

# 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*

**1ST JANUARY 2023 MARY, the Holy MOTHER OF GOD 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)**

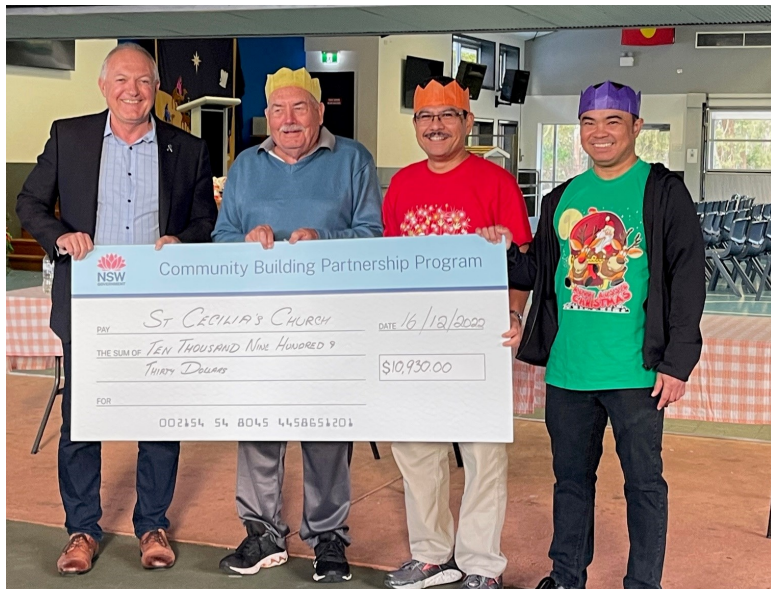
## **Reflection**

### **MARY, the Holy MOTHER OF GOD**

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*As a new calendar year opens, we hear people around us talking of their New Year resolutions, which are often to do with things like diet and physical fitness. In contrast, the Church invites us to reflect on Mary, the mother of Jesus and the first and foremost of his disciples, in the hope that we might learn from her how best to walk in the footsteps of her Son. Mary is a model for us all in dealing with the confusion, doubt, trauma, upheaval, shame and grief that form the fabric of our lives as similar experiences did to the fabric of hers. In Mary, Joseph and Jesus the compassion and love of God took on a human face. She brought Jesus into our world and it is our responsibility to model our discipleship on hers, by continuing to give birth to her son and his message in our time and place.*





At the Parish Christmas Function on the 16 December David Harris, State Member for Wyong, announced that we were successful in obtaining funding under the Community Building Partnership 2022. The \$10,930 will help in the restoration of the damaged leadlight windows at St Cecilia's Church. This will address fifty percent of the damaged windows. Work will commence in the New Year.

## Sunday Mass 1 January 2023

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### First Reading Numbers 6:22-27

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'Say this to Aaron and his sons: "This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them:

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace."

This is how they are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them.'

#### Responsorial Psalm Ps 66:2-3, 5, 6, 8

R. May God bless us in his mercy.

#### Second Reading Galatians 4:4-7

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, 'Abba, Father,' and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave any more; and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir.

#### Gospel Acclamation Hebrews 1:1-2

Alleluia, alleluia!

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son.

Alleluia!

#### Gospel Luke 2:16-21

The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told.

When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before his conception.

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## A BIG THANK YOU

to all those who organized and participated in all the Christmas Masses; you made the celebration of Christmas more meaningful and very memorable.

May we imitate the Holy Family and make Jesus the center of our families.

We wish you all the Blessings of the New Year as we strive to follow in the footsteps of Jesus in our everyday lives.

## A BIG THANK YOU

To all our wonderful volunteers for organizing and running our Christmas get-together dinner.

It truly was a beautiful night and great opportunity to catch up with fellow parishioners. The food was prepared with love and was delicious. May God Bless you all.

## St Barnabas Church Yarramalong

Mass will be celebrated at St Barnabas Church, Yarramalong

**Sunday 1st January at 11.15am.**

All are welcome.

### Please note :

There will be no 11.30am Anointing Mass on Fri 6th January. The Next 11.30am Anointing Mass will be Fri the 3rd February.

### **Anointing of the Sick 6/1/23**

St Cecilia's During 8.00am Mass and St John Fisher During 9.15am Mass

## The WOMEN'S GET TOGETHER GROUP Monday 9th January 10.30am in our Parish Hall.

All Welcome

- ◆ Cake Coffee, Companionship,
- ◆ Chit Chat, Craft

*Lord, You make all things new  
You bring hope alive in our hearts  
And cause our Spirits to be born again.*

*Thank you for this new year  
For all the potential it holds.*

*Come and kindle in us a mighty flame So that  
in our time, many will see the wonders of God  
And live forever to praise Your glorious name.*

*Amen*

**Please note:** Parish Office will be closed from 12pm Wednesday 21st December 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.

## Final Prize Draw for 100 Club

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	No 22	Alicia & John McCabe	\$500
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	No 113	Margaret Mayne	\$250
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	No 91	Enid Dwyer	\$150
4 <sup>th</sup> Prize	No 107	Portia Chigusidedza	\$100

Thank you everyone for your support once again. All the Blessings for Christmas and New Year. Parish Pastoral Council.

## 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.

Please see flyer on notice board for more details.



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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

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

### PARISH CONTACTS

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### 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:

**ANNIVERSARY JANUARY:** Fr Manoj, Sophie Roe, Peter White, Patricia Unger, Bill Martin, Tony Kerr, Armida Bito-on, Kevin Booth

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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.

# 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

