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Weekend Mass Times

St Cecilia's Church

23 Byron St Wyong

Sat Vigil 5.00pm Sun 7.30am & 9.30am

Children's Liturgy

at the 5pm and 8.30am Mass

St John Fisher Mass Centre

Hicks Lane Tumbi Umbi

Sat Vigil 5.00 pm Sun: 8.30am & 5pm

Children's Liturgy

at the 5pm Sunday night mass

Weekday Mass

St Cecilia's : Mon-Sat: 8.00am

St John Fisher:

Mon, Wed, Thurs 8:00am

Tue & Fri: 9.15am

Reconciliation/Confession

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

St John Fisher Saturday at 4.30pm

Monthly Mass

St Barnabas Yarramalong

1st Sunday 11.15am

Filipino Mass

Every 3rd Sunday 12pm

Anointing of the Sick (First Friday)

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 Friday 8.15 - 9.15am

St Cecilia's 1st Friday of the month 7pm mass followed by prayers - Mass Midnight concluding 1am Saturday

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 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

St Cecilia's Rosary Group 2pm Tuesdays

St Cecilia's Legion of Mary 8am Wednesdays

Social Justice Meeting 26th Nov 1.15pm

Liturgy meeting 4th Dec 6pm

Catechist Meeting 9th Dec 12pm

Parish Pastoral Council meeting 10th Dec

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St Cecilia's During 8.00am & 11.30am Mass and

St John Fisher During 9.15am Mass

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: Joseph Costa, Ron Mahoney, Kerry Baldwin, Peggy Joyce, Lourdes Nemenzo Sur, Shea,

Readings: 1st December 2019 1st Sunday of Advent, Year C

First Reading; Isaiah 2:1-5; **Second Reading;** Romans 13:11-14; **Gospel;** Matthew 24:37-44



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Week 17	1st Stephanie Burke No 53	\$40
	2nd Regina Preston No 45	\$30
Week 18	1st Peter Rheinberger No 89	\$40
	2nd Simon Chang No 25	\$20

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)



Our Lord JESUS CHRIST,
KING of the UNIVERSE

Reflection

24th November 2019

For this year's celebration of Christ the King, we read the account of the crucifixion and death of Jesus from Luke, often called the Gospel of the poor, of women, of the Gentiles, and of mercy. Here Jesus is shown as Lord of mercy and compassion.

Jesus in his passion shows himself a 'wounded healer'. He does not draw attention to his suffering but to the suffering of others to whom he brings healing. He weeps not for himself but for the people of Jerusalem who do not know the day of their visitation or what makes for peace. In Gethsemane, he heals the severed ear of the high priest's servant. When Peter betrays him, he looks at the apostle and Peter weeps bitterly. He prays to the Father to forgive those who are responsible for his crucifixion, and he promises Paradise to the repentant thief. Indeed, the face of the Crucified One is the face of Mercy.

Pope Francis has invited us to fix our eyes on the merciful gaze of Jesus. He has written that the mission Jesus received from the Father was that of revealing the mystery of divine love in its fullness. The signs Jesus worked, especially for sinners, the poor, the marginalised, the sick, and the suffering were all meant to teach mercy. Everything in Jesus – Pope Francis reminded us – speaks of mercy. Nothing in him is devoid of compassion.

In response, mercy should be the foundation of the Church's life. It is Pope Francis' wish that all the Church's pastoral activity should be caught up in communicating God's tender mercy. The Church's very credibility rests on how well it reveals the merciful and compassionate face of God.

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Disability Ramp & Sensory Garden Project.

An application was made in October 2018 for funding from the Australian Government to help towards the erection of a disability ramp & garden for the Mass and Community Centre at St John Fisher, Tumby Umbi. In February 2019, we were notified the application had been successful and \$6214 (without GST) was granted. The expectation from our community was that we would match this funding \$ for \$. Work commenced in late March and was completed by October.

The necessary funding was obtained from: The Australian Government Stronger Communities Program Grant, kitchen cupboard and sink by Broadworth Homes, floor covering from Toowoomb Bay Carpets and Fundraising as well as donations from our own parishioners.

Labour for the whole project, both planning and erection was through the generosity of parishioners. These men provided the expertise and hard work to ensure we have, not only the disability ramp, but a large outdoor area which will be put to great use for many different social functions.

Our young people from the 'Before and After Care' program enthusiastically helped with the planting of the shrubs and plants donated by our parishioners.

A special thank you to all who have helped in any way to ensure the full scope of the project was realised.

The Official Blessing and Opening was held on Sunday 3 November, with Father Raul performing the Blessing and Emma McBride MP. Member for Dobell, an instigator for the request through the Stronger Community Program cut the ribbon to officially open the completed project.



Golden Jubilee—St Mary's Church Toukley 1969—2019

Invitation

St Mary's Church Toukley was Blessed and Dedicated on the 7th December 1969 by Cardinal Gilroy KBE.

