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# **Birthdays and Anniversary's**

Len and Sue Miller 50th Wedding 28th Feb 1960

## **Birthdays**

February..... Gary Greentree, Mary McDarmont March.... David Crass, Julie Travers

# **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, Martin Wicks, Leeann Hazelton, Catherine Amey, Philip Dwyer, Bernadette Kiely, Ross Tollow.

**Rec Deceased:** 

**Anniversary:** Reg Preston

# **Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March** Catholics in China

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

## Saturday Vigil / Sunday Mass Times St Cecilia's Church 23 Byron St Wyong

Sat Vigil 5.00pm Sun 7.30am & 9.30am

# St John Fisher Mass Centre Hicks Lane Tumbi Umbi

Sat Vigil 5.00 pm Sun: 8.30am & 5pm

### Weekday Mass

St Cecilia's: Mon-Sat: 8.00am

St John Fisher:

Mon, Wed, Thurs 8:00am Tue & Fri: 9.15am

## **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

# **Reconciliation/Confession**

**St Cecilia's** Saturday morning after the 8am Mass & Saturday at 4.30pm **St John Fisher** Saturday at 4.30pm

## **Anointing of the Sick** (First Friday)

St Cecilia's During 8.00am &11.30am Mass St John Fisher During 9.15am Mass

## Monthly Mass

St Barnabas Yarramalong 1st Sunday 11.15am Filipino Mass Every 3rd Sunday 12pm

# Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Sat St Cecilia's & Wed St John Fisher (after the 8:00am 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 Nursing 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 Tues St Cecilia's Legion of Mary 8am Wed

**Liturgy Meeting Catechist Meeting** 

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Social Justice Meeting

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# Reflection for 1st March 2020

Prior to commencing his public ministry, Christ was led into the wilderness for a period of forty days. This was a time of earnest prayer, of fasting, of confronting temptation, and of a deeper encounter with the mysteries of silence, solitude and the self. As we arrive at the first Sunday of Lent, it is pertinent to consider how we may emulate our Lord's example. Let us permit ourselves to be drawn more deeply into our own personal desert, into the hidden and sacred solitude of the soul, and through the uncharted empty spaces of our hearts. For it is when we are most truly alone that we become most authentically ourselves. And it is when we become most authentically ourselves that we are closest to God. For the human solitude of the heart, and the divine solitude of God abide, unseen and unknown, in the same ineffable silence.

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Next week's Reading: 2nd Sunday of Lent Readings: 8th March 2020 First Reading Gen 12:1-4 Second Reading 2 Tim 1:8-10 Gospel Mt 17:1-9 You may view next week's readings by visiting this web site: http://www.usccb.org/bible/

**Project Compassion** This year we are asked to consider how, as global neighbours, we can "go further together". Be generous for we share the same genesis—our common humanity obliges us to share in what we can. Boxes will be available at the back of the church from this weekend.



# Pilgrimage to **The Entrance Parish** On Monday 9th March there will be NO 8am Mass at both St Cecilia's Church and St John Fisher Mass Centre.

We invite all parishioners to come along with Fr Raul and Fr Alex to attend the 9am Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary The Entrance, followed by veneration and devotion to St Therese of Lisieux and her parents, Ss Zelie and Louis Martin.

#### Save the date!

The National Pilgrimage of the Relics of St Therese of Lisieux and her parents, Ss Zelie & Louis Martin, will arrive at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, The Entrance: Sunday 8 March 8pm to Monday 9 March at

Veneration of the Relics and devotions will take place during an overnight vigil and throughout following day. For more information, please see our noticeboard or flyers provided.

# **Parish Lenten Preparation**

St Cecilia's Church Friday evenings in Lent 28 Feb, 6, 13, 20, 27 March and 3April 2020.

**Stations of the Cross** 6.30pm

7pm - 8pm The Light is on (Adoration & Reconciliation)

# **Through Lent with Mark's Gospel**

We invite catechists and friends to stop and reflect during your Lenten journey. Join us for a Lenten Spirituality morning with Mark's Gospel.

Monday 16th March 2020, 9.30am to 12.30pm St Cecilia's Parish Centre 23 Byron Street Wyong please RSVP by Monday 9th March ph:8379 1643 or registrations@bbcatholic.org.au

# Parish Lenten Reflection 2020 "Wells of New Life"

Two opportunities are available for this Lenten Reflection:

Either Tuesday 10 March, 6pm – 8pm Monday 16 March, 2pm – 4pm

The venue is the Parish Centre behind St Cecilia's Church.

