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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 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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### 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, Philip Dwyer.

**Rec Deceased:** Carmen Buttigieg, Janet Ellis, Will Ferris, Nicholas Zammit (Micallef)

**Anniversary:** Rosie Attard (1st), Rita Muscat (1st), Eladia Homole, Sophie Roe, Peter White, Patricia Unger, Bill Martin, Tony Kerr.

### Safeguarding Message

National Catholic Safeguarding Standards: Leadership, monitoring & improvement

**Standard 1 – Committed leadership, governance and culture**

Key Elements of Standard 1:

- A commitment to Safeguarding
- Promoting a Safeguarding Culture
- Safeguarding Policies

Code of Conduct

### 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 Tues  
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)



## Feast of The Presentation of the Lord Year A 2nd February 2020

The readings for this feast day, while acknowledging the reality of the human condition, are full of promise, expectation, hope and joy. The prophet Malachi proclaims that 'The Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple!'. The Psalmist orders the ancient doors to open wide for the King of Glory, who the author of the Letter to the Hebrew reminds us is the One who shares our humanity, our flesh, our blood and our suffering.

Then Luke tells of the presentation of Jesus in the Temple with simplicity, beauty and realism, Along with many other pilgrims fulfilling the law, here are two more, carrying a child, walking up the great Temple Mount steps and entering through the Temple's ancient doors. The Holy Spirit reveals to Simeon, the obedient listener, and Anna, a favoured one of God, that this infant is their long-awaited Light of the Nations. They are overwhelmed with joy.

Nevertheless, Simeon foresees this child is destined to suffer.

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### Pope Francis's

#### Prayer Intention for February Listen to the Migrants' Cries

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

### St Cecilia's Church Roof

Work has commenced on the roof and is progressing very well. Please be aware and take care of the scaffolding around the Church. The toilets can be accessed via the Presbytery gate.

We apologise for any inconvenience. Thank you.

### 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.

### 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

### 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Readings: 9th February 2020

First Reading Is 58:7-10

Second Reading 1 Cor 2:1-5

Gospel Mt 5:13-16

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

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

## 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.** Pope Francis has given us this new Sunday commencing in 2020, and to be celebrated each year on the 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time. Our Parish is focusing on this celebration **this weekend.**

The year 2020 is significant as it marks the 10th anniversary of Verbum Domini, Pope Benedict XVI's Apostolic Exhortation on 'The Word of the Lord'; and the 1,600 anniversary of St Jerome's death (30 September 420), Priest and Doctor of the Church, who is best known for translating the Bible from the Greek (Septuagint) into the Latin (Vulgate).

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". They are not just empty words. It is the Holy Spirit that "makes human words written in human fashion become the word of God" (AI, 5) He reminds us that when we read the Scriptures, we are entering into a true dialogue, a true encounter, a participation in the great story of salvation. As well as speaking to us personally, the Scriptures speak to us communally, "for we urgently need to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures and of the risen Lord, who continues to speak his word and to break bread in the community of believers." (AI, 8)

We are encouraged to see this day of the Word of God as a year-long event, where we grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures. Consider taking some steps to read or study the Scriptures more this year.

## Thank you

Thank you for your thoughtful and compassionate prayers and donations to the Vinnies Bushfire Appeal held over the Australia Day weekend. Donations can still be made online. A link is included on <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/give/bushfires>

## Plenary Council Discernment Area 3

### How is God calling us to be a Christ-centered Church that is:- A Joyful, Hope-filled and Servant Community

*They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Each day they met together in the Temple; they broke bread in their homes; they shared their food with great joy and sincerity of heart; they praised God and won the favour of all the people." (Acts 2:42-46)*

This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a yearning for the Church to be a sign of God's kingdom for all people in Australia – to be able to see the Catholic Church in action, and to recognise Jesus. There was an expression of faith-filled hope in the capacity of the Catholic community to celebrate together, to show what it is to be a follower of Christ and to be loved unconditionally by God. There was a call to contemplate the Gospel call to be a servant Church for the good of all people in Australia – particularly for refugees and asylum seekers and other people who are vulnerable or at risk. Many responses called for greater sharing of the story of the good works done by so many people and organizations of the Church. Some responses expressed a hunger for strong witness of faith, especially by priests, young people and female leaders in parish and school ministries (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](mailto: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.

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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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](mailto:wyongparsh@bbcatholic.org.au)

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