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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

## Legion of Mary—ACIES

Please join us for Mass at Wyong on Saturday 23rd March  
at 8am followed by Consecration to Our Lady of the Rosary  
and Legion Prayers. A 'cuppa' will follow.

## Keep Us In Your Prayers Prayer: The most valuable gift you can give someone.

Sick: Len Miller, Sandy Riach, Sr Sylvia Markulin, Victor  
Gibbs, Harriet Powell, Danae Roe.

Recently Deceased: Fr Tito Ayo, SOLT, Angelita Tabije,  
Rita Muscat.

Anniversary: Barbara Brigoli, Najividad Dieta, Jim Fagan,  
May McAndrew.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Readings: 24th March 2019 First Reading Ex 3:1-8, 13-15

Second Reading 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 Gospel Lk 13:1-9

You may view next week's readings by visiting this web site:

<http://www.usccb.org/bible/>

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

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 (4352 1011 or [office@wyongcatholicparish.com](mailto:office@wyongcatholicparish.com))  
*A culture of Safeguarding values SERVANT LEADERSHIP...*  
*"Like good stewards of the manifold of grace of God, serve one  
another with whatever gift each of you has received." -*  
*1 Peter 4:10*



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**PIETY STALL** Due to some persistent health issues  
I am finding it difficult to have the piety stall open  
each Sunday after the 9.30 Mass at St. Cecilia's. If  
any parishioners are able/willing to work on the Piety  
Stall after the 9.30 Mass (for approximately 15  
minutes) perhaps monthly, please phone Mary on  
4355 4353. Thank you.

# 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

2nd Sunday of Lent  
17th March 2019



Only Luke's account of the transfiguration alludes to the passion as part of the revelation of Jesus' glory. Thus, without detracting from the glory that is central to the transfiguration, the Lenten context challenges us to embrace the paschal aspect of the suffering that leads to glory.

In this transfiguration account Luke embraces themes (glory, exodus, Jerusalem) that are developed over the next three Sundays in the gospels having a common motif of repentance: repent or perish, seek forgiveness and feast, repent and live.

We tend to have two opposite stances toward pain and suffering: avoid it at all costs; end it as soon as possible or tough it out. Neither approach is what the paschal mystery implies - embracing pain and suffering (dying to self) is what leads to new life and glory.

Several features of the transfiguration story highlight the glorious aspects of this event: Jesus' changed appearance, his dazzlingly white robes, the presence of Moses and Elijah, the manifestation of Jesus' glory, the cloud of divine presence, the heavenly voice announcing Jesus as the Son of God.

But several features also point to the passion /death /resurrection of Jesus. The Lectionary begins the reading in the middle of verse 28. The omitted half of the verse indicates that this event took place 'about eight days after' Peter's confession that Jesus is 'the Messiah of God' (9:20). 'Eight days' was interpreted by the early Fathers of the Church as a reference to the resurrection: in Jewish reckoning, Saturday (the Sabbath) is the seventh day of the week which makes Sunday the first day of the week or, if counting continuously, the eighth day. The expression 'the eighth day' became shorthand for the resurrection. While this usage is not attested in the New Testament, early Christian documents moved in this direction.

Only Luke indicates what Moses and Elijah were talking about: 'his passing which he was to accomplish (Greek = fulfil) in Jerusalem'. The use of the term 'passing' may be a reflex from the reference to Moses, the hero of the Exodus, in which case Jesus is being identified as the long-expected 'Prophet like Moses' (Deut 18:15,18; see also Acts 3:22; 7:37). Or, because of the future reference, 'he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem', it possibly refers to his coming death /resurrection /ascension. The immediate reference to his 'glory' makes this very likely.

Two more details point this story to the passion. The disciples will once again be found sleeping, next time in Gethsemane (Luke 22:45-46). And finally, the words 'this is my Son, the Chosen One' reflect the vocabulary of the Servant of the Lord (42:1), the same Servant who 'gives his life as an offering for sin' (Isaiah 53:10) and whose death 'shall justify many' (Isaiah 53:11). Glory and passion are the two sides of the paschal mystery.

