

# 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*

**15TH JANUARY 2023 2nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME Year A**

**WYONG CATHOLIC PARISH**

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

**Under the Pastoral Care of the**

**Society of Our Lady of The Most Holy Trinity (SOLT)**



## **Reflection 15.1.23 2nd SUNDAY in Ordinary Time Year A**

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Early in the first chapter of John from which today's Gospel comes, the eccentric-looking man we know as John the Baptist is presented in clear, sober language as a witness to Christ, the light: 'There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light' (John 1:6-7). John was a powerful preacher of influence. In fact, the Jewish authorities sent investigators to ask him if he was the Messiah. John's denial was clear and precise. In the mind of the writer of the fourth Gospel John's extraordinary gifts were harnessed for one purpose only-to witness to Jesus Christ as the revelation of God. How do we witness to him in our day-to-day actions? What is enlightening about our lives?

# Sunday Mass 15th January 2023

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength. And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him: 'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 39:2, 4, 7-10

R. Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

### Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

### Gospel Acclamation John 1:14, 12

Alleluia, alleluia! The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God. Alleluia!

### Gospel John 1:29-34

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention January For educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

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## SAVE THE DATE

Parish Brunch

Monday 6th February

11am

Parish Hall/Verandah

23 Byron Street Wyong

All Welcome!

## Parish Bulletin

E-BULLETIN If you would like to have the bulletin emailed to you, please send an email with "e-bulletin" as the subject to:  
[wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au)

## Safeguarding Message

A culture of Safeguarding values COMMITMENT...."Speak out and judge fairly, defend the rights of the poor and needy." - see Proverbs 31:9 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 Joanne.

The contact details are (02 4352 1011 or [wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au)) or see back of Bulletin for Mobil no.

## Please note:

During January the office will only be open:

Wed 11th/ Thurs 12th and Wed 18th/ Thurs 19th and Wed 25th  
Office hours will return to normal Monday 30th January.

## Feast of Sto Niño (Sinulog) Celebration 2023

The Sinulog-Santo Niño Festival is an annual cultural and religious festival held on the third Sunday of January in Cebu City and is the centre of the Santo Niño Catholic celebrations in the Philippines.

Every 3rd Sunday of January, Wyong Catholic Church & St John Fisher Catholic Church and the Wyong Filipino Community also celebrate the Feast of Sto Niño (Sinulog)

Come and celebrate with us on the day. Please bring your Sto Niño images for blessing.

This celebration starts with a 9 day Novena, info below:  
7th January - 14th January  
7pm @ St Cecilia's Catholic Church Wyong

**15th January 11am Novena @ St John Fisher Catholic Church (before the high mass)  
11.30am Procession,  
12pm High Mass.**

After Mass, there will be a procession, lunch, and cultural program that have been prepared for your entertainment.

We also have a basketball tournament right after the program.

## CONDOLENCES

*The Parish extends our deepest condolences to Marie Rheinberger and family on the passing of her beloved husband Peter Joseph Rheinberger.*

*Peter's funeral was held at Greenway Chapel, Monday 9th January 2023 at 2.00pm, 460 Avoca Drive Green Point.*

*Peter was a dearly loved member of our parish community and he will be sadly missed.*

*We know and pray that Peter is in God's loving hands. May he rest in peace. Amen*



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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

**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

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**PARISH OFFICE** 23 Byron Street Wyong

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**OFFICE HOURS:** Mon to Thurs 9.30am to 2.30pm &

Fri 9.30am to 12pm

### PARISH CONTACTS

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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 8.15 - 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

### 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

### 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, Margaret Hobbs, Christine, Jacqui Stacey, Josie Campbell, Carol Dafter, Dave Rodney, Gwen Dwyer, Helen Waters, Rod & Pauline Cornwell, Marie Rheinberger, Hannah Hopwood, Fay King, Joan Mabbutt, Irene Dainty, Eoin, Paula, Peter Meury, Lyn Nash.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** His Eminence Cardinal George Pell, Peter Rheinberger

**ANNIVERSARY JANUARY:** Patrick Gallardo Gonzalez, Fr Manoj, Sophie Roe, Peter White, Patricia Unger, Bill Martin, Tony Kerr, Armida Bito-on, Kevin Booth

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# Wyong Shire Filipino-Australian Devotees' Celebration of Faith



## VIVA SENOR STO NINO (Feast of the Holy Child)

### FIESTA CELEBRATION

For further information, please contact:

When: 15th January 2023

Fr Raul Balute SOLT 0450 115 099

Where: St John Fisher Catholic Church  
Hicks Lane Tumbi Umbi  
NSW 2261 (near Mingara)

Fr Alex Barnedo SOLT 0432 947 245

Peps Burlat 0403 211 643

Jun Marquez 0418 448 092

Time: 11:00am 9th Day Novena

Manny Dangca 0420 603 743

11:30am Procession

Mona Santos 0406 998 422

12:00nn HIGH MASS

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

9 Day Novena :

7th Jan—14th Jan , 7pm St Cecilia's Wyong

15th Jan, 11am St John Fisher Tumbi Umbi



Followed by procession, lunch (bento box) and  
traditional Filipino performances

