

WELCOME

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*

8TH JANUARY 2023 The EPIPHANY of the LORD Year A

WYONG CATHOLIC PARISH

ST CECILIA'S CHURCH, ST JOHN FISHER MASS CTR & ST PETER'S CHAPEL

Under the Pastoral Care of the

Society of Our Lady of The Most Holy Trinity (SOLT)

May God's grace bless
you this Epiphany.



Reflection

The EPIPHANY of the LORD

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We can identify with the Magi because we, like them, are searchers. We don't have all the answers. We have questions about our faith and about the big issues in life like sickness, war, natural disasters, recession and death. We are terrified by modern-day, power-hungry Herods. We wonder how a loving God can seemingly allow evil and hatred to flourish. Yet we can take comfort from the example of the Magi who did not search alone but found support in one another. We too find support and encouragement in the people who join us in our churches and communities week in and week out. With them, we listen, pray and search, and from them we get encouragement and comfort. Like them, we have the light of Christ to guide us. Just as the Magi finally found the one for whom they were searching, so, too, will we.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention January

For educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

Sunday Mass 8th January 2023

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine out Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Second Reading Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

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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.

A BIG THANK YOU

To all our wonderful volunteers for organizing and running our Christmas get-together dinner.

It truly was a beautiful night and great opportunity to catch up with fellow parishioners. The food was prepared with love and was delicious.

May God Bless you all.

Please note:

Parish Office will be closed from 12pm Wednesday 21st December and reopen Wednesday 11th January.

During January the office will only be open:

Wed 11th/ Thurs 12th and Wed 18th/ Thurs 19th and Wed 25th

Office hours will return to normal Monday 30th January.

The WOMEN'S GET TOGETHER GROUP Monday 9th January 10.30am in our Parish Hall.

All Welcome

- ◆ Cake Coffee, Companionship,
- ◆ Chit Chat, Craft

May we each day open the window of our worlds, inviting the fresh Light of Epiphany to flood us with hope, to bring us fresh insight and to fill us with grateful joy. May we see the world around us with new creation eyes, filled with potential and brimming with promise.

Feast of Sto Niño (Sinulog) Celebration 2023

The Sinulog-Santo Niño Festival is an annual cultural and religious festival held on the third Sunday of January in Cebu City and is the centre of the Santo Niño Catholic celebrations in the Philippines.

Every 3rd Sunday of January, Wyong Catholic Church & St John Fisher Catholic Church and the Wyong Filipino Community also celebrate the Feast of Sto Niño (Sinulog)

Come and celebrate with us on the day. Please bring your Sto Niño images for blessing.

This celebration starts with a 9 day Novena, info below:
7th January - 14th January
7pm @ St Cecilia's Catholic Church Wyong

15th January 11am Novena @ St John Fisher Catholic Church (before the high mass)
11.30am Procession,
12pm High Mass.

After Mass, there will be a procession, lunch (bento box), and cultural program that have been prepared for your entertainment.

We also have a basketball tournament (liga) right after the program.



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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

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Children's Liturgy at the following Masses

St Cecilia's 5pm Mass Saturday

St Cecilia's 9.30am Mass Sunday

St John Fisher 5pm Mass Sunday

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE

Mass St Barnabas, Yarramalong

1st Sun of month 11.15am

Filipino Mass St Cecilia's Church

3rd Sun of the month 12pm

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

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

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

KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS

Prayer: The most valuable gift you can give someone.

SICK: Harriet Powell, Danae Roe, Peter Ford, Harry Hall, Michael Briggs, Christine Heffernan, Jennese Thompson, Leeann Hazelton, Bernadette Kiely, Steve Durnford, Ann Durnford, Maureen Mulheron, Angela Watts, William Martin, Terence (Ted) Dafter, Finn McConnon, Margaret Hobbs, Christine, Jacqui Stacey, Josie Campbell, Carol Dafter, Dave Rodney, Gwen Dwyer, Helen Waters, Rod & Pauline Cornwell, Marie & Peter Rheinberger, Hannah Hopwood, Fay King, Joan Mabbutt, Irene Dainty, Eoin, Paula, Peter Meury, Lyn Nash.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARY JANUARY: Fr Manoj, Sophie Roe, Peter White, Patricia Unger, Bill Martin, Tony Kerr, Armida Bito-on, Kevin Booth

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Wyong parish is committed to safeguarding. All children, young persons and vulnerable adults have a right to feel safe and be safe. If you have a concern about the safety of anyone in the parish, please raise your concern with Fr Raul, Fr Alex or Joanne. The contact details are on the back to the Bulletin.

Wyong Shire Filipino-Australian Devotees' Celebration of Faith



VIVA SENOR STO NINO (Feast of the Holy Child)

FIESTA CELEBRATION

For further information, please contact:

When: 15th January 2023

Fr Raul Balute SOLT 0450 115 099

Where: St John Fisher Catholic Church
Hicks Lane Tumbi Umbi
NSW 2261 (near Mingara)

Fr Alex Barnedo SOLT 0432 947 245

Peps Burlat 0403 211 643

Jun Marquez 0418 448 092

Time: 11:00am 9th Day Novena

Manny Dangca 0420 603 743

11:30am Procession

Mona Santos 0406 998 422

12:00nn HIGH MASS

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

9 Day Novena :

7th Jan—14th Jan , 7pm St Cecilia's Wyong

15th Jan, 11am St John Fisher Tumbi Umbi



Followed by procession, lunch (bento box) and
traditional Filipino performances