Gospel Reflection Reproduced from Liturgia Brisbane 2019



### Parish Lenten Preparation - St Cecilia's Church

Thursday evenings in Lent 21, 28 March and 4, 11 April 2019 **6pm** *Lectio Divina*

Friday evenings in Lent 22, 29 March and 5, 12 April 2019 **6.30pm** **Stations of the Cross**

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

### Palm Sunday Crosses

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

**Wednesday 10th 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

### Lectio Divina Praying the Scriptures in Lent

The Diocese of Broken Bay Lenten resource for 2019 *Discerning the Way of Jesus* will take you on a six-week journey through Lent using the *lectio divina* practice of reading scripture, which is both prayerful and transformative. **6pm** on Thursdays during Lent held in the meeting Room behind St Cecilia's Church.

**The Light is On** is an initiative where Catholic churches are open for quiet prayer and Reconciliation on certain evenings during Lent. In Lent 2019, parishes of the Diocese of Broken Bay will be open during Lent for prayer and Reconciliation on **Fridays 7pm - 8pm** on 22, 29 March and 5, 12 April 2019.

**Experience God's light and peace in your life this Lent.**

Lent is the season where we prepare ourselves to renew and restore our relationship with Jesus and the Church as we prepare to celebrate Easter. You are warmly invited to join in prayer at our parishes during Lent.

When ready, you may consider participating in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. To help prepare yourself to receive the joy of God's mercy, explore information here to help you feel more confident and ready, including a Guide to Reconciliation.

For many of us the Sacrament of Reconciliation can be scary and even embarrassing. We may be too nervous or consider ourselves unforgivable. Yet with confidence Pope Francis reminds us:

*"How many times in my pastoral ministry have I heard it said, 'Father, I have many sins,' and I have always pleaded, 'Don't be afraid; go to him; he is waiting for you; he will take care of everything.' We hear many offers from the world around us, but let us take up God's offer instead: his is a caress of love."* - Pope Francis, Homily, Basilica of St. John Lateran, Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7, 2013.

### 100% HOPE Project Compassion

You are empowering communities with hope and helping those in great need to shape a better future for themselves, their families and their communities. *Lives change when we all give 100%*

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March; Christian Communities.** That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

### World Day of Prayer

"Come - Everything is Ready"

Date: **29th March 2019**

Time: **10.30am**

Place: **Wyong Uniting Church**  
61-62 Watanobbi Rd Watanobbi  
With morning tea to follow.



### LENTEN SPIRITUALITY MORNINGS

Spaces are limited so book early

Catechists and Friends, allow yourself time to stop and reflect during your Lenten journey. Join us for a Lenten Spirituality morning at **Wyong Catholic Parish (Behind the church), Parish Hall 23 Byron Street, Wyong**

**Date: Friday 22 March 2019 Time: 9:30am - 12:30pm**

**Register by: Monday 18 March 2019**

**Morning Tea is provided Enquiries: Colleen Smith**  
**registrations@bbccatholic.org.au or 8379 1643**

**Presenter: Eulalie O'Keefe**

Eulalie is a qualified theologian, educator and spiritual director. She has extensive experience in educational fields, in counselling and various areas of ministry. Eulalie has been a catechist for 20 years and has the heart of this ministry in her own heart.

### Shoe Box Collection for Men & Women During the month of March

Once again we are taking on this very successful initiative to support people in need or without homes within our local community. We invite you to become involved in the **'Shoe Box Collection'**. Simply grab a shoe box or collect a calico bag from the parish office and fill it up with lots of goodies.

Please note: if you would rather not make up a shoe box we have also provided a basket at the back of the church for you to place individual items into.

You are welcome to leave your donations at the back of the Church/Mass ctr.

### ROSTER TIME

*If possible please hand this slip in this weekend after Mass. Thank you in advance.*

It is that time again when we have to prepare new Ministry Rosters for Wyong and Tumby Masses April - July 2019. Please complete this form and place it in the box marked 'Ministry Rosters for Wyong and Tumby' at the Back of the Church.

### MASS MINISTRIES ROSTER

Name (print)

from Wyong / Tumby

**I am available for the** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Mass time on Saturday/Sunday.**

Please circle ministry/ies that you serve in:

**Welcomer, Server, Music, Lector (Reader), Collector, Presentation of Gifts, Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, Children's Liturgy**

**I am not available on the following dates:**

*A very big thank you to all those who have contributed to the Rosters.*

We would also like to take this opportunity to encourage you to consider **joining our Liturgy Team**. We meet on the First Wednesday of February, March, April, June, August, November and December from 6pm to 7pm in the Parish Hall.

Further information regarding the Rosters or joining the Liturgy team please contact;

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