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The Solemnity of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary—Wednesday 15th August

On this Holy Day of Obligation, this Solemnity will be celebrated at the;

8am Mass St Cecilia's Church

9.30am Mass at St John Fisher School hall

11.30am Mass at St Cecilia's School Hall

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Readings: 19th August 2018

First Reading: Prov 9:1-6

Second Reading: Eph 5:15-20

Gospel: Jn 6:51-58

You may view next week's readings by visiting this web site:

<http://www.usccb.org/bible/>

Keep Us In Your Prayers

Prayer: *The most valuable gift you can give someone.*

Sick: Sebastian Martino, Laura Valtarel, Eoin McAweeney, Eileen Thorpe, Gail Parsons, Michael Briggs, Paris Tabernaberi, Michael King, Maria Mercedes, Ferraresi, John Susovich and daughter Wendy, Paul Wright, Cherie Gurtner, Leeann Hazelton, Rose Attard, Deb Roy, Dianna Williams, Juan Tabernaberi, Colleen O'Neill, Zoila Vasquez, Myriam Iviviani, Dianna Chapman, Miguel Magno, Marisa Martino, Charles Richards, Maria Luisa Bazan, Baby George, Jim Kelly, Margaret Skimming, Iliaria McMahon, Jannese Thompson, Bailey Ferris, Haydn Kaltanbacher, Amelia Dunn, Aurora Estrella, Jean, Scotty, Margaret Shepherd, Pat Willemsen, Justus Cesca, Hettie Meulen, Peter McEvoy, Josephine Riediger, Luigi Schiavo, Talitha Milroy, Emma Carroll, Dianne Powell, Len Miller, Cecily Briggs, Terry, Ann Brady, May Fagan, Shirley North, Rosie Attard, Lilli Drennan, Robert Clarke, Nancy Hagney, Marie Bartlett, Rove Varmen, Raymond Baker

Recently Deceased: Sotero Obuyes Ofalla.

Anniversary: Rosina Livotto, Colleen Swain, Kenneth Ray, Daphne Langby, Ruth & Cecil Booth,

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Saturday Vigil / Sunday Mass Times

St Cecilia's Church

23 Byron St Wyong

Sat Vigil 5.00pm Sun 7.30am & 9.30am

St John Fisher Mass Centre

Hicks Lane Tumbi Umbi

Sat Vigil 5.00 pm Sun: 8.30am & 5pm

Weekday Mass

St Cecilia's : Mon-Sat: 8.00am

St John Fisher:

Mon, Wed, Thurs 8:00am

Tue & Fri: 9.15am

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

Reconciliation/Confession

St Cecilia's Saturday morning after the

8am Mass & Saturday at 4.30pm

St John Fisher Saturday at 4.30pm

Anointing of the Sick (First Friday)

St Cecilia's During 8.00am & 11.30am

Mass

St John Fisher During 9.15am Mass

Monthly Mass

St Barnabas Yarramalong 1st Sunday

11.15am

Filipino Mass Every 3rd Sunday 12pm

Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Sat St Cecilia's & Wed St John Fisher

(after the 8:00am mass)

Devotion to the Divine Mercy

St Cecilia's Fri after the 8am Mass

St John Fisher Fri after the 9:15am Mass

St Cecilia's Church

Rosary Group 2pm Tuesdays

Legion of Mary 8am Wednesdays

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

*Anyone who eats this bread will live forever;
and the bread that I shall give is my flesh,
for the life of the world.*

John 6:41-51

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B 12th August 2018

Gospel Reflection

Excerpt from; God's Word 2018: Daily Reflections

On this Sunday the Church invites us to focus on Jesus who continues to draw us to himself so that we can be nourished and strengthened like Elijah in the desert. The First Reading is a sort of encouragement for us because many of us are in the same boat. So, we can all identify with the prophet and his predicament. Unfortunately, the same Elijah who was courageous enough to face Ahab, suddenly became fearful and discouraged. However, when he thought that all hope was lost, God divinely intervened by feeding and strengthening him for his journey. In our Second Reading, Paul reminds us that as children of God, each one of us bears the mark of the Holy Spirit. Jesus draws us to Himself every day through the Eucharistic table in order to nourish and strengthen us for our journey.



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Men's Breakfast Wyong Parish will be holding our **Very First Men's Breakfast** on Monday 10th September @ 10.30am on the verandah of the Parish Hall. Please come along and enjoy some fellowship and a good feed. Sausages, Eggs, Bacon. Yumm!! Please RSVP to Jo 0424 763 734



Volunteers Needed

Our Parish is holding a **Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings, Tuggerah**, on **Saturday, 8th Sept** to raise funds for Parish projects and commitments over the next twelve months. To achieve success with this fund-raiser, **we need your help between 7.30am and 5.30pm**

Please volunteer your time on this day, even if it is only for one or two hours. **Put your name and phone number in the time slot that suits you, on the Roster** at the back of the Church or **ring Kerry Bugden on 4388 2938** to volunteer or to find out more. Your commitment to this will be much appreciated.

More hands make light work and we need as many hands as possible.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

We welcome to Mass this weekend all the children/families who are preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in our Parish. We ask parishioners to support the children in your prayers as they grow in their love for God.

