

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C**  
**PARISH BULLETIN, 5TH DECEMBER 2021**

*Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:  
all people shall see the salvation of God.*

**WYONG CATHOLIC PARISH**

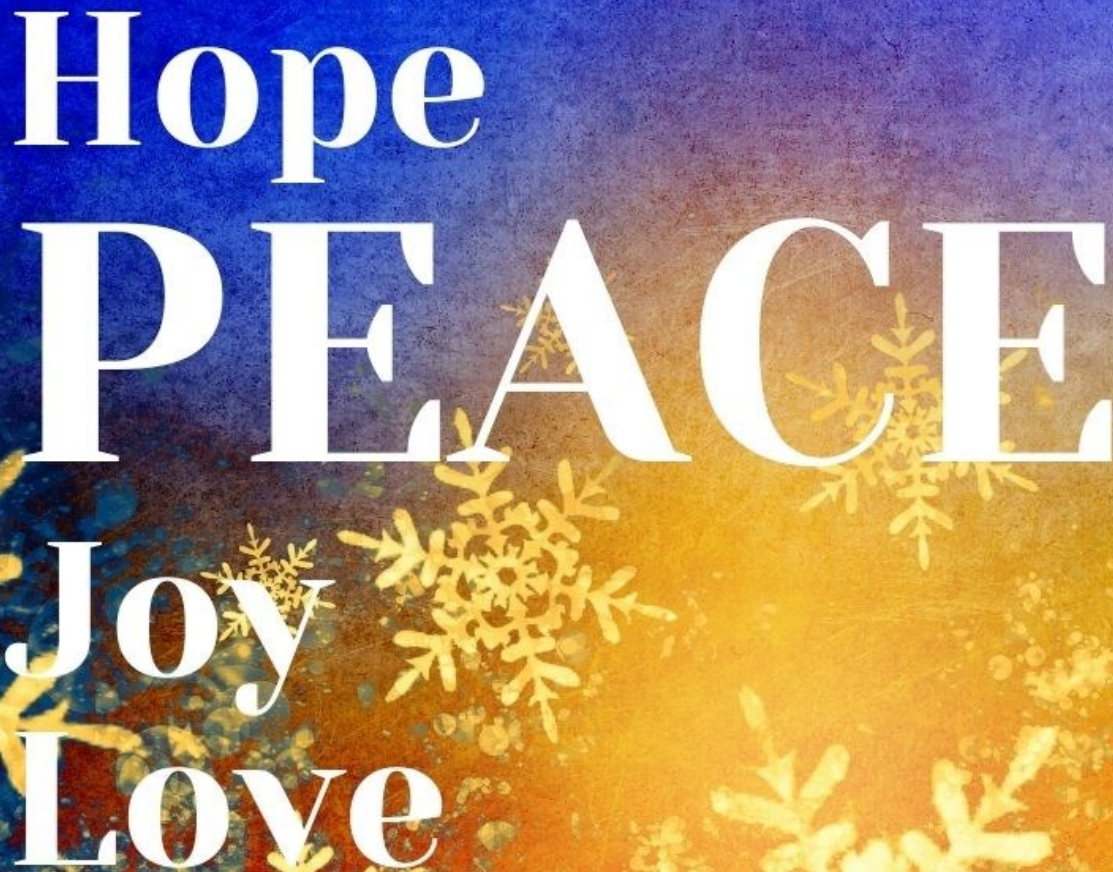
**ST CECILIA'S CHURCH & ST JOHN FISHER MASS CTR**

**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*



Hope  
PEACE  
Joy  
Love

**REFLECTION 5TH DECEMBER** **Luke 3:1-6**

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Today, the Second Sunday of Advent, we meet John the Baptist. Note the details in the Gospel reading: John the Baptist 'went throughout the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance...' The word in the original Greek that is often translated as repentance is 'metanoia' literally meaning 'change of heart. One commentary adds that this kind of repentance is not about regret or guilt or shame but implies making a decision to turn around, to face a new direction. When we face away from the light, all we can see is our own shadow. When we turn towards the light our shadow and the darkness are behind us. Repentance means not only turning from what is bad, but also from many things that are good, but just not for us at this time, or turning from good things to which we have become inordinately attached and which, therefore, restrict our ability to be truly free.

## 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 Dinner will be provided but we ask that you please bring your own drinks) followed by Christmas carols.

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



## CHRISTMAS STALL

### ST CECILIA'S CHURCH

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

### ST JOHN FISHER

On the 11/12 November at Saturday 5pm and Sunday 8.30am Masses. (Weather permitting)

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

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

## 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.

## TRIDUUM MASS

**St Cecilia's Church** 21st, 22nd and 23rd December 7pm

## ADVENT RECONCILIATION

**1st form of the Rite of Reconciliation: St John Fisher Mass Ctr**  
18th Dec Following 5pm Mass and 19th Dec following 5pm Mass

**2nd form of the Rite of Reconciliation: St Cecilia's Church**  
Wednesday 22nd Dec 6pm

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2021

### CHRISTMAS EVE FRIDAY 24TH DEC

#### St John Fisher

5.00pm Children's/family Mass

#### St Cecilia's Church

5.00pm Children's/family Mass

10.30pm Christmas Carols (listen and reflect)

11.00pm Midnight Mass

### CHRISTMAS DAY SATURDAY 25TH DEC

7.30am St Cecilia's Church

8.30am St John Fisher

9.30am St Cecilia's Church



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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.

