

**3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**PARISH BULLETIN, 23RD JANUARY 2022**

*God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our  
Lord Jesus Christ.*

**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)**

**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*



**REFLECTION 23rd January**

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When Jesus returned to his hometown of Nazareth, while many people were delighted with his gracious words, there were others who were reluctant to accept him as anything extraordinary. 'Surely, this is Joseph's son!' they exclaim. Frequently we overlook the uniqueness of persons with whom we are familiar, and can come to take them for granted. People and things which we see or experience often soon cease to impress us, and our appreciation can grow cold or disappear altogether. In this context, it is good to remind ourselves of the incalculable worth of other individuals—not merely their merits or usefulness to us, but their uniqueness, value and dignity in the sight of God. In many cultures, 'over-familiarity' with another person is considered a sign of discourtesy and disrespect. There is perhaps a hidden wisdom in such traditions. Let us never presume to know others completely; let us never presume to define or limit them. For each of them truly bears the image of the unknown God—ineffable, infinite and transcendent.

## FUNDRAISER

Rae Bof will be selling some delicious homemade passionfruit butter at some of our weekend Masses @ \$8 a jar.  
You can contact her on  
[rae\\_bof@bigpond.com](mailto:rae_bof@bigpond.com)



## PLEASE NOTE:

Parish Office is currently closed and will reopen Wednesday 12th January. During January the office will only be open:  
Wed 12th/ Thurs 13th and  
Wed 19th/ Thurs 20th and Thursday 27th.

Office hours will return to normal Monday 31st January.

For emergency's please call  
Fr Raul 0450 115 099  
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## Australia Day Prayer

*O God, powerful and gentle, you love this southern land and all its peoples, old and new. As the Cross shines in our heavens so may Christ bring light to our nation. As the waves encircle our shores so may your mercy enfold us all.*

*We ask this through Christ your son. Amen*

## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for January

### ***For true human fraternity***

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

## Feast of Infant of Jesus— Viva Senior Sto Nin

### **Celebrated 16th January St John Fisher Tumby**

There is a very strong and widespread devotion to the Christ Child among Filipinos. This colourful feast is not just about the lively and colourful celebrations, but is also a reminder that God doesn't only come to us in the great events of our salvation history with sometimes dramatic and monumental gestures. He comes to us in simplicity and normality of love, patience, humility, obedience and labour of daily life. Yes, he comes to us big, but more often he visits us small. We meet the same God and Lord of history in the great and little things, like the little Infant Jesus.

This feast challenges us to have a more open attitude to seek God in these simple things, and to give thanks for his presence, graces and blessings.

Last Sunday, we celebrated this very special Feast with a Mass and then an afternoon of entertainment and food.

It was a beautiful celebration. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this day a wonderful celebration.

## AUSTRALIA DAY—WEDNESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

Australia Day is an excellent time to remind ourselves of the great land that God has given us and to thank him for all the blessings that we take so much for granted – blessings like peace, freedom, caring friends, and loving families.

Come along to 8am Mass at St Cecilia's or St John Fisher on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January and give thanks to God for what's great about Australia, and to pray for continued blessings on this great South Land.

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**3RD SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**  
**Sunday Mass 23rd January 2022**  
**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD** *Reproduced from Liturgia*

**First Reading Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10**

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people - since he stood higher than all the people - Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered, 'Amen! Amen!'; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read. Then Nehemiah - His Excellency - and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep.' For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law.

He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.'

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 18:8-10, 15**

R. Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

**Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27**

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

**Gospel Acclamation cf Luke 4:18**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!

**Gospel Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21**

Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us, I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received.

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all. He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah.

He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written:

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.*

Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."



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### ST CECILIA'S CHURCH

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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

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### 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

St Barnabas, Yarramalong

1st Sun of month 11.15am

### 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

Fr Raul/Fr Alex and the Legion of Mary visit **Berkley Vale Nursing home** 3rd Wednesday of the Month

### Children's Liturgy

St Cecilia's 5pm Mass Saturday

St John Fisher 5pm Mass Sunday

### 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

### Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

PPC Secretary; Kerry Bugden  
ph 4388 2938

**BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS**  
**PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE**

### KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS

*Prayer: The most valuable gift you can give someone.*

**SICK:** Len Miller, 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, John Baxter, Jacqui Stacey, Josie Campbell, Carol Dafter, Dave Rodney, Gwen Dwyer, Helen Waters, Rod & Pauline Cornwell, Marie & Peter Rheinberger, Clara Banda, Hannah Hopwood, Fay King.

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

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



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