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Parish office hours during the Christmas/School

holidays 2020. The parish office will be closed from

Monday 23rd December & reopen on Wednesday 8th January

9.30am 2020. During January and the beginning of February

the Parish Office will be open:

Wednesday 8th/Thursday 9th,

Wednesday 15th/Thursday 16th,

Wednesday 22nd/Thursday 23rd

Wednesday 29th/Thursday 30th January.

And Wednesday 5th / Thursday 6th February

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

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We extend our heartfelt condolences to Bishop Anthony on the death of his father Colin, who passed away on Saturday 7th December. Please keep Bishop Anthony and his family in your prayers.

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.

Recently Deceased: Geoffrey McPherson, Fr Barry Nobbs, Dionisio Gler

Anniversary: Bill Martin, Larry George Hooley.

Readings: 22nd December 2019

4th Sunday of Advent, Year A First Reading; Isaiah 7:10-14; Second Reading; Romans 1:1-7; Gospel; Matthew 1:18-24

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 Yarramalong 1st Sunday

11.15am

Filipino Mass Every 3rd Sunday 12pm

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

Fr Raul/Fr Alex and the Legion of Mary

visit Wyong Nursing Home 2nd

Wednesday of the month and

Berkley Vale Nursing home 3rd Wed of the Month

Meetings/prayer groups

St Cecilia's Choir practice every Tues

night 7 to 8pm

St Cecilia's Rosary Group 2pm Tues

St Cecilia's Legion of Mary 8am Wed

Liturgy Meeting

Catechist Meeting

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Social Justice Meeting

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)



JOY

15th December 2019

3rd Sunday of ADVENT

Reflection

The lectionary offers us a choice of two very different responses to today's psalm: one is a cry for help, 'Lord, come and save us'; the other a joyful outburst of praise, 'Alleluia'. Which response will your community choose?

Both responses are very appropriate for today's psalm which is a rich expression of faith in God. The sacred writer praises God who keeps faith forever, who cares for the oppressed and marginalised, who heals the sick and who sees justice done. When we respond, 'Lord, come and save us', we are saying, 'Lord, we believe you are such a God and we ask you to reveal your saving power and faithful love in our present difficult circumstances'. When we select the joy-filled response of 'Alleluia' we are saying, 'Lord, we believe you are such a God because we are presently experiencing your wonderful saving love'.

Perhaps we are feeling a little of both, like today's liturgy which intermixes the themes of joy and patient waiting. We rejoice in God's saving presence in our lives and in our world as we witness progress, albeit slow, in human rights and justice. But we also recognise ongoing injustice and suffering, areas in which we remain unfree, and people still marginalised and abandoned. In the one prayer we mix 'alleluias' with 'Lord, come and save us'.

Whatever our circumstances, faith in God who keeps faith forever is what is most important. As Jesus says in today's Gospel, 'Happy the one who does not lose faith in me'.

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Advent Reconciliation

1st Rite Reconciliation:

St John Fisher Mass Ctr

14th Dec Following 5pm Mass and
15th Dec following 5pm Mass

2nd Rite Reconciliation:

St Cecilia's Church

Wednesday 18th Dec 6pm

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

Each year, a Christmas Triduum of Masses is celebrated at St Cecilia's Church.

This year's Novena Masses will take place Friday 20th, Sunday 22nd and Monday 23rd December at 7pm.

At this point, the Advent focus shifts to the Christmas story and the Virgin Mary. These days serve to prepare more directly for the Lord's birth.

Celebrated over a period of three days, these Novena Masses invite us to unite in prayer at this special time of year. All are welcome.



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2019

Christmas Eve 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 25th Dec

7.30am St Cecilia's Church
8.30am St John Fisher
9.30am St Cecilia's Church



Advent & Christmas Reflections

Meeting Room behind St Cecilia's Church Thursdays during Advent 6pm—7pm, Please call Lucy to confirm your attendance; 0403 808 742 or lucy.thornley4@hotmail.com

We will prayerfully read the readings of the coming Sunday, using THE WAY Advent & Christmas Daily Reflections 2019

Christmas Bush needed

We would love to decorate the Church with Christmas Bush.

If anyone has some Christmas Bush they can spare would you please contact Jo on 0424 763 734.

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Dear parents/ families/ parishioners

Christmas is fast approaching and we warmly invite you and your family and friends to our Christmas Eve 'Child Friendly' Mass. This is a beautiful family Mass to attend, to celebrate the Christmas Story. The Mass will be **Christmas Eve at 5pm at BOTH St John Fisher Hall, Tumby Umbi and St Cecilia's Church, Wyong**

We would love as many children to participate in this Mass as possible.

We are looking for the following to join us at rehearsal and be part of the Mass:

- * Confident readers (from year 4 and upwards)
- * Angels, shepherds, kings etc for the Gospel Nativity
- * Gospel Procession
- * Singers for the choir.

If you would like your child to be part or to take on a special role (Readers & Prayers Year 4 and up), (All ages welcome to join in the choir, ribbon movement, procession, Gospel re-enactment etc) –

a special rehearsal is planned 4.30—6.30pm on Monday 23rd December at St John Fisher for those attending St John Fisher Mass

And

Christmas Eve from 4.00pm Tuesday 24th Dec @ St Cecilia's Church for those attending St Cecilia's Mass

All are welcome and every child who attends the rehearsal will be given a role at the Mass. We hope to see lots of people for both the Mass and rehearsal. Parents are also encouraged to come to the rehearsal – there are a few jobs to do and many hands make light work!

We also will be needing some adults to help out before the Mass with car parking, so all volunteers are greatly appreciated.

Enquiries for St John Fisher please call or text Colleen Smith [0418 667 223](tel:0418667223)

and for St Cecilia's Church please call Anne Brady [4351 3522](tel:43513522)

Safeguarding Message We the people of the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay are committed to fostering communities of safety and care for all people, especially for children and others in the community who are vulnerable. Our commitment is underscored by our faith in Jesus Christ.

Festive Season at St John Fisher

Mass: All celebrations of Holy Mass from the 5:00 pm Vigil Mass on 24 December until the 8:30 am morning Mass on Sunday 29 December will be held in the School Hall.

Cuppa: A Christmas cuppa will be held after the 8:30 am Mass Christmas Morning. Tea, coffee and cordial will be provided. A small plate to share would be appreciated. **Everyone is invited to attend and will be most welcome.**

Help: The seating arrangements for these celebrations in the hall needs to be organised. This will occur at **9:00am on Monday 23 December** and should take no longer than 45 minutes. Anyone who is able to help with this organisation is asked to contact Brian Bugden on 43882938.

Parish Major Christmas Raffle

Tickets will be available at our weekend Masses and at all parish functions leading up to Christmas. The raffle will be drawn on the weekend of 29th December.

We sincerely thank you for your support in all our raffles and fundraising programs.

Choice of 5 prizes

Camping by a Billabong by *D'Arcy W. Doyle*

Pottery Soup Tureen and bowls

Jewellery Box

2x Framed Tapestries

\$50 Fresha Options Fruit & Veg voucher

Basket of Pink Moscato Wine

Missionary Sisters of Charity Raffle

This raffle which supports the work of the Missionary Sisters in Orange, Katherine and Alice Springs will be held at Tumby this weekend. Please see Marie to purchase raffle tickets.

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