All most welcome

You are invited this Lent to take time out to reflect on the Lenten Scriptures, and to allow God to speak into your life and draw you more deeply into the mystery of the saving action of Jesus that we will celebrate at Easter.

This 2-hour interactive session will explore two of the wonderful Year A texts that we will hear this Lent:

# the Woman at the Well in John Chapter 4 the Raising of Lazarus in John Chapter 11

This opportunity for reflection comes as we prepare for the significant event in our Australian Church of the first Plenary Council session in October. We will also draw on the Plenary Themes of 'Missionary and Evangelising', 'Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal' and 'Open to Conversion, Renewal and Reform', and how they can speak to us today. Facilitated by Pina Bernard, Team Leader Catholic Life & Faith Formation team, Diocese of Broken Bay

Please RSVP to Jo at wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au by Mon 9 March.

Excerpts from Pope Francis' Lenten Message 2020 In this Lent of 2020, I would like to share with every Christian what I wrote to young people in the Apostolic Exhortation Christus Vivit: "Keep your eyes fixed on the outstretched arms of Christ crucified, let yourself be saved over and over again. And when you go to confess your sins, believe firmly in his mercy which frees you of your guilt. Contemplate his blood poured out with such great love, and let yourself be cleansed by it. In this way, you can be reborn ever anew" (No. 123). Jesus' Pasch is not a past event; rather, through the power of the Holy Spirit it is ever present, enabling us to see and touch with faith the flesh of Christ in those who suffer.

The next Women's Get Together Group will be held on Monday 2nd March All Welcome to join us @ 10.30am | If possible please hand this slip in I Cake, Coffee, Companionship, Chit Chat in our Parish Hall. and Craft - optional.

Wold Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian woman who welcome all to join in prayer and action for peace and justice.

Wyong Parish will not be hosting the World Day of Prayer in our Parish this year. Your are welcome to join the Uniting Church Toukley, 7 Summerside St Toukley ph 0419 593 568 as they will be hosting a World Day of Prayer on 3rd April at 10am.

## Extra Mower's Required We are appealing for more mowers for 2020.

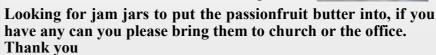
If there is any person who would be kind enough to join us in the mowing and general maintenance of the Church (approx. 1 hr four times a year depending on the numbers we have) please contact Brian on 4388 2938.

To make life a little easier our equipment consists of a ride-on-mower and a self-propelled mower. Thank you.

Parish Fundraiser Just giving you some advance notice

that we will be having a Parish Fundraiser on 14th/15th March at all St Cecilia's Masses.

Rae Bof is madly knitting the 'cutest' Easter gifts which will make a perfect gift for someone. Rae is also making some delicious Passionfruit Butter. We have also been receiving some very generous gifts to sell at the stall as well as some lovely hand made earrings. Please see our noticeboard for a 'sneak peak'.



# Diocese of Broken Bay Lenten Resources

This year's Lenten resource offered by the Diocese of Broken Bay is called 'Lenten Listening 2020' and allows parishes to reflect on the 6 Plenary Council themes in conjunction with the Lenten Scripture texts. It is available online, and can be accessed here: https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/parish-community/plenary-council/ our-resources

The booklet / CD resource of previous years has not been published this year. As an alternative, you may wish to consider the following resources: Lenten Program, Wollongong Diocese "Grace" https://www.dow.org.au/media-resources/lenten-program/

### **ROSTER TIME**

this week or next weekend after Mass. Thank you in advance.

It is that time again when we have to prepare new Ministry Rosters for Wyong and Tumbi Masses April - Julyi

Please complete this form and place it in the box marked 'Ministry Rosters for Wyong and Tumbi" at the Back of the Church.

### **MASS MINISTRIES ROSTER**

Name (print)

Wyong / Tumbi

I am available for the Mass time on Saturday/Sunday.

Please circle ministry/ies that you serve

Welcomer, Server, Music, Lector (Reader), Collector, Presentation of Gifts, Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, Children's Liturgy

I am not available on the following dates:

A very big thank you to all those who have contributed to the Rosters.

Further information regarding the Rosters please contact:

### (St Cecilia's Church)

Lucy Thornley;0403 808 742 lucy.thornley4@hotmail.com

# (St John Fisher Mass Ctr)

5pm Vigil Mass Colleen Smith Colleen.Smith@bbcatholic.org.au

8.30am Mass Kerry Bugden kbbugden@bigpond.com

5pm Mass Vanessa Turner vanessaturner001@gmail.com

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