

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*

19TH NOVEMBER 2023 THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**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)**

ST CECILIA

Courage

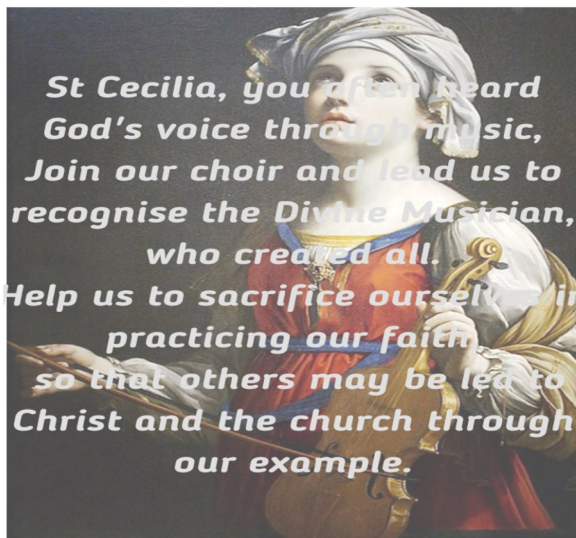
Valerian and Tiburtius were eventually arrested for their subservient activities. Brought before the Roman Prefect, they were ordered to make a sacrifice to the pagan gods, refused and were executed with a sword.

St. Cecilia responded by burying her husband and refusing to worship false gods. She was arrested and faced persecution, but she miraculously survived many of the torturous acts inflicted upon her. First, she was arrested and condemned to be suffocated in the baths. She was shut inside the bathhouse for one night, the fires were stoked, yet she was alive when her persecutors opened the doors.

When the city prefect found out about this, he sent an executioner to cut off her head. The executioner struck Saint Cecilia three times but was unable to decapitate her. Saint Cecilia was left bleeding and she lived for three more days. During the final three days of her life, Saint Cecilia continued to preach or offer her prayers to the crowds who had gathered around her. On the third day, she passed away. Saint Cecilia was buried by Pope Urban and his deacons at the Catacombs of St. Callistus. Her remains

were later transferred to the Church of Santa Cecilia in Trastevere.

Her namesake church is reportedly built on the site of the house where she lived. When church officials exhumed her body in 1599, they found her to be incorrupt.



Reflection 19.11.2023 Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Today's first reading from Proverbs speaks of the gift that a good wife is to her husband. A good marriage is certainly something to be valued and nurtured. The second reading from St Paul continues with that sense of urgency we've had in our readings as Advent approaches, a reminder that we will one day have to give an account of how we've lived our lives. And the Gospel ties these themes together in the parable of the talents. Jesus tells his disciples of a property owner entrusting three of his servants with a large amount of money (talents). Two of them go off, and taking some risk, they trade their talents and increase their bounty,. The third buries his, afraid to lose what he's got. The master rewards the first two and chastises the third. Jesus is telling us that we are to use our gifts in the service of the kingdom, not sit on them or bury them. This might include some risk. When I look back over my life I find it's often the times I stepped out into the deep with my gifts, even though I was afraid, that my life has borne most fruit.

November Month of Remembrance

It is customary for us to acknowledge All Souls in November.

“It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins.”

2 Maccabees 12.46

Our Book of Remembrance (Memorial) will be put up near the Sanctuary of St Cecilia’s Church from All Souls Day and will remain throughout November.

November Mass offerings

There are envelopes available for you to write the names of your beloved deceased. Please put the envelopes into the special boxes near the sanctuary in both Churches. All Masses in November will be offered for our departed brothers and sisters.

White Elephant Stall—SJF Tumbi Umbi

Support our Pastoral Works Appeal- Rae will once again be having a stall at our Masses at Tumbi on:

Saturday 18th Nov at 5pm & Sunday 19th November at 8:30am.

She will have a variety of items for sale, everything but the kitchen sink!!

If you are able, please support us with this appeal. Thank you.

LAUNCH OF THE ST. CECILIA RELIC

The **9:30 am Mass on Sunday 26 November** will see the commencement of the liturgical process for the installation of a Relic of St. Cecilia in our parish Church here at Wyong. Everyone is invited to be part of this special Mass and the celebratory morning tea in the Parish meeting room after.

SAVE THE DATE!!!!!!!!!!!!

The Parish Christmas Function will be held on **Friday 15 December** in the school hall at **St John Fisher, Tumbi Umbi**. We hope everyone will join us, so please mark your calendar.

ST CECILIA’S FEAST DAY—SCHOOL LITURGY

You’re invited to join us for a liturgy at St Cecilia’s School, Wyong, as we celebrate St Cecilia’s Feast day on the **22nd of November at 8:45am** in the Cola area. Please contact the Parish office on 4352 1011 or Jo Helm the Parent Engagement Coordinator (PEC) on 0424 763 734 so the school will know you will be attending.



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ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO BECOME A CATHOLIC?

Dear Parishioners,
This is Clint Warren-Davey, Religious Education teacher at St. Peter’s Catholic College. With the support of Fr Raul, Fr Alex, Fr Teody and Jo Helm (Parent Engagement Coordinator), I will be running **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)** through Wyong Parish in 2023-24. This is for people who are curious about becoming Catholic, or lapsed Catholics who want to re-examine their Faith. I will be explaining the core doctrines of Catholicism along with rational arguments for why we believe them. If you have any questions about the Faith, this is the place to ask them!

The program will run from November 2023 to March 2024, with a one-hour session every second **Saturday at 3pm at St. Cecilia’s Church, Wyong**. The first session will be **3pm, Saturday 25th November**.

