

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*

18TH DECEMBER 2022 Fourth Sunday of ADVENT 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

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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Joseph is the main actor in our Gospel. On learning that Mary is pregnant, he is faced with three choices. He can expose her 'infidelity' and have her put to death under the Law: this is one form of righteousness. Or he can send her back quietly to her people before the marriage contract is completed. This is another, more compassionate form of righteousness. The Gospel today says that he had decided to do this, when the angel appeared and announced the Gospel message to him: the child is of divine origin, and Joseph is to marry Mary, and name him 'Jesus' (God saves). Joseph, like Mary, says 'Yes' to the angel's Word and becomes husband to Mary and Father to her son. This third form of righteousness before God embodies a faith that transcends mere observance, a love and generosity that transcend justice, an acceptance of, and commitment to, a future which gives us our saviour. Truly a just ('righteous' man! Bring before God all those who have suffered trauma at the hands of church members, the church as a whole, single parents... the list goes on. Mary had her Joseph. May they have her and your compassionate help.



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



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Rehearsal will be 4pm Saturday 24th December

TRIDUUM MASS

St Cecilia's Church 21st, 22nd and 23rd December 7pm

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2022

CHRISTMAS EVE SATURDAY 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 SUNDAY 25TH DEC

7.30am St Cecilia's Church

8.30am St John Fisher

9.30am St Cecilia's Church

5.00pm St John Fisher

ADVENT RECONCILIATION

**1st form of the Rite of
Reconciliation:**

St John Fisher Mass Ctr

17th Dec Following 5pm Mass
and 18th Dec following 5pm
Mass

**2nd form of the Rite of
Reconciliation:**

St Cecilia's Church

Wednesday 21st Dec 6pm

365 Pacific Highway
North Wyong NSW 2259
PO Box 786
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CHRISTMAS BUSH

We would love to decorate our Church and Hall with some Christmas Bush. If any parishioner would like to donate some, we would be very grateful. We will be decorating St John Fisher (Hall) on Wed 14th Dec and the Church (St Cecilia's) on Friday 23rd December.

If you can donate some Christmas Bush please call Jo on 0424 763 734.

Thank you

Christmas Stall

Thank you to all our parishioners at Wyong and Tumbi for putting up with my fundraising. The total raised is \$2220.00

Having a bit of a rest before I start again..... cheers Rae

Please note: Parish Office will be closed from 12pm Wednesday 21st Dec and reopen Wednesday 11th January.

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 (bento box), and cultural program that have been prepared for your entertainment.

We also have a basketball tournament (liga) right after the program

Dear Families,

Some of you may already be aware that a parent from our Community has recently set up a **Go Fund Me Page** for one of our St. John Fisher Families, John & Rebecca Mungovan – McTigue.

Callen and Niamh are currently students in Year 5 and Year 3 at St. John Fisher.

Sadly, John had a serious accident at home last month. He has broken his neck and back in several places and his injuries are serious. At this point, his recovery time is uncertain.

Rebecca has been required to take time off work to care for John and support him with his recovery, while continuing to also care for their 4 children and maintain the family household.

While Rebecca and John have been blessed and overwhelmed by offers of help, many people have been enquiring "How can we help?"

After consultation with the family, we have decided to set up a **Go Fund Me** page hoping to create an opportunity to provide this family some much needed financial and practical assistance, as a way of alleviating some of the financial stress this situation has unfortunately created. We hope that this will also provide them with some time to enjoy Christmas as a family and focus on John's recovery without worrying about the loss of both incomes.

Many of you will know this generous family, who always put their hands up to help others and our community; We believe it's now time for us to help them.

We can assure you that any funds raised will go directly to John & Rebecca to help cover their household bills and associated costs during this challenging time.

We would be most grateful should you wish to contribute and support this family. Please see link below.

https://www.gofundme.com/f/donate-to-help-the-mungovanmctigue-family?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_campaign=p_cf+share-flow-1

Many thanks Honor McGill Family Liaison Officer (FLO) St. John Fisher Catholic Primary School, Tumbi Umbi



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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

Fr Raul ph: 0450 115 099

Fr Alex ph: 0432 947 245

PARISH OFFICE 23 Byron Street Wyong

Phone: 02 4352 1011 Po Box 385 Wyong 2259

OFFICE HOURS: Mon to Thurs 9.30am to 2.30pm & Fri 9.30am to 12pm

PARISH CONTACTS

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Assistant Priest **Fr Alex Barnedo, SOLT** ph:0432 947 245

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Parish Secretary **Helen Bath** ph:02 4352 1011 (Wed & Thurs)

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PARISH WEBSITE: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/wyong/>

FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/wyongcatholicparish

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 & Peter Rheinberger, Hannah Hopwood, Fay King, Joan Mabbutt, Irene Dainty, Eoin, Paula, Peter Meury, Lyn Nash.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Ray McVie, Gerald O'Sullivan, Michael Slattery

ANNIVERSARY DECEMBER: Bill Martin, Larry George Hooley, John Taylor, James Bastic, Rove Varman, Claire Baxter

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Safeguarding Message

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 on the back to the Bulletin.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention December

Volunteer Not-for-profit Organisations

We pray that volunteer non-profit organisations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

Sunday Mass 18th December 2022 Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year A

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Isaiah 7:10-14

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.' 'No,' Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.'

Then Isaiah said:

'Listen now, House of David: are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men without trying the patience of my God, too? The Lord himself, therefore, will give you a sign. It is this: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Emmanuel, a name which means "God-is-with-us".'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 23:1-6

R. Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

Second Reading Romans 1:1-7

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures.

This news is about the Son of God, who, according to the human nature he took, was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 1:23

Alleluia, alleluia! A virgin will give birth to a son; his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us. Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 1:18-24

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, and said 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son

and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

Vox Episcopi- Voice of the Bishop

14th December 2022

This week I had the great pleasure of celebrating Mass at Chatswood on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. With songs and silence, praise, and thanksgiving, we called upon the intercession of Blessed Mary in a particular way for expectant mothers and unborn children.

To conceive a child and bring it to birth is one of the great miracles of life. It is one of those amazing moments, worth pondering, that a woman and a man have been given the gift to co-create with God. To conceive a child is to have been given the splendid ability of creating an eternal life out of nothing. Human beings are the only creatures who share in this gift from God.

It takes a man and a woman to conceive a child. They give themselves so completely that from their love new life begins. Of course, the couple know that it is not just the two of them that produce this unique human being. The woman and man give the genetic material to form a new child, yet it is God that creates the human soul that joins with the body to exist for eternity.

The gift of new life, seen so clearly in the birth of a small and innocent baby, is a sign that the human family is called to bring to birth the Kingdom of God in our world. The gift of human life is a reminder that we are united to the eternal paradise God has waiting for us.

Life begins at the moment of conception. It is the woman who nurtures and supports the child within her own body. She is doubly blessed to co-create and to sustain new life. One only has to listen to mothers to know that this blessing can, at times, also be a burden. And yet, the burden of childbearing must never turn upon the greatest gift, the child, turning it into a competitor, an intruder, or worse still, an inconvenience.

In our time there are antagonists who champion the destruction of human life at its most vulnerable stage, and by this, I mean the unborn life carried in the womb of a mother. Each and every time human life is conceived the child is a reminder of God's love for His creation and we are reminded of God's desire for our eternal life. God's ongoing commitment to His covenant is a reminder of the sacredness of human life from conception until natural death.

After the Mass, I was invited by some expectant mothers to pray with them and ask God's blessing upon their soon-to-be-born child. It was a moment of grace. As we anticipate the birth of the Christ Child at Christmas so too, many women, couples, and families keep the advent of their lives as they await the new birth of a child.

In these remaining days of Advent, may Blessed Mary and Blessed Joseph her spouse, intercede for our world, for families, for married couples, and for unborn babies, as we look forward to the birth of Christ our Saviour.

Blessings and thanks,

+Anthony

Christmas

Mass Times

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St John Fisher Hicks Lane Tumbi Umbi

Christmas Eve Children Mass

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Wyong Catholic Parish

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



WELCOME TO THE CHRISTMAS
NOVENA MASSES 2022

Simbang Gabi Launch

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHEDRAL

10 December | 5:00 PM

27 Yardley Ave, Waitara

Hornsby

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

15-23 December | 7:00 PM

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Dee Why

ST. KEVIN'S CHURCH

15-23 December | 7:30 PM

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OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CHURCH

16-24 December | 5:30 AM

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Wyong

ST. CECILIA'S CHURCH

The Tridumm

21, 22, 23 December | 7:00 PM

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Pastoral Coordinator

Deacon Roberto Corpuz | m: 0414 525 448



Filipino Chaplaincy Broken Bay





Our new Diocesan Advent resource is now available.

Written by Fr David Ranson, it offers reflections based on the Gifts of Christmas that are represented by the Advent candles, these being Hope, Faith, Joy, and Peace.

You may wish to use this resource for small groups during Advent, or it is also suitable for individual reflection.

The resource can be accessed on the [Diocesan webpage](#)

For further information or assistance, please contact Pina Bernard at pina.bernard@bbcatholic.org.au or 0432 682 239.