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Weekend Mass Times

St Cecilia's Church

23 Byron St Wyong

Sat Vigil 5.00pm Sun 7.30am & 9.30am

Children's Liturgy

at the 5pm and 8.30am Mass

St John Fisher Mass Centre

Hicks Lane Tumbi Umbi

Sat Vigil 5.00 pm Sun: 8.30am & 5pm

Children's Liturgy

at the 5pm Sunday night mass

Weekday Mass

St Cecilia's : Mon-Sat: 8.00am

St John Fisher:

Mon, Wed, Thurs 8:00am

Tue & Fri: 9.15am

Reconciliation/Confession

St Cecilia's Saturday morning after

the 8am Mass & Saturday at 4.30pm

St John Fisher Saturday at 4.30pm

Monthly Mass

St Barnabas Yarramalong

1st Sunday 11.15am

Filipino Mass

Every 3rd Sunday 12pm

Anointing of the Sick (First Friday)

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 Friday 8.15 - 9.15am

St Cecilia's 1st Friday of the month 7pm mass followed by prayers - Mass Midnight concluding 1am Saturday

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 Wyong Nurs-

ing Home 2nd Wednesday of the month and

Berkley Vale Nursing home 3rd Wednesday of the Month

Meetings/prayer groups

St Cecilia's Choir practice every Tues night 7 to 8pm

St Cecilia's Rosary Group 2pm Tuesdays

St Cecilia's Legion of Mary 8am Wednesdays

Liturgy meeting 4th Dec 6pm

Catechist Meeting 9th Dec 12pm

Parish Pastoral Council meeting 10th Dec

Social Justice Meeting

Anointing of the Sick (First Friday)

St Cecilia's During 8.00am & 11.30am Mass and

St John Fisher During 9.15am Mass

Keep Us In Your Prayers

Prayer: The most valuable gift you can give someone.

Sick: Len Miller, Victor Gibbs, Harriet Powell, Danae Roe, Peter Ford, Harry Hall, Michael Briggs, Christine Heffernan, Jennese Thompson, Stephen Doyle, Martin Wicks, Leeann Hazelton, Janet Ellis, Catherine Amey, Mary Kerry, Philip Dwyer.

Recently Deceased: Fr Barry Nobbs, Dionisio Gler

Readings: 8th December 2019 2nd Sunday of Advent, Year A

First Reading; Isaiah 11:1-10; **Second Reading;** Romans 15:4-9; **Gospel;** Matthew 3:1-12



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2nd Simon Chang No 25 \$20

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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)



Reflection

We all long for peace on earth. Despite our best efforts, however, our communities are often marked by conflict and violence. This situation leads us to the humbling recognition that peace on earth is somehow beyond the unaided capabilities of human beings. We must acknowledge that peace is God's gift. We must work for peace, yes, but we must also pray for the peace of Jerusalem, for peace in our homes and among our loved ones. Nations will hammer their swords into ploughshares and their spears into sickles only when they are willing to submit their disputes to the wise judgement of God.

Peace is the fruit of union with God. Like the tribes of Israel who went on pilgrimage to the temple in Jerusalem, we also need to make pilgrimage to God. We must journey away from self-centered preoccupations to God. Like the people Jesus mentions in today's Gospel, we can so easily get caught up in the affairs of life and forget God completely. We must journey to God, but the wonderful message of Advent is that God journeys to us first. We marvel at the God who came to us as a babe at Bethlehem, who is among us now in word and sacrament and community, and who will come again in glory at the end of time. On that day the peace of God, which we experience partially now, will envelop us fully.

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Wyong Parish Christmas BBQ Dinner & Carols on the Lawn

Please bring a dessert to share

(RSVP by Mon 9th Dec Jo 4352 1011 or 0424 763 734)

Parishioners are invited to come together to celebrate the festive season and thank one another for our gifts we share throughout the year. These gifts we share are what makes our Parish the wonderful caring community it is.

Date: **Friday 13th December** Time: **6.30pm for BBQ and Carols**

Place: **23 Byron Street Wyong** on the Lawn of the Presbytery grounds BYO. Picnic Chairs/blanket

The Advent Wreath

The **circle of the wreath** reminds us of God Himself, His eternity and endless mercy, which has no beginning or end. The **green of the wreath** speaks of the hope that we have in God, the hope of newness, of renewal, of eternal life. **Candles** symbolize the light of God coming into the world through the birth of His son. **The four outer candles** represent the period of waiting during the four Sundays of Advent, which themselves symbolize the four centuries of waiting between the prophet Malachi and the birth of Christ. The purple candles suggest penance and fasting & perhaps a royal colour of the coming King. Pink is used as a colour of joy & expectation.