If anyone is curious about this, please contact myself or Joanne Helm:

Clint: clint.warrendavey@dbb.catholic.edu.au

Joanne: joanne.helm@dbb.catholic.edu.au

250 Club Update

THANK YOU FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING SUPPORT

250 NUMBERS SOLD

Weekly Prizes are \$50 – 1st & \$20 – 2nd
Monthly Prizes are \$200 – 1st & \$50 – 2nd
and will be last weekend of the month.

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18th/19th November	Weekly	59	Michael Parry	45	Pamela May

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Sunday Mass 19th November 2023

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

A reading from the book of Proverbs

Give her a share in what she has worked for.

A perfect wife - who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 127:1-5

R. Happy are those who fear the Lord.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons,' since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is,' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation John 15:4, 5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 25:14-15, 19-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said, "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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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, Monday 9.15am (School Term)

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

Fr Teody ph: 0414 494 823

PARISH OFFICE 23 Byron Street Wyong

Phone: 02 4352 1011 Po Box 385 Wyong 2259

OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 9.30am to 2.30pm

PARISH CONTACTS

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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 8.45 - 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

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, Christine, Jacqui Stacey, Josie Campbell, Dave, Rodney, Gwen Dwyer, Helen Waters, Rod & Pauline Cornwell, Marie Rheinberger, Hannah Hopwood, Joan Mabbutt, Irene Dainty, Eoin, Paula, Peter Meury, Jai Coleman, Danielle, Frank Farrugia, Betty McDermott, Marc Sabat, David Myers, Adam Smith.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Richard Mahinay, Carol Dafter, Raymond (Ray) Baker, Fay King (Regina Preston's Aunt).

ANNIVERSARY NOVEMBER: Ron Mahoney, Marie Therese Bartlett



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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 Fr Teody. The contact details are on the back to the Bulletin.



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SAFEGUARDING is everyone's responsibility



Everyone must practice **A DUTY OF CARE**. We are called to step up and speak out.

Need to be listening & watching to understand if there are any concerns and take them seriously



Tell one of our designated persons in authority

- Fr Raúl 0450 115 099
- Maureen Roast 0435 245 849
- Anne Hooley 0428 149 793

Contact will be made with Diocesan Safeguarding Office



Our Community is **SAFE**

St Mary of The Cross, Warnervale & Central Coast Santa Maria Committee -Christmas Lunch !

Central Coast Santa Maria Committee & St Mary of the Cross Mackillop Parish, Warnervale, invite you to their Christmas lunch at **Toukley Golf Club, Key Street, Toukley from 12.00 noon to 4.00 pm on Sunday, 3rd December 2023.**

Live entertainment, provided by Tony Remedios, will accompany a two-course meal served at your table. Meal consists of pre-dinner nibbles, bread role, ham, turkey and pork, baked potatoes, pumpkin and mixed vegetables. Also served is a dessert of pudding with custard, Pavlova and ice cream.

All is prepared by the chef for the club.

Tea and coffee available. Drinks from the bar at own expense.

Tickets, \$45 per person, available till 19th November.

For tickets and other information please phone a member of the committee,

Charlie Scicluna on 0404 194 020 or Joyce on 4332 9963 or Connie and Charlie on 4396 3704 or Rita and Tony on 0448 742 591.

We assure you of a convivial atmosphere and a warm welcome.

17.10.2023

Dear Parishes,

We would appreciate you including our Gaza Crisis Appeal in your parish bulletins this week and over the coming weeks. Please adapt the following information to your layout. There is a QR code for printed bulletins. Also attached to this email is a PPT slide (standard and widescreen) to show before or after mass.

If there is anything else we can provide to help you promote this appeal, please contact Nicole Dobrohotoff nicoled@caritas.org.au

Thank you for your support,

Caritas Australia

Caritas Australia’s Gaza Crisis Appeal

An estimated 1 million people have been displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter, health, and psychosocial needs.

‘This is a period of incredible turmoil and sadness. The escalation of violence has only exacerbated needs for the people in Gaza and West Bank, who already live in dire conditions. We are working with our partners on the ground to provide comprehensive and critical support to over 17,000 families affected by this devastating conflict.’
Sally Thomas, Humanitarian Lead, Caritas Australia

With your support, we will be able to help our partners on the ground to assist people displaced and affected by the current conflict.

Please donate to Caritas Australia’s Gaza Crisis Appeal.

You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone 1800 024 413

QR Code	Image
	 <p>The image shows the Caritas Australia logo and the text 'GAZA CRISIS APPEAL'. Below this, it says 'Help provide urgent humanitarian assistance to the people affected by the conflict.' To the right is a photograph of a destroyed urban area with smoke rising from the rubble. At the bottom of the image is a red banner with the text 'DONATE NOW', 'www.caritas.org.au/gaza', and '1800 024 413'.</p>



In honour of James Robert Cardinal Knox
Fifth Archbishop of Melbourne

Knox Public Lecture 2023

Tuesday 28 November 7.30pm
Live videostream via Zoom

Truth and Peace: Timeless Twins

Presented by Dr Susan Connelly RSJ



Dr Susan Connelly, a Sister of St Joseph, is an educator and activist who advises the Australian Bishops Commission for Social Justice. She has worked with the East Timorese people for almost 30 years in cultural support and justice advocacy.

Susan is the author of *East Timor, René Girard and Neocolonial Violence: Scapegoating as Australian Policy* (Bloomsbury, 2022) and her current concerns include the Australian espionage against Timor-Leste in 2004, the prosecutions of “Witness K” and Bernard Collaery, and the oppression of the people of West Papua.

Susan will reflect on the critical challenges to truth telling in public life, in the light of Catholic social teaching on justice and peace.

Join us for this important conversation as we mark the 60th anniversary of Pope John XXIII’s landmark encyclical on international peace, *Pacem in terris*.



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