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Birthdays and Anniversary's

Birthdays

March..... David Crass, Julie Travers, John McCabe

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, Martin Wicks, Leeann Hazelton, Catherine Amey, Philip Dwyer, Bernadette Kiely, Ross Tollow, Steve Durnford, Ann Durnford, Maureen Mulheron, Angela Watts, William Martin, Terence (Ted) Dafter.

Rec Deceased: Isidro Barrios

Anniversary: Reg Preston, Barbara G Brigoli, Jose Castanares

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March Catholics in China

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

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 Wednesday of the Month

Meetings/prayer groups

St Cecilia's Choir practice every Tuesday 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)



Third Sunday of Lent, Year A 15th March 2020

Reflection for 15th March 2020

Jesus speaks to a Samaritan woman, and through her, he speaks to us. He describes the kind of worship that is pleasing to God, worship 'in spirit and in truth'. To worship God in spirit and truth implies that our devotion and prayer is not simply to be a matter of mechanical formal observances. Indeed, such formal observances are, in the sight of God, of infinitely less consequence than the disposition of heart. This is not to say that formal religious observances are futile or devoid of value – indeed, they are essential to Christians, since they are an expression of our union with Christ's mystical body, the Church. Nevertheless, our every thought and deed, however mundane, if done with the intention of expressing the glory of God, can also become a true and genuine act of worship – a living sacrifice of praise, a passionate song of love, and even a heart-felt plea for forgiveness.

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Plenary Council 2020 The final report for Phase 1: Listening and Dialogue for Broken Bay has now been released. The findings in this report are a summary of the submissions that were received from our dioceses and highlights prominent themes that were discussed by participants.

The full report can be found towards the bottom on the opening page of the Plenary Council website under Diocesan Reports – Broken Bay. Website: <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au>

The report itself is lengthy but the Contents on page 3 provide the information of all that is included.

Next week's Reading: 4th Sunday of Lent Readings: 22nd March 2020

First Reading 1 Sam 16:1,6-7,10-13; **Second Reading** Eph 5:8-14; **Gospel** Jn 9:1-41

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



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Can you help over the Easter Ceremonies? Please see the back of the Church/Mass Ctr to add your name to the Easter Ceremonies Roster. Thank you

Would you like to leave a little room for God, well you can on Tuesday the 17th March at St Cecilia's between the hours of 6-7pm. A time where we can share our love of God by means of contemporary Christian music and reflection. For more information phone Roy on 0423972009.

Palm Sunday Crosses

All are welcome to come and help make our Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday Masses.

Wednesday 1st April at 11am in the Parish Centre.

Lunch will be provided.

Also if anyone has any palms that would be suitable to decorate our Churches for Palm Sunday could you please speak to Fr Raul or Fr Alex otherwise please contact the Parish Office.

Project Compassion

Barry grew up in a tough environment. With the support of a program from Caritas Australia's partner, Red Dust Healing, Barry has overcome many of life's challenges. He is now an inspirational father to his four girls and a leader in his community.

"There is no true peace without fairness, truth, justice and solidarity". (Pope John Paul 11).

Parish Lenten Preparation

St Cecilia's Church Friday evenings in Lent 28 Feb, 6, 13, 20, 27 March and 3 April 2020.

6.30pm Stations of the Cross

7pm - 8pm The Light is on (Adoration & Reconciliation)

Through Lent with Mark's Gospel

We invite catechists and friends to stop and reflect during your Lenten journey. Join us for a Lenten Spirituality morning with Mark's Gospel.

Monday 16th March 2020, 9.30am to 12.30pm
St Cecilia's Parish Centre 23 Byron Street Wyong
please RSVP by Monday 9th March ph:8379 1643 or registrations@bbcatholic.org.au

Parish Lenten Reflection 2020 "Wells of New Life"

We have a Lenten Reflection in our Parish on:

Monday 16 March, 2pm - 4pm

The venue is the Parish Centre behind St Cecilia's Church.

All most welcome

You are invited this Lent to take time out to reflect on the Lenten Scriptures, and to allow God to speak into your life and draw you more deeply into the mystery of the saving action of Jesus that we will celebrate at Easter.