Advent & Christmas Reflections

Meeting Room behind St Cecilia's Church Thursdays during Advent 6pm—7pm, Beginning on Thursday 28th Dec. Please call Lucy to confirm your attendance; 0403 808 742 or lucy.thornley4@hotmail.com

We will prayerfully read the readings of the coming Sunday, using THE WAY

Please join us ON
Friday, 6th December 6 p.m.
for a

**Ecumenical Christmas Carol
Service of Carols and Readings**
At St James Anglican Church
Byron Street, Wyong

Advent & Christmas Reflections

When: Thursdays during Advent 6pm—7pm
Beginning on Thursday 28th Nov **Please contact Lucy to confirm your attendance; 0403 808 742 or lucy.thornley4@hotmail.com**

Where: Parish hall, behind St Cecilia's Church.

Advent Reconciliation

1st Rite Reconciliation: St John Fisher Mass Ctr
14th Dec Following 5pm Mass and
15th Dec following 5pm Mass

2nd Rite Reconciliation: St Cecilia's Church
Wednesday 18th Dec 6pm

Triduum Mass

St Cecilia's Church
20th, 22nd and 23rd December 7pm

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2019

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

100th Birthday Blessings

Wyong Parish wishes Joan Van Brandwyk a very happy 100th Birthday. May the good Lord shower you with many blessings on your special day.

Charitable Works Fund 2019—2020

Wyong Parish Charitable Works Fund quota for this financial year 2019-2020 is \$21,840.00

To help raise funds to meet our target we will be holding;

- ♦ Our usual 3 Charitable Works appeals August & November 2019 raised \$11,102.50
May 2020. \$
- ♦ Bunnings BBQ raised \$1500.00
- ♦ Christmas stall held at St Cecilia's Church raised \$1083.00 (a stall will be held at St John Fisher in the coming weeks.)
- ♦ Canvas's raised \$320.00
- ♦ Recycled Bottles raised \$132.70
- ♦ Tumbi Meats Cake stall \$ (more information to follow in 2020.)

Sharing God's light – A gift in your will or a gift in memory of a loved one.

As you know, November is the month in which we pray for the deceased. As we come to end of the month it is timely to remind everyone that by leaving a gift to the parish of St Cecilia in your Will, you will leave a legacy of faith – a legacy to help ensure that the mission and pastoral outreach that has been important to you and your family, will continue both for today's needs and into the future. The work of our Church is far-reaching, touching the souls of many ... every day.

You may also choose to donate a gift in memory of some you have loved that is no longer with us.

A gift to our Church is the gift that keeps on giving. For more information please take a brochure from the back of the Church or Mass centre.

Kind regards Joe Cesca Chairman of the Parish Finance Committee

Safeguarding Message We the people of the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay are committed to fostering communities of safety and care for all people, especially for children and others in the community who are vulnerable. Our commitment is underscored by our faith in Jesus Christ.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for November;

The Very Young That every country resolutely commits to taking the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.

Feast of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Monday 9th December

Please join us at the 8am Mass followed by the recitation of the Rosary on 9th Dec at St Cecilia's Church.

Parish Major Christmas Raffle

Starting this weekend at our Tumbi Sunday 5pm Mass we will be selling raffle tickets for our Parish major Christmas Raffle. These tickets will be available at our weekend Masses and at all parish functions leading up to Christmas. The raffle will be drawn on the weekend of 29th December.

Choice of 5 prizes

Camping by a Billabong by D'Arcy W. Doyle

Pottery Soup Tureen and bowls
Jewellery Box

2x Framed Tapestries
\$50 Fresha Options Fruit & Veg voucher
Basket of Pink Moscato Wine

Missionary Sisters of Charity Raffle

This raffle which supports the work of the Missionary Sisters in Orange, Katherine and Alice Springs will be held next weekend at Wyong and at Tumbi the following. Please see Marie to purchase raffle tickets.

St Vincent de Paul Giving Tree

Once again, we are calling on your generous support to assist those who are less fortunate than ourselves. The giving tree is up in the Church and we ask you take a tag (or 2) and bring the item back by 15 Dec, and place under the tree. Your continued support is greatly appreciated by the local conference and those we assist.

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