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Parish office hours during the

Christmas/School holidays 2020.

The parish office will be closed from Monday 23rd December & reopen on Wednesday 8th January 9.30am 2020. During January and the beginning of February the Parish Office will be open:

Wednesday 8th/Thursday 9th,

Wednesday 15th/Thursday 16th,

Wednesday 22nd/Thursday 23rd

Wednesday 29th/Thursday 30th January.

And Wednesday 5th / Thursday 6th February

Office hours will return to normal on

Monday 10th February. Thank You

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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: Geoffrey McPherson, Fr Barry Nobbs, Dionisio Gler

Anniversary: James Bastick, Bill Martin, Larry George Hooley.

Readings: 29th December 2019 The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary & Joseph, Year A First Reading; Sirach 3:2-6; Second Reading; Col 3:12-21; Gospel; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

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 Wed of the month and

Berkley Vale Nursing home 3rd Wed 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 Wed

Meetings 2020

Liturgy Meeting 5th Feb

Catechist Meeting

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 11 Feb

Social Justice Meeting

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)



LOVE

22nd December 2019

4th Sunday of ADVENT

Reflection

On this earth we cannot see God's face as such but if we seek with pure hearts we will see the manifold signs of God's presence among us. We will recognise the presence of God in wondrous events, sometimes unexpected, like the birth of a child. This was the sign given to King Ahaz of Judah to assure him that God-is-with-us.

The wonders of creation also point to the presence of the creator. The earth and all its fullness, and the world and all its peoples, are the work of God's hand. As we reflect on the immense varieties of nature and of peoples, we touch something of the abundant creativity of God.

Today's Gospel reminds us that dreams can also be moments when God touches our lives. Sometimes it is only when we are asleep, when all our defences are at rest, that God's light can break through to us.

We are surrounded by the signs of God's presence. We will recognise them if we have clean hands and a pure heart, if we desire not worthless things. The pure of heart seek God alone; those with clean hands do not accept bribes but act with compassion and justice. Such a person was Joseph, the man of honour to whom Mary was betrothed. Today, we pray for clean hands and a pure heart that we, like Joseph, may recognise Emmanuel, God-with-us, in Mary's child.

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CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2019

Christmas Eve 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 25th Dec

7.30am St Cecilia's Church

8.30am St John Fisher

9.30am St Cecilia's Church



Each year, a Christmas Triduum of Masses is celebrated at St Cecilia's Church.

This year's Novena Masses will take place Friday 20th, Sunday 22nd and Monday 23rd December at 7pm.

At this point, the Advent focus shifts to the Christmas story and the Virgin Mary. These days serve to prepare more directly for the Lord's birth.

Celebrated over a period of three days, these Novena Masses invite us to unite in prayer at this special time of year. All are welcome.



Dear parents/ families/ parishioners

Christmas is fast approaching and we warmly invite you and your family and friends to our Christmas Eve 'Child Friendly' Mass. This is a beautiful family Mass to attend, to celebrate the Christmas Story. The Mass will be **Christmas Eve at 5pm at BOTH St John Fisher Hall, Tumby Umbi and St Cecilia's Church, Wyong**

We would love as many children to participate in this Mass as possible.

We are looking for the following to join us at rehearsal and be part of the Mass:

- * Confident readers (from year 4 and upwards)
- * Angels, shepherds, kings etc for the Gospel Nativity
- * Gospel Procession
- * Singers for the choir.

If you would like your child to be part or to take on a special role (Readers & Prayers Year 4 and up), (All ages welcome to join in the choir, ribbon movement, procession, Gospel re-enactment etc) –

a special rehearsal is planned 4.30—6.30pm on Monday 23rd December at St John Fisher for those attending St John Fisher Mass

And

Christmas Eve from 4.00pm Tuesday 24th Dec @ St Cecilia's Church for those attending St Cecilia's Mass

All are welcome and every child who attends the rehearsal will be given a role at the Mass. We hope to see lots of people for both the Mass and rehearsal. Parents are also encouraged to come to the rehearsal – there are a few jobs to do and many hands make light work!

We also will be needing some adults to help out before the Mass with car parking, so all volunteers are greatly appreciated.

Enquiries for St John Fisher please call or text Colleen Smith [0418 667 223](tel:0418667223)

and for St Cecilia's Church please call Anne Brady [4351 3522](tel:43513522)

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.

Please note:

St Cecilia's Church

There will be **No Rosary recited during January** at St Cecilia's 2pm **Tuesday afternoons**. Also there will be **No Get Together Group for January** the first one for the new year will be on 3rd Feb.

Festive Season at St John Fisher

Mass: All celebrations of Holy Mass from the 5:00 pm Vigil Mass on 24 December until the 8:30 am morning Mass on Sunday 29 December will be held in the School Hall.

Cuppa: A Christmas cuppa will be held after the 8:30 am Mass Christmas Morning. Tea, coffee and cordial will be provided. A small plate to share would be appreciated. **Everyone is invited to attend and will be most welcome.**

Help: The seating arrangements for these celebrations in the hall needs to be organised. This will occur at **9:00am on Monday 23 December** and should take no longer than 45 minutes. Anyone who is able to help with this organisation is asked to contact Brian Bugden on 43882938.

SVDP Christmas Appeal

A huge thank you to all who have contributed so generously to our Christmas appeal. To date we have received \$3400 and enough food to provide hampers for 53 families in Wyong. Thank you for giving these families a little bit of extra cheer

Missionary Sisters of Charity Raffle

Ride on Car; Noela Ahearn, Yellow D67
Rug; Lucy Smith, Yellow D16
Toys; Lucy Smith, Yellow D13
Ginger Bread house; Sue Hickey, Red A28.

With the sale of raffle tickets, beautiful cards and generous donations the sum of \$732 was raised to share between the Sisters at Alice Springs Katherine and Orange. Thank you kindly for your support. Marie Dyer



Parish Christmas Diner 2019



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