FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C PARISH BULLETIN, 19TH DECEMBER 2021

I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done.

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



REFLECTION 19TH DECEMBER Luke 1:39-44

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I imagine a lot of love and humour in the visit of Mary to Elizabeth. It's likely that the situations of both women would have fuelled gossip in their little villages and among family and friends, and now we meet Mary seeking solidarity and refuge in the home of her cousin Elizabeth. It's helpful to recall the enthusiasm and excitement of their greeting: the child Jesus in Mary's womb 'leaped for joy and Elizabeth was 'filled with the Holy Spirit'. Perhaps these two didn't meet all that often, but when they did it was as friends and conversation would have carried on where they had left off at the last visit.

The humour I imagine is in the fact that the man of the house, Zechariah, was silent giving Mary and Elizabeth space to laugh and chat thus making his house their own. All of this during what must have been difficult circumstances for each of them. Their shared humour comes from their confidence that in their unexpected pregnancies God is at work.

And don't miss the Opening Prayer of today's Mass, familiar to us as the concluding prayer of the great Angelus: The word became flesh, and dwells amongst us.



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

All children are invited to take part in a Christmas Pageant at the Vigil Masses on Christmas Eve 24th December.

We are looking for the following to join us at rehearsal and be part of the Mass; confident readers, angels, shepherds, kings and gospel procession.

If your child would like to be in the pageant or you would like to help with the pageant please call ...

Marie Dyer 4352 1994 for St Cecilia's Pageant Rehearsal will be 4pm Friday 24th December

Chris 0406 539 444 for the St John Fisher Pageant Rehearsal will be 9.30am Sunday 19th December.

TRIDUUM MASS

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

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2021

Christmas Eve Friday 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 Midnight Mass 11.00pm

Christmas Day Saturday 25th Dec

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

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

ADVENT RECONCILIATION

1st form of the Rite of Reconciliation:

St John Fisher Mass Ctr

18th Dec Following 5pm Mass and 19th Dec following 5pm Mass

2nd form of the Rite of Reconciliation: St Cecilia's Church Wednesday 22nd Dec 6pm



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Pope Francis'

Prayer Intention for December

For Catechists

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

IMPORTANT

from Wednesday 15 December, the following will apply:

- No density limits will apply in any venue, including Places of Worship.
- Electronic sign-in will REMAIN mandatory in a number of venues, including Places of Worship by one of the following methods:
- o An individual using their device to check in with the venue's **QR Code**

Welcomers assist those without their own device by checking them in via the **Service NSW webform** associated with your parishes'

COVID Safe Business registration
o Please note – QR Codes are no

- longer mandatory for parish offices and meeting rooms.
- Singing and dancing is allowed by all.

Face masks are no longer mandatory but are <u>strongly</u> <u>encouraged</u>, particularly when social distancing is not possible.

CHILD RELATED MINISTRY

Working with Children Check clearances extended in September are coming up for renewal. Renew early to avoid delays over the holiday season.

CONDOLENCES

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Rove Varman, the Parish extends our deepest condolences to Rove's family.

Rove was a dearly loved member of our parish community. He was member of the PPC and Liturgy Committee and active in many ministries through out the parish. Rove will be sadly missed.

At this stage we do not have any Funeral details.

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

THE SISTERS OF CHARITY

The Sisters of Charity at Katherine, Orange and Alice Springs would like to thank the parishioners of St Cecilia's and St John Fisher for their kind donations in supporting them, they really appreciate your kindness.

CHRISTMAS STALL

ST CECILIA'S AND ST JOHN FISHER

Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas stall.

Rae still has some items left over usually they are \$1 each but is now selling them for 50c each.

Puddings are \$2

You can contact Rae via email; rae bof@bigpond.com

The raffle was won by Cecily Briggs. Congratulations Cecily.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS APPEAL:

We are currently holding our Christmas appeal, the SVDP Wishing Well will be at the back of the church for you to fill with lots of goodies.

Each hamper needs tinned ham, Christmas Cake & pudding, custard as well as basics such as cereal, bicscuits, pasta & sauce etc.

We are also seeking donations of Coles/Woolworths gift cards as well as cash donations, these can be placed in the box at the back of the church. Whatever you can donate will be greatly appreciated. Many thanks for your continued support.

