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Parish office hours during the Christmas/School holidays 2020.

During January and the beginning of February the Parish Office will be open:

Wednesday 29th/Thursday 30th January.

And Wednesday 5th / Thursday 6th February

Office hours will return to normal on

Monday 10th February. Thank You

Parish Office 23 Byron Street Wyong

Mon to Thurs 9.30am to 2.30pm & Fri 9.30am to 12pm

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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 Blessing, Joe Cesca (Chairman of the Parish Finance Committee)

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 wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au

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 Wed 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

Liturg Meeting

Catechist Meeting

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

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)

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

25th December 2019

The Nativity of the Lord

A very warm welcome to any new families and visitors to our Parish. We hope you enjoy your stay.

Every Christmas the Christ Child in the manger at Bethlehem invites us to stop and to pay attention to the things that are especially important in our lives: our loved ones, our family and friends - and our loving God who holds us in existence, 'in the palm of his hand'.

When Christmas is over, an excellent way to grow in faith and to develop one's relationship with God is to be part of our community as we celebrate the Eucharist on Sundays. You will be most welcome!

If you would like to speak with a priest or a member of the parish staff, please call 43521011. We would love to hear from you!

Wishing you and your family a happy and holy Christmas!

Fr. Raul, Fr. Alex and the Parish Staff Jo & Helen.



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On behalf of Fr Alex and our Parish Staff Jo and Helen, I wish you and your families a very Blessed and Happy Christmas.

I take this opportunity to sincerely thank all the Volunteers in our ministries, our Plan Giving contributors and all those who support our parish through Prayer. Your continued commitment and support is greatly valued.

We pray for God's Blessings on you and your families and may the Peace of His Love be with you at Christmas and always.

Fr Raul



The Birth of Jesus Gospel reading Night: Lk 2:1-14

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrolment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town.

And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

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The Nativity of the Lord **Christmas - Mass During the Day**

Gospel John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came to be through him, but the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him.

But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to those who believe in his name, who were born not by natural generation nor by human choice nor by a man's decision but of God. And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. John testified to him and cried out, saying, "This was he of whom I said, 'The one who is coming after me ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'" From his fullness we have all received, grace in place of grace, because while the law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. The only Son, God, who is at the Father's side, has revealed him.

Gospel Reflection

John the Evangelist reflects on the meaning of the coming of Christ. He does not write about his birth, but his coming as a human being. We are inspired and rejoice that God has become human and dwells among us. It is also saddening to note that not everyone accepts him. He is rejected, even by his own people. However, we know that many people did accept him and to them he gave the power to become children of God. The One who assumes our humanity gives us a share in his divinity. The best way to celebrate Christmas is to live out our calling as children of God. We can do wonderful things for the people of our communities and cities. We can forgive others. We can deepen our understanding of the teachings of Christ. In the spirit of today's first reading let us break into song at the coming of the One who brings good news, heralds peace, brings happiness and proclaims salvation.

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