

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C
PARISH BULLETIN, 28TH NOVEMBER 2021

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

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 28TH NOVEMBER Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

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Another liturgical year has ended, and we stand at a new beginning. Advent has a two-pronged message. Firstly we remember and celebrate, and secondly we look forward to Christ's coming in glory. What wonderful readings we have to lead us into this season! Jeremiah reminds us of the Lord's long-ago promise that 'a virtuous branch' from David's line would come to practise honesty and integrity'. This immediately encourages us to ponder the wonder of Christ's birth which we celebrate at Christmas. The Gospel reminds us that Christ will come again and calls on us to trust in God at all times and in all circumstances. Between these two readings the psalm confidently asks for God's help, trusting in the Lord's goodness and uprightness, faithfulness and love. In the second reading Paul prays for the Thessalonians asking the Lord to increase their love and to help them live as God desires. Perhaps the keys' to the joy of Advent are to live with anticipation, with love, and to fulfil another of God's promises: 'you shall be holy, for I am holy' (Leviticus 11: 45; 1 Peter 1:16).

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

All children are invited to take part in a Christmas Pageant at the Vigil Masses on Christmas Eve 24th December.

We are looking for the following to join us at rehearsal and be part of the Mass; confident readers, angels, shepherds, kings and gospel procession.

If your child would like to be in the pageant or you would like to help with the pageant please call ...

Marie Dyer 4352 1994 for
St Cecilia's Pageant

Rehearsal will be 4pm Friday 24th
December
and

Chris 0406 539 444 for the
St John Fisher Pageant

Rehearsal will be 9.30am Sunday
19th December.



CHRISTMAS STALL

ST JOHN FISHER

On the 28th/29th November at
Saturday 5pm and Sunday 8.30am
Masses

ST CECILIA'S CHURCH

On the 5th/6th December at all Wyong
Masses, Rae will be running a
Christmas Stall.

All money raised will be going
towards our Pastoral Works quota.

There will be some wonderful
Christmas gift ideas and stocking
fillers.

CHRISTMAS GET TOGETHER

On Friday 17th December at St John Fisher Hall, a special get together is being organised for our parish this year, in particular, this Christmas get together has special significance, as with the easing of COVID restrictions we can once again join together, renew friendships face-to-face and celebrate.

All parishioners and family members are invited and are most welcome.

The Christmas dinner will commence at 6pm with a meal (barbecue, meats, salads and sweets) followed by Christmas carols.

For catering purposes, it is essential you text or phone Jo on 0424 763 734 and register your attendance.



Parish Finance update for the year ending 30 June 2021

Total income for the year has dropped to \$101,574 (from \$126,824 last year) mostly due to a decrease in second collections. Total Expenses for the year have decreased to \$136,923 (from \$147,652 last year). Much of this decrease relates to cost reductions in repairs and Pastoral programmes. Whilst this should have left our Parish with an operating shortfall we are fortunate that government assistance (e.g. Jobkeeper subsidy) has enabled our parish to remain with a surplus of \$25,197.

As always, new Parishioners are encouraged to join our planned giving programme and existing Parishioners are also encouraged to review their pledges. Please contact the Parish office for more information. Keep an eye out for the Broken Bay Parish Giving app which allows you to set up regular contributions to our parish first and second collections without the need for physical money (eg notes & coins)

As you know, November is the month in which we pray for the deceased. This is a timely reminder to our parishioners that 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, your family and friends) will continue both for today's needs and into the future.

Thank you for your continued support of our Parish.

Joe Cesca *Chairman of the Parish Finance Committee*

PRAYER: Prayer of St. Francis Xavier O my Lord Jesus! Teach me to be generous; teach me to serve You as you deserve; to give, and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to ask for rest; to labour, seeking no reward, save that of knowing that I do Thy will. Amen

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Anointing of the Sick Friday 3rd December

Anointing of the Sick First Friday of the Month

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

No Anointing Mass at St John Fisher
for December.

