ron Mahoney, Marie Therese Bartlett



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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 Fr Teody. The contact details are on the back to the Bulletin.

SAFEGUARDING is everyone's responsibility



Everyone must practice **A DUTY OF CARE**. We are called to step up and speak out.

Need to be listening & watching to understand if there are any concerns and take them seriously



Tell one of our designated persons in authority

- Fr Raúl 0450 115 099
- Maureen Roast 0435 245 849
- Anne Hooley 0428 149 793

Contact will be made with Diocesan Safeguarding Office



Our Community is **SAFE**

17.10.2023

Dear Parishes,

We would appreciate you including our Gaza Crisis Appeal in your parish bulletins this week and over the coming weeks. Please adapt the following information to your layout. There is a QR code for printed bulletins. Also attached to this email is a PPT slide (standard and widescreen) to show before or after mass.

If there is anything else we can provide to help you promote this appeal, please contact Nicole Dobrohotoff nicoled@caritas.org.au

Thank you for your support,

Caritas Australia

Caritas Australia’s Gaza Crisis Appeal

An estimated 1 million people have been displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter, health, and psychosocial needs.

‘This is a period of incredible turmoil and sadness. The escalation of violence has only exacerbated needs for the people in Gaza and West Bank, who already live in dire conditions. We are working with our partners on the ground to provide comprehensive and critical support to over 17,000 families affected by this devastating conflict.’
Sally Thomas, Humanitarian Lead, Caritas Australia

With your support, we will be able to help our partners on the ground to assist people displaced and affected by the current conflict.

Please donate to Caritas Australia’s Gaza Crisis Appeal.

You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone 1800 024 413

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SIP MEETING

Next meeting of **Spirituality in the Pub** is 7.30-9.00pm on **Tuesday 14th November** at the Grange Hotel, Wyoming. Our Special Guest Speaker is Dr Andrew Kwong whose highly acclaimed book ***One Bright Moon*** is the story of a young Chinese boy's awakening – to survival, education, fulfilment, and eventually to a new life of freedom as a successful doctor in Australia. Hotel bistro opens at 5.30pm. SIP enquiries: 0415 129250 or 0439 678608.

OR (if space permits there is additional information re the following:)

Spirituality in the Pub (SIP) Meeting 7.30-9.00pm
14th November at the Grange Hotel, Wyoming (cnr. Renwick St & Pacific Hwy).
Our guest speaker is Dr Andrew Kwong.

Dr. Andrew Kwong:

Born in China under Mao's oppressive regime, Andrew later made his way to Australia, graduated as a doctor and became a Fellow of the RACGP in 1982. He has been a GP on the Central Coast since 1979. Andrew is a multi-award writer including the Michael Crouch Award for a debut work in The National Biography Award 2021 for ***One Bright Moon***, a memoir about his life in China and his endeavour to become a doctor.

Tell anyone else who may be interested. Bistro opens at 5.30pm.
SIP enquiries: 0415 129250 or 0439 678608.

Many thanks in anticipation,
Tony

Tony Voller
for SIP Committee
Mob. 0488 334446



In honour of James Robert Cardinal Knox
Fifth Archbishop of Melbourne

Knox Public Lecture 2023

Tuesday 28 November 7.30pm
Live videostream via Zoom

Truth and Peace: Timeless Twins

Presented by Dr Susan Connelly RSJ



Dr Susan Connelly, a Sister of St Joseph, is an educator and activist who advises the Australian Bishops Commission for Social Justice. She has worked with the East Timorese people for almost 30 years in cultural support and justice advocacy.

Susan is the author of *East Timor, René Girard and Neocolonial Violence: Scapegoating as Australian Policy* (Bloomsbury, 2022) and her current concerns include the Australian espionage against Timor-Leste in 2004, the prosecutions of “Witness K” and Bernard Collaery, and the oppression of the people of West Papua.

Susan will reflect on the critical challenges to truth telling in public life, in the light of Catholic social teaching on justice and peace.

Join us for this important conversation as we mark the 60th anniversary of Pope John XXIII’s landmark encyclical on international peace, *Pacem in terris*.



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