## **Feast of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

### **Wednesday 8th December**

Please join us at the **8am Mass**  
at **St Cecilia's** followed by the  
recitation of the Rosary

## ***Congratulations***

### ***May God Bless you on your First Eucharist***

May you always know the peace  
of Jesus, the light of his love and  
the joy of his life within you.

We Congratulate all the children  
in our parish who will be making  
their Reconciliation and First  
Eucharist on a Friday evening at  
St Cecilia's Church.

## **Safeguarding Message**

Australian Catholic Safeguarding  
Ltd (ACSL): works with Catholic  
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and sustainable framework for the  
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risk within the Church in Australia.  
Click on the link to learn more about  
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- <https://www.acsltd.org.au/>

## **Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for December**

### **For Catechists**

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of  
God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of  
the Holy Spirit.

## **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://  
form.jotform.com/213147605999063](https://form.jotform.com/213147605999063)

The mass will also be livestreamed, and we encourage you to join  
at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNenwlf7i14XB9TsVBrLvQ>

## **Tribunal of the Catholic Church**

Marriage breakdown is a traumatic experience for all those  
concerned. The Church reaches out in support of those who are  
divorced, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian  
marriage. The Broken Bay Office of the Tribunal extends an invitation  
to any divorced person who would like to talk about the annulment  
process. You can be assured that your privacy will be respected.  
Should you choose to apply for an annulment, you will be guided and  
supported through the process.

For further information, please phone the Tribunal Office  
on **9307 8309** or email [tribunal@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:tribunal@bbcatholic.org.au)

## **ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

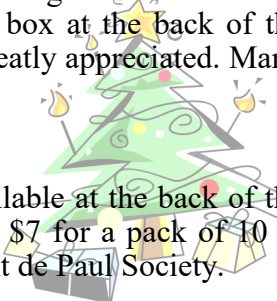
### **CHRISTMAS APPEAL:**

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.

### **Christmas Card & Calendars**

Christmas cards and calendars are now available at the back of the  
church and after Mass at Tumby. Cards are \$7 for a pack of 10 &  
calendars are \$10. Proceeds go to St Vincent de Paul Society.



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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

Fr Alex ph: 0432 947 245

**PARISH OFFICE** 23 Byron Street Wyong

Phone: 4352 1011 Po Box 385 Wyong 2259

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

### PARISH CONTACTS

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Parish Secretary **Helen Bath ph:4352 1011** (Wed & Thurs)

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**PARISH WEBSITE:** <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/wyong/>

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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

**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:**

**ANNIVERSARY DECEMBER:** Bill Martin

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**Sunday Mass 5th December 2021 Year C**  
**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD** *Reproduced from Liturgia*

**FIRST READING BARUCH 5:1-9**

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'. Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God.

And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 125**

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

**SECOND READING PHILIPPIANS 1:4-6, 8-11**

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION LUKE 3:4, 6**

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL LUKE 3:1- 6**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert. John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah:

*A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."*



## PARISH FUNDRAISING

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

1. Stockings -- \$4 each
  2. Santa -- is \$7 each
  3. Christmas party favours -- \$2 each
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The NDIS has opened up possibilities you may not have thought about. However, it's not always straightforward. Let CatholicCare (our dedicated social services agency in the Diocese) work with you to develop the skills and access the support you need to maximise your independence, get out and about in the community, and achieve your personal goals.

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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/](http://www.catholiccaredbb.org.au/disability-futures/) or call (02) 9488 2500.

# #RedWednesday

## **Inaugural Red Wednesday Mass**

The Diocese of Broken Bay's inaugural Red Wednesday Mass took place on 24 November at Our Lady of Dolours, Chatswood, with presider Fr David Ranson. Many of the faithful in attendance wore red, standing with those around the world for whom Mass attendance is not possible, as well as those who are actively persecuted or who have lost their lives for their Christian beliefs.

The beautifully decorated sanctuary immediately drew one's attention upon entering the church. Red lighting complemented by red banners and flowers created a powerful focus for the liturgy. The shining of red light on the carved image of Jesus behind the altar highlighted the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. Jesus himself died a tragic death, and the sacrificial aspect of the Eucharist came to the fore in this celebration of the Mass where we remembered all others who have followed Him, and who have stayed true to the name Christian despite the terrible cost.

It was quite providential that the marking of Red Wednesday this year coincided with the Memorial of Saint Andrew Dũng-Lạc (d. 1839) and companions, who are Vietnamese martyrs from the 17th - 19th centuries. Fr David referred to their martyrdom in his homily, as well as that of the Algerian Trappist monks who died in 1996 and were of the same order as Fr David at that time. The last survivor of that attack, Father Jean-Pierre Schumacher, died just days ago on 22 November aged 97.

Red Wednesday remembers all Christians who suffer and are oppressed for their faith around the world. It is an initiative of Aid to the Church in Need, a Catholic organisation that seeks to support those in the Body of Christ who suffer persecution. Red Wednesday began in the UK in 2016 and is now marked around the world with churches and buildings bathed in red light to remember those many Christians who continue to suffer for their faith today, and those who have died in martyrdom.

Aid to the Church in Need recently released its bi-annual "Religious Freedom in the World Report", which showed that religious freedom is violated in almost one third of the world's countries (31.6 percent) where two thirds of the world's population lives. The report is available at: <https://acninternational.org/religiousfreedomreport/home/>

Please consider supporting the work of Aid to the Church in Need at <https://aidtochurch.org/>

This Mass was recorded and can be viewed at [www.bbcatholic.org.au/redwednesday](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/redwednesday)