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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

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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.

Rec Deceased: Will Ferris, Nicholas Zammit (Micallef)

Anniversary: Sophie Roe, Peter White, Patricia Unger, Bill Martin, Tony Kerr, Armida Bito-on.

Safeguarding Message

We the people of the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay are committed to fostering communities of safety and care for all people, especially for children and others in the community who are vulnerable. Our commitment is underscored by our faith in Jesus Christ.

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 Wednesday of the Month

Meetings/prayer groups

St Cecilia's Choir practice every Tuesday night 7 to 8pm

St Cecilia's Rosary Group 2pm Tues

St Cecilia's Legion of Mary 8am Wed

Liturgy Meeting 5th Feb

Catechist Meeting

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 11 Feb

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)



3rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Year A

26th January 2020

Sunday Reflection

I'm a New Zealander living in New Zealand writing an Australian Day reflection. Our two nations are united by generations of friendship through good times and bad. In times of war our families and friends lived and died alongside each other. On the sports field we can bring out the best in each other. Our geographical proximity makes it easy to visit for a long weekend or a relaxing vacation. Together we are growing to appreciate the diversity of the people who make up our nations, immigrants of the last two centuries alongside the first peoples of our lands who have lived here for many centuries. While Australia Day celebrates this diversity and potential, as Christians we know that left to ourselves our cultural shadows and fears will overwhelm us. Jesus Christ, the source of all human existence and culture, has shone a new light on our lands enabling us to live as citizens not only of an earthly land but of an eternal realm.

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St Cecilia's Church Roof

Scaffolding for the repairs to the roof will be erected on Saturday 25th January. Work (weather permitting) will commence on Tuesday 28th January. This work is expected to take a maximum of 2 weeks.

The next Women's Get Together Group will be held on Monday 3rd February

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

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

Celebration Booklet

We are hoping this year to establish a Celebration Booklet. The names in this booklet will be used to offer congratulatory messages at the appropriate times to any Parishioner whose particulars are recorded.

Parishioners are asked, if they wish to do so, to record their birthday and wedding in the booklet. You need only to record the month for this celebration but if you wish to do so you can record the exact date.

Recording sheets will be available at the back of both churches.

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Readings: 2nd February 2020

First Reading Malachi 3:1-4;

Second Reading Heb 2:14-19;

Gospel Lk 2:22-40

You may view next week's readings by visiting this web site:

<http://www.usccb.org/bible/>



Australia Day—26th January

May we give thanks and praise to God for all the Blessings that we take so much for granted – Blessings like peace, freedom, caring friends, and loving families and may we continue to pray for Blessings upon this great South Land.

CELEBRATE THE WORD OF GOD

Sunday of the Word of God Our Catholic liturgical calendar has a new celebration – **Sunday of the Word of God**, which is normally celebrated today, but our Parish will be focusing on this celebration next weekend.

Pope Francis has given us this new Sunday commencing in 2020, and to be celebrated each year on the 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time. Pope Francis, in instituting this day, wrote a letter *Aperuit Illis* (AI), which seeks to remind us to receive the Scriptures “not as a human word but as what it really is, the word of God”, and to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures. Consider taking some steps to read or study the Scriptures more this year.

Vinnies Bushfire Appeal

A Special Collection will be held this weekend (25/26 January)

to raise funds for the Vinnies Bushfire Appeal. Donations can be made in cash today or online at www.bushfireappeal.com.au

Payments via cheque or EFT please contact Vinnies directly on their donation hotline 13 18 12.

Donations raised will go to people directly impacted by the bushfires. For more information please see our website <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/give/bushfires/resources>

Parish Council 2020

The first meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **11 February** commencing at 6:00 pm in the Parish Centre at Wyong.

Any parishioner who is considering becoming a member of the Council, would be most welcome to attend this meeting where the planning for 2020 will occur.

Please speak to Father Raul, Father Alex or any council members. Current Council members are: Steve Johnson, Anne Hooley, Kerry Bugden, Tony Camenzuli, Jack Harris and Arlene Barnett.

Plenary Council Discernment Area 2

How is God calling us to be a Christ-Centered Church that is:- Prayerful and Eucharistic

When they were at table, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened and they recognised him.” (Luke 24:30-31)

This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who shared how deeply they treasured the Eucharist and the sacramental and liturgical life of the Church. There was a call for stronger and more engaging preaching, with an emphasis on the Word of God and connection to daily life, some seeking a uniquely Australian expression of prayer and Eucharistic celebration, drawing from the wisdom and rituals of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and also bringing together the many migrant communities which make up the Church in Australia. There were many divergent expressions of ways in which people and communities encounter God through their experiences of prayer, music and liturgy, and a desire for catechesis, training and formation for those in ministries related to these. (Broken Bay Diocese). If you have ideas on how we deal with this area please speak to our priests or contact Kerry Bugden—Phone: 43882938 or Email: kbugden@bigpond.com

Feast of Infant of Jesus—Celebrated 19th January St John Fisher Tumbi



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, many people joined us in celebrating 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.

Rooted from the very beginning of Church tradition, the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.)** is the path for welcoming new inquirers into our community of believers.

If you, or someone close to you, are considering becoming a member of the Catholic community at either St Cecilia's or St John Fisher then please accept our invitation to join with us. For more information please contact Jo on 0424 763 734.

Parish Bulletin

E-BULLETIN If you would like to have the bulletin emailed to you, please send an email with 'e-bulletin' as the subject to: wyongparsh@bbcatholic.org.au

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