

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
PARISH BULLETIN, 26TH DECEMBER 2021

Open our heart, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son

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 26TH DECEMBER Luke 2:41-52

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For most of the history of human civilisation the term family has been used to speak of a community of love: parents and children, with a complex and diverse range of relationship connections through blood, legal contract and friendship ties.

It is not unusual today that families that have been damaged or broken through death or divorce are renewed with new relationships of love. For most, these new families have formed after much struggle, grief and pain. Thankfully God is good at writing straight with crooked lines, and for those who are able to look beyond the pain, new life is waiting.

Jesus was raised in a family of love which doesn't meet the narrow understanding of nuclear family: this without even taking into account the active role of the Holy Spirit in the birth of Jesus. Healthy families have always been 'extended and include not only biological relations but friends and those who are in need.

The ministry of Jesus institutes a new form of family. God is now Our Father and even (in the intimate language of Jesus) our 'abba', our papa and our daddy. Now we are literally the children of God. We speak of Mary as our mother, and our sisters and brothers are those who with us look to the one Christ.

A BIG THANK YOU

to all those who organized and participated in all the Christmas Masses; you made the celebration of Christmas more meaningful and very memorable.

May we imitate the Holy Family and make Jesus the center of our families.

We wish you all the Blessings of the New Year as we strive to follow in the footsteps of Jesus in our everyday lives.

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To all our wonderful volunteers for organizing and running our Christmas get-together dinner last Friday night. It truly was a beautiful night and great opportunity to catch up with fellow parishioners. The food was prepared with love and was delicious.

May God Bless you all.

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

Fr Alex 0432 947 245

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Saturday 1st January

Please join us for Mass at 8am at St Cecilia's Church

CHRISTMAS STALL

ST CECILIA'S AND ST JOHN FISHER

Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas stall.

Rae would especially like to thank Marie Dyer, Biddy Smith and Christine Cause for helping her run the Christmas stall.

XOXOX

Seasons Greetings & Blessings From All Of Us to You!

On behalf of Fr Alex, Jo and Helen,

I wish you and your families a very Blessed and Happy Christmas.

Thank you to every single parishioner who by your presence, your prayer, and your contributions, great and small, help to build up the family of God in this parish.

Your continued Commitment and support is greatly valued.

May God's Blessings be upon you and your families and may the Peace of His Love be with you at Christmas and always.

Fr Raul

WELCOME

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 a holy Christmas!

PRAYER: Prayer for Families

Loving God,

During this holy season of Christmas, we ask for your blessing on all families. Let Joseph's courage provide hope during times of anxiety and uncertainty. Let Jesus' life ignite all families with a spirit of light and love. May the grace that encircled the Holy Family widen to embrace all families.

For this we pray. Amen

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Sunday Mass 26th December 2021
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD *Reproduced from Liturgia*

FIRST READING 1 SAMUEL 1:20-22, 24-28

Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, and called him Samuel 'since' she said 'I asked the Lord for him.' When a year had gone by, the husband Elkanah went up again with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow. Hannah, however, did not go up, having said to her husband, 'Not before the child is weaned. Then I will bring him and present him before the Lord and he shall stay there for ever.' When she had weaned him, she took him up with her together with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was with them. They slaughtered the bull and the child's mother came to Eli. She said, 'If you please, my lord. As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord granted me what I asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is made over to the Lord.' There she left him, for the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 83:2-3, 5-6, 9-10

R. How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

SECOND READING 1 JOHN 3:1-2, 21-24

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed, all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION CF ACTS 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!

GOSPEL LUKE 2:41-52

Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favour before God and man.



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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 4.30pm

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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

All parents are welcome to accompany their children at children's liturgy.

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

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.

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Parish Christmas get-together



PPC Christmas dinner