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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

Emergency Priest Contact

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Parish Office 23 Byron Street Wyong

Mon to Thurs 9.30am to 2.30pm & Fri 9.30am to 12pm
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Easter Office Closure

During the Easter school holidays from 15th April to 26th April the
Parish office will be open on:
First week: Monday 15th, Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th April
Second week: Wednesday 24th April
Normal office hours will resume on Monday 29th April 2019.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/wyongcatholicparish

New Website and Email

Wyong Catholic Parish has a new Diocesan website, the website
address is.

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/wyong/>

Please take note of our new email address as the old email address
will be disconnected as of July.

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S a f e g u a r d i n g M e s s a g e

A culture of Safeguarding values COMMITMENT...."Speak out
and judge fairly, defend the rights of the poor and needy."
- see Proverbs 31:9

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 wyongcatholicparish@yahoo.com)

In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop 25th Anniversary National Pilgrimage

The Sisters of St Joseph invite you to join the 25th anniversary
National Pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to
places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop.

The Pilgrimage commences in Melbourne 22 October, visiting
Penola, Adelaide and other significant places, and concludes in
Sydney 2 November 2019.

Cost \$3,575 – \$4,390 (twin share) depending on capital city of
departure (Australia or New Zealand).
Single supplement for all areas \$685 pp.

For a brochure, application form or further information please
email national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au or call Sr Therese Leydon
rsj on 0417 683 123, or Sr Annie Bond rsj on 02 8912 4818.



PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD 14th April 2019

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today is Palm Sunday, but in Luke's account of Jesus' procession into Jerusalem there are no palms. Luke mentions only that the people spread their cloaks on the road as Jesus entered Jerusalem. The cloak – the outer garment the people wore – was the most valuable item of clothing they possessed, and many people owned only one cloak. They wrapped it around themselves at night as protection from the cold. In placing their cloaks on the ground before Jesus they were offering all they had to the messiah king, entrusting themselves totally to him. To lay down one's cloak before Jesus is a much greater offering than to lay down a palm branch torn off someone else's tree! On this Palm Sunday we are invited to follow the example of Jesus and empty ourselves, embracing true humility. We are invited to remove the cloaks of comfort and self-absorption to take on Christ's spirit of humility and selflessness. What is the cloak that I most need to remove to enable the Messiah to enter the Jerusalem of my heart this Easter-time.

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WYONG CATHOLIC PARISH

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SUNDAY of the RESURRECTION Readings: 21st
April 2019 **First Reading: 10:34, 37-43;**
Second Reading; Col 3:1-4 Gospel; Lk 24:13-35
You may view next week's readings by visiting this
web site: <http://www.usccb.org/bible/>

HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES 2019

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| Palm Sunday St John Fisher Mass Ctr 13th April Saturday Vigil 14th April Sunday Reconciliation following the 5pm Mass | Reconciliation 1st Rite Reconciliation following the 5pm Mass |
| Holy Tuesday 16th April | Chrism Mass Waitara Cathedral 7.30pm |
| Holy Thursday 18th April Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 10pm (Reconciliation will be available) | Mass of the Last Supper St John Fisher Tumbi 7pm |
| Good Friday 19th April | Stations of the Cross St Cecilia's Wyong 10am St John Fisher Tumbi 10am |
| Holy Saturday 20th April | Mass of the Last Supper St Cecilia's Wyong 3pm St John Fisher Tumbi 3pm |
| Easter Sunday 21st April | The Lord's Passion St Cecilia's Wyong 7pm |
| | Easter Vigil Mass St Cecilia's Wyong 7pm |
| | Mass of the Resurrection St Cecilia's Wyong 7.30am & 9.30am St John Fisher Tumbi 8.30am & 5pm |

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM of the Passion and Resurrection of the Lord shines forth as the high point of the entire liturgical year. The Paschal Triduum of the Passion and Resurrection of the Lord begins with the evening mass of the Lord's Supper, has its centre in the Easter Vigil, and closes with Vespers (evening Prayer) of the Sunday of the Resurrection. GNLY18, 19

THURSDAY of the LORD'S SUPPER Reflection

There is a beautiful passivity in the Holy Thursday liturgy. Very little is expected of us, except to be present. Jesus is the host. He invites us; he washes our feet, he feeds us with his word and with his body and blood in the Eucharist. All we have to do is receive. This can be very hard. Many of us are more comfortable in an active role – giving rather than receiving, helping rather than being helped. Jesus invites us to let go of our need to be in control. All he asks of us is to *'stay with me for a while'*. Having been cleansed and nourished by him, let us try to spend some time with our dear Lord on the eve of his passion.



Wyong Parish Easter Egg Raffle

The raffle will be drawn THIS WEEKEND - Palm Sunday at the Sun 9.30am Mass at St Cecilia's and Sun 5pm Mass at St John Fisher.

St Cecilia's Church; raising funds for the church roof and St John Fisher Mass Ctr; raising funds for the disabled access ramp to the Centre.

Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

Easter Ceremonies

After discussions with Fr Raul, Fr Alex, The Parish Liturgy Committee and the Parish Pastoral Council, it has been decided to continue with the same format used the last 3 years for our Easter ceremonies;

Holy Thursday service in our Parish will take place at Tumbi Umbi only, and that the Easter Saturday Vigil service will take place at Wyong only.

This allows the opportunity for the whole parish to come together as one on these two significant occasions and allows our priests the opportunity of concelebrating Mass on the feast of the institution of the priesthood (Holy Thursdays Mass of the Last Supper) and the Mass which many regard as being the most symbolic in our liturgical year (The Easter Saturday Vigil).

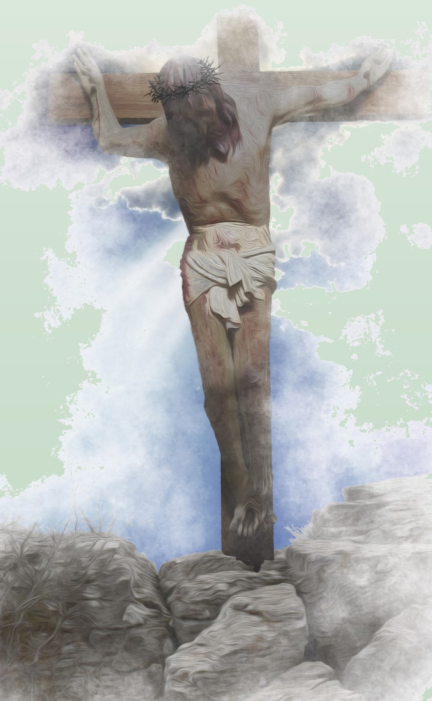
Good Friday and Easter Sunday services will still take place at both Tumbi and Wyong as per previous years.

FRIDAY of the PASSION of the LORD Reflection

We know that Jesus saved us by dying on the cross for us, but how was his crucifixion salvific? This is a very important question. If we don't understand the answer we can easily develop a very unhealthy spirituality – one that glorifies pain and suffering as being good in themselves. We may even seek to intensify them in our lives. That is certainly not the will of God.

The cross saves us because it is the supreme expression of God's saving love for humankind. It is love, and love alone, that saves and the saving love of God is most fully revealed on the cross. On the cross divine love and human misery meet, and divine love is victorious.

So we should not focus on what Jesus died from (crucifixion). We should focus on what Jesus died for. He died for love of you and me, to give us all a share in eternal life, to unite us with his Father and with each other. He died for love of all of us.



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