This 2-hour interactive session will explore two of the wonderful Year A texts that we will hear this Lent:

the Woman at the Well in John Chapter 4
the Raising of Lazarus in John Chapter 11

This opportunity for reflection comes as we prepare for the significant event in our Australian Church of the first Plenary Council session in October. We will also draw on the Plenary Themes of 'Missionary and Evangelising', 'Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal' and 'Open to Conversion, Renewal and Reform', and how they can speak to us today. Facilitated by Pina Bernard, Team Leader Catholic Life & Faith Formation team, Diocese of Broken Bay
Please RSVP to Jo at wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au by Mon 9 March.

Excerpts from Pope Francis' Lenten Message 2020

It is good to contemplate more deeply the paschal mystery through which God's mercy has been bestowed upon us. Indeed, the experience of mercy is only possible in a "face to face" relationship with the crucified and risen Lord "who loved me and gave himself for me" (Gal 2:20), in a heartfelt dialogue between friends. That is why prayer is so important in Lent.

Men's Breakfast

We invite you to join us for 8am Mass at St Cecilia's Church Followed by Men's Breakfast in the Parish hall on Tuesday 31st March.

Legion of Mary—ACIES

Please join us for **Mass at Wyong on Wednesday 25th March at 8am** followed by Consecration to Our Lady of the Rosary and Legion Prayers. A 'cuppa' will follow.

Parish Fundraiser

We will be having a **Parish Fundraiser this weekend 14th/15th March at all St Cecilia's Masses.**

Rae Bof has been knitting the 'cutest' Easter gifts which will make a perfect gift for someone. Rae is also making some delicious Passionfruit Butter. We have also received some other very generous gifts to sell at the stall.

Wyong Parish Easter Egg Raffle

Over the next few weeks we will be selling raffle tickets to raise money for:

St Cecilia's Church; raising funds for a new back fence and repairs to the Presbytery roof.

and

St John Fisher Mass Ctr; raising funds for a small pergola to create some much needed shade and shelter.

Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

The raffle will be drawn on Palm Sunday at the Sun 9.30am Mass at St Cecilia's and Sun 5pm Mass at St John Fisher.

Please note: Help is needed to sell raffle tickets for the Easter Egg Raffle at St Cecilia's Church after Mass over the weekends of 21st/22nd and 28th/29th March.

Please contact the parish office on 4352 1011.

Catholic Youth Broken Bay are hosting their first **PRAISEFEST** of the year! Whether you're coming for an ACYF2019 reunion or just to be in a place to gather as young Catholics from across the Diocese, come and join us for an evening of fun, a free BBQ, fellowship, and an experience of energetic worship with a life-giving message.

Date: Friday 20 March 2020

Time: 6:00pm - 9:00pm

Venue: MacKillop Catholic College, 91 Sparks Rd, Warnervale

Solemnity of St Patrick 17th March

"I pray to God to give me perseverance and to deign that I be a faithful witness to Him to the end of my life for my God." St. Patrick

Solemnity of St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary 19th Mar

St Joseph was the role model and mentor for Jesus as he grew to maturity.

St Mary Mackillop claimed St Joseph as the patron and protector of her congregation of religious Sisters. Both Jesus and Mary Mackillop relied on St Joseph for his wisdom, humility and guidance.

We extend a very happy Feast Day to all especially those associated with the Josephite Order.

St Joseph, patron of the Universal Church, pray for us.

Sacrament of Confirmation 2020

(for children in Year 2 and above who have been baptised)

Enrolment / First Special parish Mass: 4th/5th April.

Second special parish Mass: 2nd/3rd May.

Sacramental Class: If you are not attending St John Fisher or St Cecilia's school and in Year 2, you will need to attend a Sacramental Class on Sunday 3rd May at 2.45pm - 5pm, to be held at St John Fisher Mass Ctr. An adult must remain present during this class. All children will have the same workbook 'Preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation.'

Tea and Coffee will be provided for the adults and poppers for the children, please bring a plate of food to share for afternoon tea.

Confirmation Ceremony:
Date: Saturday 23rd May **Time:** 10.30am
Venue: St Peter's Catholic College 84 Gavenlock Road, Tuggerah.

Please note: All important information regarding the Confirmation Ceremony will be handed out at our Enrolment/First Special Mass 4th/5th April. **(Please stay after Mass to collect this information)**

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