Hold my hand, God,
Lead the way, Help me be good every day.
Let me know what's wrong and right, Keep me safe all through the night.
Let me know what you have planned, Lead the way, God, Hold my hand.

Charitable Works

Through your generosity... they will find new life.

Thank you for supporting the August Charitable Works Appeal highlighting the CatholicCare Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Practitioner Program (one of the charities supported by the Charitable Works Fund). The Charitable Works Fund is 100% tax deductible and 98.25cents of every dollar goes to the following five beneficiaries:

CatholicCare Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Practitioner Program where five Pastoral Care Practitioners reach over 3,000 patients, 700 families and over 180 hospital staff each year across seven hospitals in our Diocese. *A Reminder: If you or a loved one is admitted to hospital, please ensure that you write Catholic as your religion on admissions paperwork so that you can receive Catholic services during your stay.*

St Lucy's School for primary school students with disabilities.

St Edmund's School for secondary school students with disabilities.

Ephpheta Centre serving the Catholic deaf community.

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine creating and updating the curriculum and training catechists who minister to public school students across the Diocese.

We thank you for your generosity.

World Rosary!

Countries around the world are joining to hold Rosary Rallies across the world on 7th October, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. The formation of the New Holy League of Nations declares a united front in worldwide spiritual battle, defending the Dignity of the Human person – Life, Marriage, Family, as well as Religious Liberty. Together we are calling upon God, through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary, to heal our countries and return them to Holiness. **The World Rosary will start with a '54-day Novena' on 15th August (Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary) until the feast of the Holy Rosary on the 7th October.** Each nation has been asked to pray for its own intentions on the day. Australian intentions for the world rosary will be family, rekindling of faith and continued Godly protection.

Parishioners are invited to come together at 8am Mass followed by the Rosary at St Cecilia's Catholic Church on Wednesday 15th August and will continue each day until the 7th October. The intention is to heed Our Lady's call to 'pray the rosary' and to entrust the future of our nation to God through the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Christmas in July Luncheon

Once again, in an atmosphere of festivity and conviviality, about ninety of our parishioners enjoyed a delicious luncheon provided by the Staff and students of St Peter's Catholic College. A dining area, festooned with Christmas decorations, and members of the College choir singing Christmas Carols, welcomed us at mid-day and gave an indication of the very pleasant experience we would enjoy over the next few hours.

Our three course meal, cooked by senior Hospitality students, was delicious and served in a very professional manner by the students in the Youth Ministry team. Guests were treated to pumpkin or tomato soup, a main course of chicken, ham, baked vegetables, peas, broccoli and carrots, and a choice of desserts; Christmas pudding and custard or Sticky Date Pudding, caramel sauce and cream – definitely a mouth-watering experience! We thank Mrs Christine Higgins for her generosity in making the delicious Christmas puddings.

Eight lucky door prizes added to the festive atmosphere. Also a raffle, with prizes generously donated by parishioners, Mr Frank and Mrs Francis Costa and staff member, Mr Michael Tobin, allowed us to raise \$200.00 towards the work of the Social Justice Group. A big thank you goes to those who gave the gifts and to all those who bought tickets.

We would especially like to thank Mr Tim Hildebrandt, the Principal of St Peter's, for his kindness and generosity in hosting the Luncheon again this year, the College Staff who always put such an effort in to ensuring our parishioners enjoy a very special afternoon and the Students who, once again, showcased their extraordinary talents and generously gave of their time and energy to make it a wonderful Christmas in July Luncheon for the parish communities of St John Fisher and St Cecilia's.

National Vocations Awareness Week

WE ARE ALL CALLED TO THE BIG VOCATION

In years past we Catholics were of the mind that a Vocation was a call to the priesthood or Religious Life as a nun or a brother but Vatican 11 states that all the faithful, 'by baptism made one body with Christ...in their own way made sharers in the priestly, prophetic and kingly functions of Christ. They carry out their own part in the mission of the whole Christian people with respect to the Church and the world.' (The Laity, Chap. 1V, 31)

No matter what path you take in life, you are called to the big Vocation of a Baptised Christian...to be a part of CHRIST'S MISSION IN THE WORLD. We live this out in many vocational pathways...single, married, widow/widowed, religious brother or sister, consecrated life or priesthood. Each vocation is a pathway to holiness if lived to the best of our ability and relying on the grace of God.

Each vocational pathway helps to continue the reign of God on earth in the way begun by Jesus Christ and as we have been commissioned in our Baptism. We have been commissioned to be a 'light to the world' shining in the darkness. All pathways have their joys, challenges and sufferings, just as Jesus had his. But, it all becomes part of the opportunity for us to enter more deeply and genuinely into a loving and faithful witness to our Baptismal Vocation. It is often in this daily grind of our vocations, rather than grand public gestures, that we witness to being chosen as God's light to the world in Jesus Christ! Let us respond daily with joy, dignity and gratitude in whatever vocational pathway we have chosen to live out our big vocation as a Baptised Christian for Christ's mission in the world. For more information on how to find your calling, visit www.catholicovocations.org.au

"In calling us God says to us:

"You are important to me,

I love you, I count on you."

Pope Francis

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