

The EPIPHANY of the LORD
5th January 2020 Year A



Gospel Reflection

In his popular 1927 work “Journey of the Magi”, T.S. Eliot ponders today’s feast. Just a few months before publishing the poem Eliot had embraced a deeper living of his own Christian faith and was received into the Anglican Church. His poem presents much more than the romantic journey of camels carrying kings bearing gifts for the Christ child. Eliot considers the Epiphany event as a birth and a death: just as every death is a birth, so too birth often feels like death as we are weaned from familiar securities and drawn into maturity. We find ourselves ‘no longer at ease here, in the old dispensation’ surrounded by people (even family and friends from whom we now feel alien) who are still striving for and grasping at their false gods. For the Magi, encountering the child Jesus was life-changing just as a real encounter with Jesus Christ is transforming for us too. The Magi entered the house as searchers following a star, but on seeing and recognizing Jesus they fell to their knees and worshipped. Now they were no longer simply seekers but pilgrims, people of faith who had been touched by Christ and who were therefore unafraid to travel ‘by a different way’.

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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*



The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
29th December 2019 Year A



JESUS, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that you found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

MARY, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.

JOSEPH, Foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety.

HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families some - times pass. May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. Amen.

Gospel Reflection

Joseph goes back with the child and his mother to Israel from Egypt. The angel informs him that Herod is dead. Now it is safe to go home. The Holy Family would have stayed somewhere in Judea, probably again in Bethlehem, but Joseph was afraid of Archelaus. So he goes further than Judea and settles in Galilee, in Nazareth, which is safer for the child. That fulfils also the prophecy that the child will be called a Nazarene. The Holy Family is intact despite so many dangers because Joseph, the leader, always listens to the instructions of the angel. In other words, he is obedient to God. He does not rely on his own wisdom or instincts. Mary and the child do the same. They cooperate with Joseph. God gives the Holy Family the necessary cues for their survival.

The First Reading teaches children to honour their parents, and to care for them when they are old. They will receive blessing if they do. The Second Reading gives advice for a happy and fruitful family life. The rules are not complicated. One does not have to go to university to learn them. They are simply to live with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and forgiveness. Family prayer is also important – singing psalms and spiritual songs to God. All the members of the family have a role to play. Respect for one another is a key element.

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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!

May the New Year bring you and your family all God's blessings.

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

The following businesses support our parish by advertising in our Bulletin. Please give them your support in turn.

- ◆ Bowden Family funerals
- ◆ Property Transfer Professionals
- ◆ Tuggerah Sports and Spinal Physiotherapy
- ◆ Central Coast Family Medicine
- ◆ AJ Coastal Plumbing

Please note:

St Cecilia's Church

There will be **No Rosary recited during January** at St Cecilia's 2pm Tuesday afternoons. Also there will be **No Get Together Group for January** the first one for the new year will be on 3rd February.

Cleaning Roster Thank you for volunteering your time and for your continued support in cleaning the Church. A new Roster is now available at the back of St Cecilia's Church for you to collect. Thank you, Tony & Barbara Fish.



Christmas Blessings & A Happy New Year

Fr. Raul, Fr. Alex, Jo & Helen

Lord, You make all things new
You bring hope alive in our hearts
And cause our spirits to be born again.

Thank you for this new year

For all the potential it holds.

Come and kindle in us a mighty flame so that in our time,
many will see the wonders of God

And live forever to praise Your glorious name.

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.

Wyong Parish Filipino-Australian Devotees' Celebration of Faith

Viva Senor Sto Nino
(Feast of the Holy Child)

"Festival of Faith, Food and Fun"

19th January 2020

St John Fisher Hicks Lane

Tumbi Umbi

11am (Novena)

11.30am Mass

Sto Nino Devotees' assembly and procession (Please bring your Sto Nino images for blessing)

Followed by procession, lunch sharing and cultural program

(Please bring a plate to share)

For more information please call
Mona 0406 998 422



Emergency Priest Contact

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Parish office hours during the Christmas/School holidays 2020.

The parish office will be closed from **Monday 23rd December & reopen on Wednesday 8th January 9.30am 2020.** During January and the beginning of February the Parish Office will only be open:

Wednesday 8th/Thursday 9th,

Wednesday 15th/Thursday 16th,

Wednesday 22nd/Thursday 23rd

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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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 Yarralong 1st Sunday
11.15am

Filipino Mass Every 3rd Sunday 12pm

Lunch served after mass. All welcome

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

St Cecilia's Church

Rosary Group 2pm Tuesdays (not during
January, will resume February)

Legion of Mary 8am Wednesdays

1st January 2020 New Years Day

Solemnity of MARY, the Holy MOTHER OF GOD

Masses are: St Cecilia's Church 8am and St John Fisher Mass Ctr 8am

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

The Baptism of the Lord Readings: 12th Jan 2020

First Reading Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Second Reading Acts 10:34-38; Gospel Mt 3:13-17

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A Readings: 19th Jan 2020

First Reading Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; Gospel John 1:29-34 You may view next week's readings by visiting this web site:<http://www.usccb.org/bible/>

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