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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

St Cecilia's Church

Rosary Group 2pm Tuesdays

Legion of Mary 8am Wednesdays

Bible Reflection

- ♦ All Welcome
- ♦ Bible Reflection,
- ♦ every Tuesday 8.45am
- ♦ in the Parish Centre 23 Byron Street Wyong

You will find yourself warmly welcomed by a great group of people who love to reflect on the readings in the Bible.

Keep Us In Your Prayers

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

Sick: Len Miller, Sandy Riach, Sr Sylvia Markulin, Victor Gibbs, Harriet Powell.

Recently Deceased: Rosie Attard, Rita Muscat, Liza Tablo, Joan Burrell, Anne Ward, Patricia Unger.

Anniversary: Lionel Fitzgerald, John Kiernan, Bill Cullinan, Pietro Cesca, Margaret Andrich, Armida Bito-on, Peter White, Tony Kerr.

S a f e g u a r d i n g M e s s a g e

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 (4352 1011 or office@wyongcatholicparish.com)

A culture of Safeguarding values COMPASSION...

"Finally all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart and a humble mind" – 1 Peter 3:8



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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



7th Sunday Ordinary Time Year C 24th February 2019

Understanding the Word Moral life flows from the Beatitudes

There is a connection between last Sunday's Beatitudes and this Sunday's moral teachings. The last of the Beatitudes had pronounced this blessing: 'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man' [6:22]. This Sunday's passage begins by prescribing a disciple's response to such abuse: 'love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you' [6:27]. The two passages are similarly structured and the verbs are perfectly paired: hate/love, exclude/do good, insult/bless, denounce/pray. Clearly such an extraordinary response to abuse is possible only because disciples are blessed: their strength for good comes from God.

The passage continues with four specific examples of a disciple's response to maltreatment from enemies. Then Luke summarises the teaching to this point by the 'Golden Rule': 'Do to others as you would have them do to you' [6:31]. Matthew, too, has this saying in his Sermon on the Mount [7:12] but later and in a different collection of sayings. Luke's insertion of the saying here strengthens the impact and sharpens the demand: in context, 'the others' whom disciples are to treat kindly are enemies and persecutors!

After three questions about conduct toward one's enemies, the benefits of discipleship are declared. First, disciples will receive a great reward; moreover, they will be children of God. As Luke explains, God loves the ungrateful and the wicked [this is why Jesus came!]; similarly, God's children should do as their 'Father'. The implication is clear: in this sermon instructing disciples, the comparison between Father and children parallels the relationship between Master and disciples. In both cases the values of the greater [Father, Master] are the moral norms of the lesser [children, disciples]. Ultimately, the Golden Rule is surpassed: more than doing as you would have done, disciples are to do as God would do - 'Be merciful as God is merciful'. Disciples have been blessed with mercy so they are to act with mercy. Moral life flows from blessing.

Parish Lenten Preparation

St Cecilia's Church
Friday evenings in Lent,
8, 15, 22, 29 March and
5, 12 April 2019

6.30pm Stations of the Cross
7pm - 8pm The Light is on
(Adoration & Reconciliation)

lectio divina Praying the Scriptures in Lent

The Diocese of Broken Bay Lenten resource for 2019 *Discerning the Way of Jesus* will take you on a six-week journey through Lent using the *lectio divina* practice of reading scripture, which is both prayerful and transformative.

When: 6pm on Thursdays during Lent Beginning on Thursday 7th March.

Where: Meeting Room behind St Cecilia's Church.

We will prayerfully read the readings of the coming Sunday, using the Diocese of Broken Bay *Lectio Divina* booklet.

The Light is On is an initiative where Catholic churches are open for quiet prayer and Reconciliation on certain evenings during Lent. In Lent 2019, parishes of the Diocese of Broken Bay will be open during Lent for prayer and Reconciliation on **Fridays 7pm - 8pm** on 8, 15, 22, 29 March and 5, 12 April 2019.

Want to make things right? Now is the time.

Experience God's light and peace in your life this Lent.

Lent is the season where we prepare ourselves to renew and restore our relationship with Jesus and the Church as we prepare to celebrate Easter. You are warmly invited to join in prayer at our parishes during Lent.

When ready, you may consider participating in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. To help prepare yourself to receive the joy of God's mercy, explore information here to help you feel more confident and ready, including a Guide to Reconciliation.

For many of us the Sacrament of Reconciliation can be scary and even embarrassing. We may be too nervous or consider ourselves unforgiveable. Yet with confidence Pope Francis reminds us:

"How many times in my pastoral ministry have I heard it said, 'Father, I have many sins,' and I have always pleaded, 'Don't be afraid; go to him; he is waiting for you; he will take care of everything.' We hear many offers from the world around us, but let us take up God's offer instead: his is a caress of love."

- Pope Francis, Homily, Basilica of St. John Lateran, Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7, 2013.

Shoe Box Collection for Men & Women During the month of March

Once again we are taking on this very successful initiative to support people in need or without homes within our local community. We invite you to become involved in the '**Shoe Box Collection**'. Simply grab a shoe box or collect a calico bag from the parish office and fill it up with lots of goodies.

Please note: if you would rather not make up a shoe box we have also provided a basket at the back of the church for you to place individual items into.

Some items that can be included are:

Toiletries; Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Lotion, Soap/Gel, Razor, Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Tissues, Comb, Feminine Hygiene, Face washer, Deodorant.

Non Perishable Food; Breakfast Biscuits/Cereal, UHT Milk, Noodles, Crackers, Muesli Bar, Lollies/Chocolate, Biscuits/Chips, Fruit Cups/Tins, Tea, Cappuccino sachets, Cup of Soup, Water/Juice, Disposable Cutlery.

Warmth; Socks, Gloves, Beanie, Scarf.

You are welcome to leave your donations at the back of the Church/Mass ctr.

Combined Woman's Get Together Group and Men's Breakfast

What a great start to the new year, last Monday at the Parish Hall we held our combined Women's Get together Group and Men's Breakfast. This was a wonderful opportunity for parishioners from both St John Fisher and St Cecilia's to catch up with each other as well as make some new friends. Thank you to our cooks, the food was delicious!!!!

The next Woman's Get Together Group will be held on Monday 4th March.

All Welcome to join us @ 10.30am in our Parish Hall.

- ♦ Cake
- ♦ Coffee
- ♦ Companionship
- ♦ Chit Chat
- ♦ Craft - optional

Leaving a Legacy of Faith - Think about it...

The Catholic Church has been present at most of the important milestones in your life: your Baptism, your wedding and also at times of great sadness.

The work of our Church is far-reaching, touching the souls of many ... *every day*.

By leaving a gift to *Wyong Catholic Parish* 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 for those of our children, our grandchildren and beyond.

A gift to our Church is the gift that keeps on giving.

With Blessings,
Joe Cesca (Chairman of the Parish Finance Committee)

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: 3rd March 2019

First Reading Sirach 27:4-7

Second Reading 1 Cor 15:54-58

Gospel Lk 6:39-45

You may view next week's readings by visiting this web site:
<http://www.usccb.org/bible/>

Pope Francis'

Prayer Intention for February

Human Trafficking For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.

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