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### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT Readings: 23rd December 2018

First Reading: Michah 5:1-4; Second Reading: Heb 10:5-10;  
Gospel: Lk 1:39-44 You may view next week's readings by visiting this web site: <http://www.usccb.org/bible/>

### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for December

#### In the Service of the Transmission of Faith

That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

### S a f e g u a r d i n g M e s s a g e

During this Advent Season let us be reminded that Jesus sees children as recipients and models, and even the measure of the Kingdom (Gundry-Volf & Kelly)

### Keep Us In Your Prayers

**Prayer:** *The most valuable gift you can give someone.*

**Sick:** Sebastian Martino, Laura Valtarel, Eoin McAweeney, Gail Parsons, Michael Briggs, Paris Tabernaberi, Michael King, Maria Mercedes, Ferraresi, John Susovich and daughter Wendy, Paul Wright, Cherie Gurtner, Leeann Hazelton, Rose Attard, Deb Roy, Dianna Williams, Juan Tabernaberi, Colleen O'Neill, Zoila Vasquez, Myriam Iviviani, Dianna Chapman, Miguel Magno, Marisa Martino, Charles Richards, Maria Luisa Bazan, Baby George, Jim Kelly, Margaret Skimming, Iliaria McMahon, Jannese Thompson, Bailey Ferris, Haydn Kaltanbacher, Amelia Dunn, Aurora Estrella, Jean, Scotty, Margaret Shepherd, Pat Willemsem, Hettie Meulen, Peter McEvoy, Josephine Riediger, Luigi Schiavo, Talitha Milroy, Emma Carroll, Len Miller, Cecily Briggs, Terry, Ann Brady, May Fagan, Shirley North, Rosie Attard, Lilli Drennan, Robert Clarke, Nancy Hagney, Marie Bartlett, Rove Varmen, Raymond Baker, Annaliese McCulkin, John Brefa, Regina Preston, Tony Lowe.

**Anniversary:** Larry George Hooley, Bill Martin, Paul Myers,

**Deceased:** Wen Martinez

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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** 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

### St Cecilia's Church

Rosary Group 2pm Tuesdays  
Legion of Mary 8am Wednesdays



## 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)

**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*

# 3rd Sunday of ADVENT



16th December 2018

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Lord, I realise that John's call to make ready the way for your coming calls for a genuine conversion of my heart. John gave very concrete advice to people in various walks of life as how to prepare themselves to welcome the Messiah. John advocated a change in the lifestyle that results from a change of heart. Turning away from my sins and turning back to God have serious consequences. If and when this conversion truly takes place in me, it should reflect in my actions and attitudes. Honestly, I have to confess the dichotomy that exists in my life—my religious belief and practices on one side and my real life on the other. I could be keen on carrying out my religious duties, saying my prayers, performing the religious rites, but in real life I could be far from the Father's will. Unless my conversion produces fruits such as honesty, justice, integrity and selfless love in daily life, my heart is not yet ready to receive you, my Saviour



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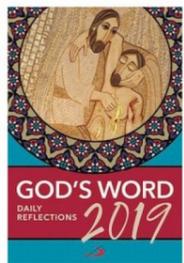
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## Advent Reconciliation

### 1st Rite Reconciliation: St John Fisher Mass Ctr

15th Dec Following 5pm Mass and  
16th Dec following 5pm Mass

### 2nd Rite Reconciliation: St Cecilia's Church

Wednesday 19th 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 Wednesday 19th, Thursday 20th and Friday 21st 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.



Please join in ON  
**Monday, 17th December**  
**6 p.m.**  
for our  
**Ecumenical Christmas Carol Service**  
At St Cecilia's Catholic Church  
Byron Street, Wyong  
All children are invited to dress as angels or shepherds to take part in the tableau (meet at 5.30pm)  
Join us after the service for Tea and Coffee

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2018**

**Christmas Eve Monday 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 Tuesday 25th Dec**

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

## Festive Season at St John Fisher

**Mass:** All celebrations of Holy Mass from the 5:00 pm Vigil Mass on 23 December until the 8:30 am morning Mass on Sunday 30 December will be held in the School Hall.

**Cuppa:** A Christmas cuppa will be held after the 8:30 am Mass on **Sunday 23 December.** 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 **8:00am on Saturday 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.

## Blessing of Christmas Cribs

Making Christ the centre of your Christmas celebrations :  
Please bring your Nativity sets from home for a blessing at next weekend's Masses. If the set is too large just bring the crib.

## Missionary Sisters of Charity Raffle

From the sale of the raffle tickets and generous donations, the sum of \$778.00 was raised for the Sisters at Katherine, Alice Springs and Orange. Thank you all kindly for your support.  
Winners: Sunlounge; Julie Besgrove; purple B66  
Toys: 1st Lilly A46 Red, 2nd Betty A13 Red, 3rd Vanessa A31 Green.

## Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. (Hebrews 13:2)

A parishioner who lives in the Diocese of Broken Bay, but not in our Parish, made a very generous donation to the Diocese for the benefit of Parishes on the Central Coast.

All of the Parishes on the Central Coast were invited to respond as to what they needed so that the funds could be shared.

We knew that St Cecilia's Church roof needed repairs and we knew that we are a welcoming community that would always value anyone who joined us "under God's roof".

We were delighted when we found out that we would receive \$20,000 to put towards the repairs. Over the next few weeks, the roof will be repaired, and whilst the donation will almost cover the repairs, we need to pay an additional \$6,000 for the scaffolding, which was not covered by the donation allocated to our Parish. You will see the scaffolding up in the new year, and if you are in a position to support the supports that are supporting the roof, we would be deeply appreciative of your... support!

We feel truly blessed to have received such generosity from an "angel".

## Christmas Eve Children's Mass St Cecilia's Church Wyong and St John Fisher Tumbi Umbi

This Mass is truly a beautiful way families in our school and parish can celebrate the Christmas story. The Mass will be **Christmas Eve at 5pm at BOTH St John Fisher and St Cecilia's Church.** We encourage families and extended families to set aside some time to come along, children are encouraged to dress up in character from the Christmas Nativity story (we'd love to see lots of angels, shepherds, wise men and wise girls), along with lots of Mary and Joseph's.

For any child who would like 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) – All are welcome and every child who attends this will be given a role at the Mass.

**(A special rehearsal is planned 2:00pm - 4:00pm on Sun 23rd Dec at St John Fisher for those attending St John Fisher 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 Mass please call Kay 0407975502

## St Vincent de Paul Giving Tree

A very sincere thank you for everyone's generous donations. Your contributions have assisted us in putting together Christmas hampers which will be distributed to the needy families in our area. Thank you for your continued support.

**We wish you all a very happy and Blessed Christmas. Wyong Conference Centre**

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