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#### **Weekend Mass Times**

#### St Cecilia's Church

23 Byron St Wyong Sat Vigil 5.00pm Sun 7.30am & 9.30am

Children's Lituray

at the 5pm and 8.30am Mass

#### **St John Fisher Mass Centre**

**Hicks Lane Tumbi Umbi** 

Sat Vigil 5.00 pm Sun: 8.30am & 5pm

Children's Lituray

at the 5pm Sunday night mass

#### Weekday Mass

St Cecilia's: Mon-Sat: 8.00am

St John Fisher:

Mon, Wed, Thurs 8:00am

**Tue & Fri: 9.15am** 

#### Reconciliation/Confession

St Cecilia's Saturday morning after the 8am Mass & Saturday at 4.30pm St John Fisher Saturday at 4.30pm

#### Monthly Mass

St Barnabas Yarramalong 1st Sunday 11.15am

Filipino Mass

**Every 3rd Sunday 12pm** 

**Anointing of the Sick (First Friday)** St Cecilia's During 8.00am &11.30am

St John Fisher During 9.15am Mass

#### **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

#### 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 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 Tuesdays

**St Cecilia's** Legion of Mary 8am Wednesdays

Liturgy meeting 4th Dec 6pm Catechist Meeting 9th Dec 12pm

Parish Pastoral Council meeting 10th Dec

**Social Justice Meeting** 

#### **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.

**Recently Deceased:** Geoffrey McPherson, Fr Barry Nobbs, Dionisio Gler

**Anniversary:** Bill Martin

#### **Readings: 15th December 2019** 3rd Sunday of Advent, Year A

First Reading; Isaiah 35:1-6,10; Second Reading; James 5:7-10; Gospel; Matthew 11:2-11



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#### Reflection

By and large, the kings of Israel were a disappointing lot. With few exceptions, they used their power to benefit themselves, not the people. It would have been so easy for the psalmist's prayer to be full of complaint about the king. Instead of complaining, however, the sacred writer prays for him.

O God, give your judgement to the king, 'the psalmist prays. That is, 'give your gift of wise judgement to him that he mnay judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement'. The psalmist knows that if the king is humble enough to submit to the guidance of God, justice will flourish in the land and there will be lasting peace.

John the Baptist was not a king but he was a great leader because he recognised and submitted to the authority of the coming messiah: 'the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals, 'he told the people.

We can sit back and criticise the leaders of our day. Or we can imitate the psalmist and pray for them, that they may be filled with the spirit of God, a spirit of wisdom and insight. And we can pray for ourselves in our own leadership roles in our families and community, that Christ, whose coming we celebrate at Christmas, will bless us with wise judgement and compassion for the poor, the needy and the weak who need our help.

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#### Wyong Parish Christmas BBQ Dinner & Carols on the Lawn

#### Please bring a dessert to share

(RSVP by Mon 9th Dec Jo 4352 1011 or 0424 763 734)

Parishioners are invited to come together to celebrate the festive season and thank one another for our gifts we share throughout the year. These gifts we share are what makes our Parish the wonderful caring community it is.

Date: Friday 13th December Time: 6.30pm for BBQ and Carols

Place: 23 Byron Street Wyong on the Lawn of the Presbytery grounds BYO. Picnic Chairs/blanket

#### The Advent Wreath

The circle of the wreath reminds us of God Himself, His eternity and endless mercy, which has no beginning or end. The green of the wreath speaks of the hope that we have in God, the hope of newness, of renewal, of eternal life. Candles symbolize the light of God coming into the world through the birth of His son. The four outer candles represent the period of waiting during the four Sundays of Advent, which themselves symbolize the four centuries of waiting between the prophet Malachi and the birth of Christ. The purple candles suggest penance and fasting & perhaps a royal colour of the coming King. Pink is used as a colour of joy & expectation.

#### Advent & Christmas Reflections

Meeting Room behind St Cecilia's Church Thursdays during Advent 6pm—7pm, Please call Lucy to confirm your attendance; 0403 808 742 or lucy.thornley4@hotmail.com

We will prayerfully read the readings of the coming Sunday, using THE WAY Advent & Christmas Daily Reflections 2019

#### Parish Bulletin

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When: Thursdays during Advent 6pm—7pm
Beginning on Thursday 28th Nov Please contact Lucy to
confirm your attendance; 0403 808 742 or
lucy.thornley4@hotmail.com

Where: Parish hall, behind St Cecilia's Church.

#### **Advent Reconciliation**

1st Rite Reconciliation: St John Fisher Mass Ctr

14th Dec Following 5pm Mass and 15th Dec following 5pm Mass

2nd Rite Reconciliation: St Cecilia's Church

Wednesday 18th Dec 6pm

#### Triduum Mass

St Cecilia's Church

20th, 22nd and 23rd December 7pm

#### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2019

#### **Christmas Eve 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 11.00pm Midnight Mass

#### Christmas Day 25th Dec

7.30am
8.30am
9.30am
St Cecilia's Church
St John Fisher
St Cecilia's Church

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## Feast of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Monday 9th December

Please join us at the 8am Mass followed by the recitation of the Rosary on 9th Dec at St Cecilia's Church.

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.

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

**The Very Young** That every country resolutely commits to taking the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.

#### Charitable Works Fund 2019—2020

Wyong Parish Charitable Works Fund quota for this financial year 2019-2020 is \$21,840.00

To help raise funds to meet our target we will be holding;

- Our usual 3 Charitable Works appeals August & November 2019 raised \$11,102.50 May 2020.
- Bunnings BBQ raised \$1500.00
- Christmas stall held at St Cecilia's Church raised \$1103.00 (a stall will be held at St John Fisher in the coming weeks.)
- Canvas's raised \$320.00
- Recycled Bottles raised \$132.70
- Tumbi Meats Cake stall \$ (more information to follow in 2020.)

#### Condolences

The Parish extends our deepest condolences to Laraine on the passing of her beloved husband Geoffrey John McPherson. Geoffrey's funeral was held at Hillside Chapel Palmdale 1.30pm on Friday 6th December 2019.

We know and pray that he is in God's loving hands. May he rest in peace. Amen

#### Parish Major Christmas Raffle

Tickets will be available at our weekend Masses and at all parish functions leading up to Christmas. The raffle will be drawn on the weekend of 29th December. We sincerely thank you for your support in all our raffles and fundraising programs.

#### Choice of 5 prizes

Camping by a Billabong by D'Arcy
W. Doyle
Pottery Soup Tareen and bowls
Jewellery Box
2x Framed Tapestries
\$50 Fresha Options Fruit & Veg voucher
Basket of Pink Moscato Wine

#### Missionary Sisters of Charity Raffle

This raffle which supports the work of the Missionary Sisters in Orange, Katherine and Alice Springs will be held this weekend at Wyong and at Tumbi the following. Please see Marie to purchase raffle tickets.

#### **100 Club**

Below are the results for the final week's draw of the 100 Club.

 1st
 Lyn McMahon No 12
 \$400.00

 2nd
 Beth Hughes No 97
 \$200.00

 3rd
 Sue Miller No 1
 \$100.00

4th Anne Lyon No 11 \$50.00 Fruit and Vegie Voucher

Outstanding prizes still to be collected Pam May No 35, Lisa Franklin No 92 and Cath Payn No 34

#### St Vincent de Paul Giving Tree

Once again, we are calling on your generous support to assist those who are less fortunate than ourselves. The giving tree is up in the Church and we ask you take a tag (or 2) and bring the item back by 15 Dec, and place under the tree. Your continued support is greatly appreciated by the local conference and those we assist.

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