This wonderful milestone, will be celebrated on Saturday 30th November 2019, with Mass at 11.00am, followed by lunch in the Fr Fitzgerald Parish Hall. (We ask you to please bring a plate to share). For more details please see the notice board.

Parish Major Christmas Raffle

Starting this weekend at our Tumby Sunday 5pm Mass we will be selling raffle tickets for our Parish major Christmas Raffle. These tickets will be available at our weekend Masses and at all parish functions leading up to Christmas. The raffle will be drawn on the weekend of 29th December.

Choice of 5 prizes

Camping by a Billabong by D'Arcy W. Doyle
Pottery Soup Tureen and bowls
Jewellery Box
2x Framed Tapestries
\$50 Fresha Options Fruit & Veg voucher
Basket of Pink Moscato Wine

Wyong Parish Christmas BBQ Dinner & Carols on the Lawn

Please bring a dessert to share
(RSVP by Mon 9th Dec Jo 4352 1011 or 0424 763 734)

Parishioners are invited to come together to celebrate the festive season and thank one another for our gifts we share throughout the year. These gifts we share are what makes our Parish the wonderful caring community it is.

Date: Friday 13th December
Time: 6.30pm for BBQ and Carols
Place: 23 Byron Street Wyong
on the Lawn of the Presbytery grounds
BYO. Picnic Chairs/blanket

Charitable Works Fund 2019—2020

Wyong Parish Charitable Works Fund quota for this financial year 2019-2020 is \$21,840.00

To help raise funds to meet our target we will be holding;

- ♦ Our usual 3 Charitable Works appeals August & November 2019 raised \$11,102.50 May 2020. \$
- ♦ Bunnings BBQ raised \$1500.00
- ♦ Christmas stall held at St Cecilia's Church raised \$1083.00 (a stall will be held at St John Fisher in the coming weeks.)
- ♦ Canvas's raised \$320.00
- ♦ Recycled Bottles raised \$132.70
- ♦ Tumby Meats Cake stall \$ (more information to follow in 2020.)

Sharing God's light – A gift in your will or a gift in memory of a loved one.

As you know, November is the month in which we pray for the deceased. As we come to end of the month it is timely to remind everyone that by leaving a gift to the parish of St Cecilia 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 into the future. The work of our Church is far-reaching, touching the souls of many ... every day.

You may also choose to donate a gift in memory of some you have loved that is no longer with us.

A gift to our Church is the gift that keeps on giving. For more information please take a brochure from the back of the Church or Mass centre.

Kind regards Joe Cesca Chairman of the Parish Finance Committee

Advent & Christmas Reflections

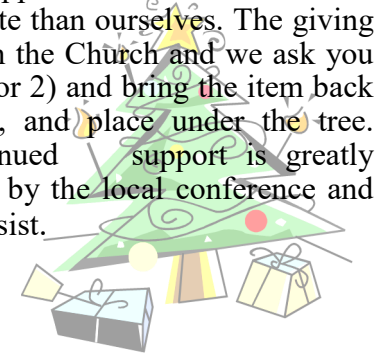
Meeting Room behind St Cecilia's Church Thursdays during Advent 6pm—7pm, Beginning on Thursdayth Dec. Please call Lucy to confirm your attendance; 0403 808 742 or lucy.thornley4@hotmail.com

We will prayerfully read the readings of the coming Sunday, using THE WAY Advent & Christmas Daily Reflections 2019

Please join us ON
Friday, 6th December 6 p.m.
for a
Ecumenical Christmas Carol Service of Carols and Readings
At St James Anglican Church
Byron Street, Wyong

St Vincent de Paul Giving Tree

Once again, we are calling on your generous support to assist those who are less fortunate than ourselves. The giving tree is up in the Church and we ask you take a tag (or 2) and bring the item back by 15 Dec, and place under the tree. Your continued support is greatly appreciated by the local conference and those we assist.



November Month of Remembrance

November Mass Offerings

There are envelopes available for you to write the names of your beloved deceased. Please put the envelopes into the special box near the sanctuary or into our weekend collection baskets. All Masses in November will be offered for our departed brothers and sisters.

Upcoming Events	
22nd Nov	Memorial of St Cecilia
24th Nov	SVDP Christmas Appeal at all Masses.
24th Nov	Parish and School Community Mass followed by Sausage Sizzle St John Fisher Tumby 5pm. Please bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to Wyong Neighbourhood Ctr
7/8th Dec	Sisters of Charity Raffle @ Wyong
9th Dec	Catechist Christmas Lunch
13th Dec	Parish Christmas Dinner Parish Hall/ Veranda Wyong 6.30pm RSVP Jo 0424 763 734
14/15th Dec	Sisters of Charity Raffle @ Tumby

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