

# PARISH BULLETIN, 25TH DECEMBER 2020

## 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*

### Prayer for Families

Loving God,

During this holy season of Christmas, we ask  
for your blessing on all families.

Let Joseph's courage provide hope during  
times of anxiety and uncertainty.

Let Jesus' life ignite all families with a spirit  
of light and love.

May the grace that encircled the Holy Family  
widen to embrace all families.

For this we pray. Amen



A very warm welcome to any new families and visitors to our Parish. We hope you enjoy your stay.

Every Christmas the Christ Child in the manger at Bethlehem invites us to stop and to pay attention to the things that are especially important in our lives: our loved ones, our family and friends - and our loving God who holds us in existence, 'in the palm of his hand'.

When Christmas is over, an excellent way to grow in faith and to develop one's relationship with God is to be part of our community as we celebrate the Eucharist on Sundays. You will be most welcome!

If you would like to speak with a priest or a member of the parish staff, please call 43521011. We would love to hear from you!

Wishing you and your family a happy and a holy Christmas!  
Fr. Raul, Fr. Alex and the Parish Staff Jo & Helen.

*On behalf of Fr Alex, Jo and Helen, I wish you and your families a very Blessed and Happy Christmas.*

*I take this opportunity to sincerely thank all the Volunteers in our ministries, our Plan Giving contributors and all those who support our parish through Prayer.  
Your continued Commitment and support is greatly valued.*

*We pray for God's Blessings on you and your families and may the Peace of His Love be with you at Christmas and always.*

*Fr Raul*



## The Birth of Jesus

### Gospel reading Night: Lk 2:1-14

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrolment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town.

And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

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### **A SPECIAL PRAYER FOR YOU**

*‘May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child. Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever’.*

### **The Nativity of the Lord Christmas - Mass During the Day** Gospel John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came to be through him, but the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him.

But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to those who believe in his name, who were born not by natural generation nor by human choice nor by a man's decision but of God. And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. John testified to him and cried out, saying, "This was he of whom I said, 'The one who is coming after me ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'" From his fullness we have all received, grace in place of grace, because while the law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. The only Son, God, who is at the Father's side, has revealed him.

### **THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD REFLECTION 25TH DECEMBER**

The light of Christ shines brightly among us in the liturgy of the Mass of Christmas Day. The light has come into the world shattering the darkness. Now all the ends of the earth can see the salvation of God.

Amidst all of the gift giving of Christmas we must not forget to give thanks for the wonders God has worked for us. Most wonderful is God's willingness to become flesh – to share our human condition – that we may be raised up to share in God's divine life.

Nor should we forget the smaller wonders that have happened in our lives over the past twelve months. We recall those moments of grace and blessing, often in the midst of difficulty, when we realized that 'yes, the Lord is dwelling among us'. For such moments of light, we give thanks on Christmas Day.

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# WISHING YOU A VERY, MERRY CHRISTMAS

## WEEKEND AND WEEKDAY MASSES

### ST CECILIA'S CHURCH MASS TIMES

- Saturday Vigil Masses 5pm Sunday Masses 7.30am and 9.30am
- Weekday Mass times Monday to Saturday 8am

### ST JOHN FISHER MASS TIMES

- Saturday Vigil Masses 5pm Sunday Masses 8.30am and 5.00pm
- Weekday Mass times Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 8am and Tuesday, Friday 9.15am

### RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION

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

St John Fisher Saturday at 4.30pm

### Emergency Priest Contact

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### Anointing of the Sick **First Friday of the Month and will recommence Feb 2021**

St Cecilia's During 8.00am & 11.30am Mass and  
St John Fisher During 9.15am Mass

### Eucharistic Adoration

St Cecilia's Daily 7am-8am  
St John Fisher 1st Friday 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

### prayer groups

St Cecilia's Rosary Group 2pm Tuesdays  
St Cecilia's Legion of Mary 8am Wednesdays

Please note:

Parish Office will be closed from 12pm Wednesday 23rd December and reopen Wednesday 13th January.

**During January** the office will only be open:  
**Wed 13th/ Thurs 14th and Wed 20th/ Thurs 21st.** Office hours will return to normal Wednesday 27th January:

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