IMPORTANT

**It is essential that anyone visiting
our churches use the QR code to
register their visit, sanitize, and
always wear a mask.**

From Monday 8 November until 15
December, or NSW reaches a 95%
double vaccination rate, the
following will apply:

- Density limits for places of
worship will be **1 person per 2
square meters.**

- **Electronic sign-in is mandatory**
by one of the following methods:

- o An individual using their device
to check in with the venue's QR
Code

- o Welcomers assist those without
their own device by checking them
in via the **Service NSW webform**.
This webform allows for;

- ✦ **manual sign-in by typing in the
individual's details or**

- ✦ **scanning their COVID
check-in card.**

- Singing and dancing by
unvaccinated congregants is not
allowed in indoor areas. Although
singing and dancing by vaccinated
congregants are now allowed, we
**will continue to discourage
congregational singing until the
whole congregation can sing.**

- Face masks remain mandatory.

- We will continue to postpone
face-to-face gatherings in parish
facilities other than the Place of
Worship until after 15 December, or
we reach a 95% double vaccination
rate.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for November

PEOPLE WHO SUFFER FROM DEPRESSION

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find
support and a light that opens them up to life.

Mass of Inclusion – Sunday 5 December 2021

All are warmly invited to our Diocesan "Mass of Inclusion" to be held
at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara on Sunday, 5 December
at 9:30am. This Mass marks the International Day of Disability (on 3
December) and recognises the ability and dignity of all.

The Mass will be presided by Bishop Anthony Randazzo. All are
welcome.

Due to the current restrictions, there are very limited places available
for people to attend in person. To book your place, go to [https://
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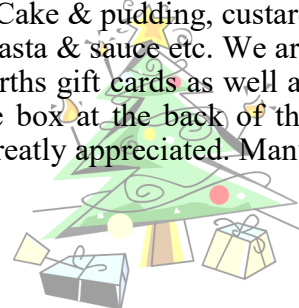
The mass will also be livestreamed, and we encourage you to join
at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNenwlf7i14XB9TsVBrLvQ>

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

CHRISTMAS APPEAL:

Our Christmas appeal will be held over the next 3 weekends. The
SVDP Wishing Well will be at the back of the church for you to
fill.

Each hamper needs tinned ham, Christmas Cake & pudding, custard
as well as basics such as cereal, biscuits, pasta & sauce etc. We are
also seeking donations of Coles/Woolworths gift cards as well as
cash donations, these can be placed in the box at the back of the
church. Whatever you can donate will be greatly appreciated. Many
thanks for your continued support.



Franciscan Mass

A friendly Invitation to attend our secular Franciscan Mass to be
celebrated by Father Joseph Nguyen OFM from Sydney at 11am,
Our Lady of the Rosary The Entrance Thursday 2nd December
followed by a Christmas BYO everything Picnic Lunch get together at
The Waterfront Park The Entrance. Bring a warm jacket if attending
the picnic. Further information please contact Sandra Petith Central
Coast OFS Fraternity 0499811177 All welcome.



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MASS TIMES

ST CECILIA'S CHURCH

23 Byron St Wyong

Saturday Vigil / Sunday Mass Times

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

EMERGENCY PRIEST CONTACT

Fr Raul ph: 0450 115 099

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PARISH OFFICE 23 Byron Street Wyong

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OFFICE HOURS: Mon to Thurs 9.30am to 2.30pm & Fri 9.30am to 12pm

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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

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 Tuesday night 5pm to 6pm

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

PPC Secretary; Kerry Bugden
ph 4388 2938

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS
PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE

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, Catherine Amey, 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, Rove Varman, Rod & Pauline Cornwell, Marie & Peter Rheinberger, Clara Banda

RECENTLY DECEASED: Catherine Connelly, Frank Costa, Maria Galea, Dennis Booth, Patrick Smyth, Gerard Byrne, Tony Pilay,

