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St Cecilia's Church & St John Fisher Mass Ctr
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2nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME 20th January 2019 Year C

Gospel Reflection

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The wedding at Cana from John's Gospel and the wedding imagery we find in the prophecy from Isaiah share the themes of joy and abundance causing the psalmist to proclaim the wonders of God among the people. The abundance of wine at the wedding feast (some 720 litres of it!) reveals Jesus' glory and has been understood since Old Testament times as a symbol indicating that the end-times had come. Indeed, the Jews of the day believe that one of the things that the Messiah would do would be to produce supernaturally large quantities of grapes.

For Christians, it is not only the quantity but also the quality of the wine that is important, as it is pointer to what is to follow. Firstly, the 'third day' foreshadows the resurrection and the wine becomes a sign of the dawn of a new age begun in the life and ministry of Jesus. Secondly, for the early Fathers of the Church the wine itself foreshadows the gift of the sacraments, particularly the Eucharist, as well as the hallowing of the institution of marriage. However, more important that all of this is Jesus, as God's agent of the end-times, dispensing a good gift from God in the form of wine, which is a symbol of joy, heralding the beginning of the 'messianic' age. Our joy is in God the giver of all good gifts.



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The Baptism of the Lord 13th January 2019 Year C

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Isaiah's prophecy is a cry of vindication that God has not forgotten God's people. The people are to rejoice at the coming of their Saviour God who gathers them like lambs into his arms. This is such a tender and gentle image that made perfect sense to the people of Jesus' time. It is a little harder for many of us who are so removed from the seeming simplicity of country life. But there is a bite to what Isaiah is saying here, vindication comes *only* after the people have paid *twice* for their sin. It would be very hard to be reconciled to the gentle shepherd image at the end of Isaiah's piece were we to be left with only this message.

Our true consolation is found in the Gospel. Here we find another idyllic scene that sees Jesus baptized by John in the Jordan. John is only too aware of how unworthy he is using water for baptism. He knows that Jesus has a much greater baptism to give. But it is not only baptism that Jesus gives. It is through God's own beloved Son that we are vindicated without paying any penalty for our sins. But there is still more—not only does Jesus pay for our sins, he also gives us the Holy Spirit to be the fire that keeps us in God's presence. Truly, our God is great indeed!

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for January

Young People and the Example of Mary

That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

Thank You For All Your Support.

The Social Justice committee of our parish would like to thank all parishioners for their support during 2018

Your generosity for those in our own community who need our help through the 'Shoe-Box' collection and the 'homeless' campaign was very much appreciated. The continued support given to other communities through the many raffles and monetary collections reflects your generous nature and concern for all,

Once again, in 2019 our first major project will be the 'Shoe-Box 'collection. Our month for collection will be **March**. This is earlier than usual so we can distribute before the cold really sets in.

We pray that the Holy family will bless you all in this Festive Season.

Kerry Bugden for The Social Justice Committee.

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Readings: 27th January 2019 First Reading Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10; Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27; Gospel Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-12

You may view next week's readings by visiting this web site: http://www.usccb.org/bible/

Wyong Parish Filipino-Australian Devotees' Celebration of Faith

Viva Senor Sto Nino (Feast of the Holy Child) "Festival of Faith, Food and Fun"

20th January 2019 St John Fisher Hicks Lane Tumbi Umbi 11am (Novena) 11.30am 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





Australia Day—Saturday 26th January

Australia Day is an excellent time to remind ourselves of the great land that God has given us and to thank him for all the blessings that we take so much for granted — blessings like peace, freedom, caring friends, and loving families.

Come along to **Mass on Saturday 26th January** and give thanks to God for what's great about Australia, and to pray for continued blessings on this great South Land.

St Cecilia's 8.00am (Eucharistic Adoration between 7.00am and 8.00am). We will also celebrate Australia Day at all weekend Masses.







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Parish office hours during the Christmas/School holidays 2019.

The parish office will be closed from Friday 21st December & reopen on Wednesday 9th January 9.30am 2019.

During January the Office will only be open:

Wednesday 9th/Thursday 10th,

Wednesday 16th/Thursday 17th,

Wednesday 23rd/Thursday 24th & Wednesday 30th/Thursday 31st

Wednesday 30th/Thursday 31st.

Office hours will return to normal on **Monday** 4th February.

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Safeguarding Message

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 4352 1011

or office@wyongcatholicparish.com

Keep Us In Your Prayers

Prayer: The most valuable gift you can give someone.

Sick: Len Miller, Sandy Riach.
Recently Deceased: Patricia Unger
Anniversary: Peter White, Tony Kerr.

Condolences

The Parish extends our deepest condolences to the Unger Family on the recent passing of their beloved mother Patricia. Pat's funeral was held on Friday 4th January at St Cecilia's Church Wyong.

Pat was dearly loved and has been a long time parishioner of our Parish. We know and pray that she is in God's loving hands.
May she rest in peace. Amen

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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 Lunch served after mass. All welcome

Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Sat St Cecilia's & Wed St John Fisher

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

(after the 8:00am mass)

Rosary Group 2pm Tuesdays Legion of Mary 8am Wednesdays

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