Christmas Card & Calendars

Christmas cards and calendars are now available at the back of the church and after Mass at Tumbi. Cards are \$7 for a pack of 10 & calendars are \$10. Proceeds go to St Vincent de Paul Society.



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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: 4352 1011 Po Box 385 Wyong 2259 OFFICE Hours: Mon to Thurs 9.30am to 2.30pm &

Fri 9.30am to 12pm
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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

St Barnabas, Yarramalong 1st Sun of month 11.15am

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

Fr Raul/Fr Alex and the Legion of Mary **visit Berkley Vale Nursing home** 3rd Wednesday of the Month

Children's Liturgy

St Cecilia's 5pm Mass Saturday St John Fisher 5pm Mass Sunday All parents are welcome to accompany their children at children's liturgy.

Prayer groups

St Cecilia's Rosary Group Tues after 8am mass followed by Divine Mercy **St Cecilia's** Legion of Mary 9am Wed

Meetinas

St Cecilia's Choir practice every Tues night 5pm to 6pm

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting PPC Secretary; Kerry Bugden ph 4388 2938

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE

KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS

Prayer: The most valuable gift you can give someone.

SICK: Len Miller, 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, John Baxter, Jacqui Stacey, Josie Campbell, Carol Dafter, Dave Rodney, Gwen Dwyer, Helen Waters, Rod & Pauline Cornwell, Marie & Peter Rheinberger, Clara Banda, Hannah Hopwood

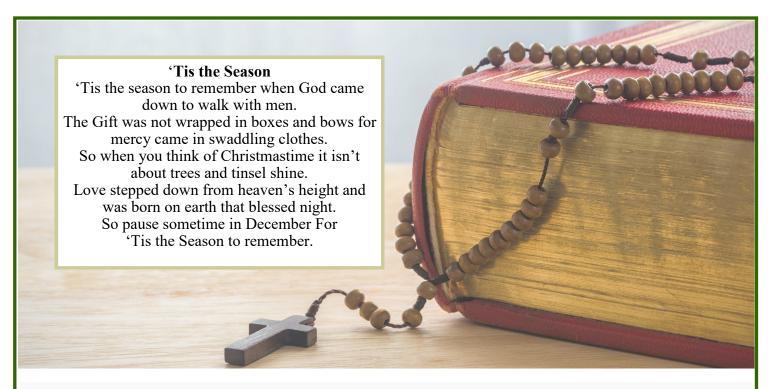
RECENTLY DECEASED: Rove Varman, Claire Baxter, Catherine Amey Anniversary December:

Bill Martin, Larry George Hooley, John Taylor

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Sunday Mass 19th December 2021 Year CTHE LITURGY OF THE WORD *Reproduced from Liturgia*

FIRST READING MICAH 5:1-4

The Lord says this:

You, Bethlehem Ephrathah, the least of the clans of Judah, out of you will be born for me the one who is to rule over Israel; his origin goes back to the distant past, to the days of old.

The Lord is therefore going to abandon them till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth. Then the remnant of his brothers will come back to the sons of Israel.

He will stand and feed his flock with the power of the Lord, with the majesty of the name of his God. They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his power to the ends of the land. He himself will be peace.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING HEBREWS 10:5-10

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world: You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation, prepared a body for me. You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin; then I said, just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book, 'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.'

Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION LUKE 1:38

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done. Alleluia!

GOSPEL LUKE 1:39-44

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."















PARISH FUNDRAISING

Rae still has some items left over usually they are \$1 each but is now selling them for 50c each.

Puddings are \$2 You can contact Rae via email; rae_bof@bigpond.com

The raffle was won by Cecily Briggs. Congratulations Cecily.



Australia enjoys one of the highest standards of living in the world, and we're living longer. Getting older should be fun – you have more time to do things you have always wanted to, to socialise with friends and learn new things. However, you may just need a little help to maximise those opportunities, to tackle changes in health, mobility and connecting with others.

At CatholicCare (our dedicated social services agency in the Diocese), help comes in lots of ways to suit your individual needs and circumstances. We can support you to get things done around the home, to get you out and about, and to connect with others. We also offer a range of supports for carers.

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- Respite Options
- Home Care Packages
- Commonwealth Home Support Program
- Memory Innovations Centre
- Community Visitors Scheme

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