

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
PARISH BULLETIN, 9TH JANUARY 2022

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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*



REFLECTION 9th January

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Although Jesus, as the sinless Son of God, had no need for re-birth through baptism, he chose, in his humility, to accept the washing by John in the waves of the Jordan. In doing so, he imparted sacramental power to the waters of baptism, whereby our own being is restored to its original blessedness and purity. When Christ emerged from the water, the Spirit descends upon him as a dove, while the voice of the Father proclaims, 'You are my Son, my Beloved; my favour rests upon you.' This descent of the Spirit and proclamation of love and favour from the Father is a reality for each baptised person. It is a reality which is renewed constantly, or rather has a potency which is indelible and eternal. If we still our minds from distractions, worries, aspirations and fears, and look upwards to the heavens, we shall see the Holy Spirit hovering above us, as the white dove of hope and faith. And if we listen intently, we shall not fail to hear our God proclaim with infinite love and joy to each of us personally, 'You are my beloved child, and my favour rests upon you.'

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for January

For true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

PLEASE NOTE:

Parish Office is currently closed and will reopen Wednesday 12th January. During January the office will only be open:

Wed 12th/ Thurs 13th and

Wed 19th/ Thurs 20th and Thursday 27th.

Office hours will return to normal Monday 31st January.

For emergency's please call

Fr Raul 0450 115 099

Fr Alex 0432 947 245

Safeguarding Message

The protection of children and vulnerable adults within our Diocese will be achieved as every member of our community strives to be a person who **LISTENS** to others with an open heart and mind, and responds well so that concerns and risks may be identified early and addressed.

Wyang 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.

Individual mobile numbers are on the back of the bulletin.

or email

wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au

On behalf of Fr Alex, Jo and Helen,

I wish you and your families a very Blessed and Happy Christmas.

Thank you to every single parishioner who by your presence, your prayer, and your contributions, great and small, help to build up the family of God in this parish.

Your continued Commitment and support is greatly valued.

May God's Blessings be upon you and your families and may the Peace of His Love be with you at Christmas and always.

Fr Raul

Wyang Shire Filipino-Australian Devotees' Celebration of Faith Viva Senor Sto Nino (Feast of the Holy Child)

Journeying together in Communion, and active Participation in the Mission of the Church

16th January 2022

St John Fisher Hicks Lane Tumby Umbi

11am (9th Day Novena)

11.30am Procession

12pm 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 Ramon 0410 115 099, Mona Santos 0406 998 422



PRAYER

Lord, thank you for the precious gift of baptism, that we can publicly declare our love and passion for you.

Lord, we ask for your goodness and blessings to be poured out on each one of us.

We pray that you would work deeply within our hearts and souls, to renew and refresh us each day.

Guide our footsteps, give us hope and a vision for the future.

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The BAPTISM of the LORD
Sunday Mass 9th January 2022
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD *Reproduced from Liturgia*

FIRST READING ISAIAH 40:1-5, 9-11

'Console my people, console them,' says your God.

'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.' A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him.

He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 28:1-4, 9-10

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace. the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. R.

SECOND READING ACTS 10:34-38

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ - but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION CF LUKE 3:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

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Alleluia!

GOSPEL LUKE 3:15-16, 21-22

The people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."



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23 Byron St Wyong

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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

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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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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

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, 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, Rod & Pauline Cornwell, Marie & Peter Rheinberger, Clara Banda, Hannah Hopwood, Fay King.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

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

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