ANNIVERSARY NOVEMBER:
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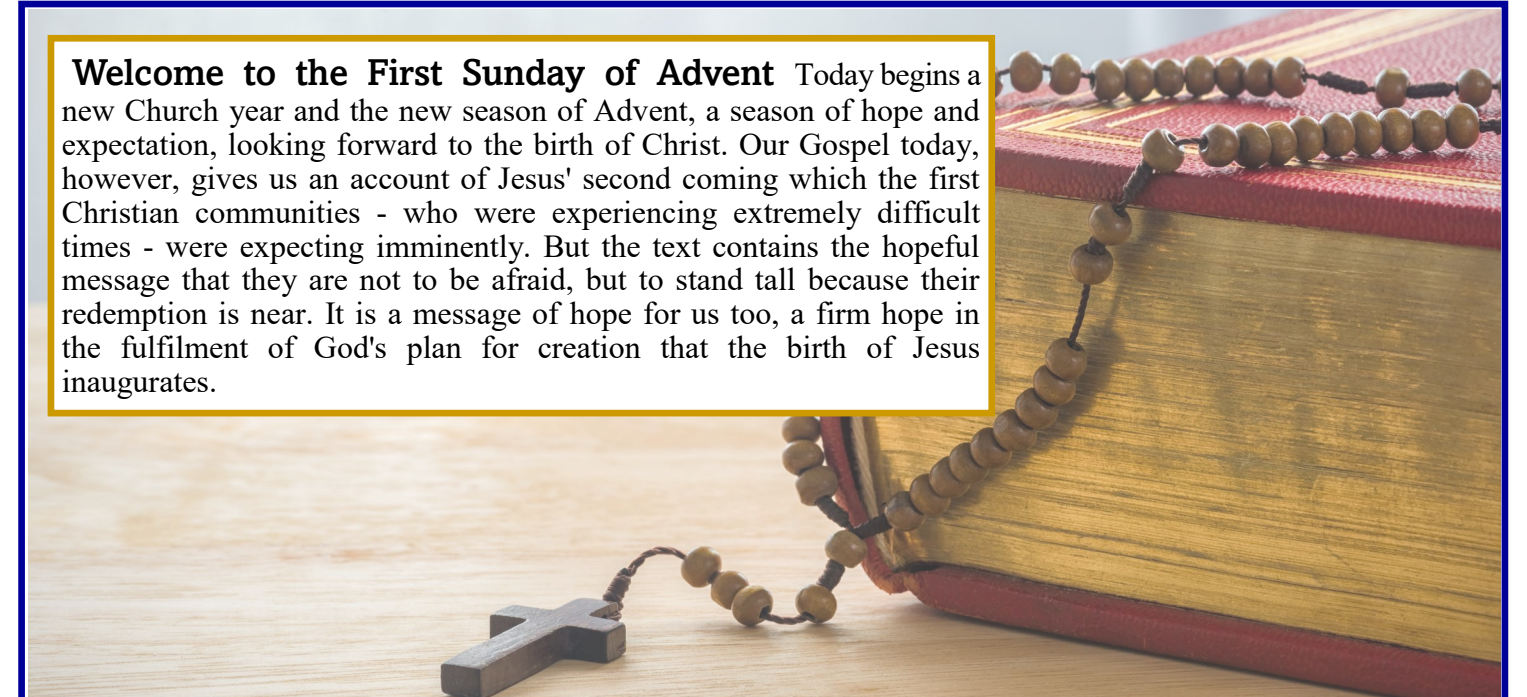
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Welcome to the First Sunday of Advent Today begins a new Church year and the new season of Advent, a season of hope and expectation, looking forward to the birth of Christ. Our Gospel today, however, gives us an account of Jesus' second coming which the first Christian communities - who were experiencing extremely difficult times - were expecting imminently. But the text contains the hopeful message that they are not to be afraid, but to stand tall because their redemption is near. It is a message of hope for us too, a firm hope in the fulfilment of God's plan for creation that the birth of Jesus inaugurates.

Sunday Mass 28th November 2021 Year C
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD *Reproduced from Liturgia*

FIRST READING JEREMIAH 33:14-16

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

'In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 24:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14

R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my Saviour. R.

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. R.

His ways are faithfulness and love for those who keep his covenant and will. The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him; to them he reveals his covenant. R.

SECOND READING 1 THESSALONIANS 3:12 - 4:2

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION PS 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

GOSPEL LUKE 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.'

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'



PARISH FUNDRAISING

Rae has been very busy during lockdown and has made these beautiful cut5e stockings and santas fill with good quality lollies --

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 2. Santa -- is \$7 each
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- Recreational Activities
- Creative Arts Programs
- Social & Skills Development
- Support Coordination
- Independence & Life Skills
- Supported Independent Living Services

For more information visit www.catholiccaredbb.org.au/disability-futures/ or call (02) 9488 2500.