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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

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Office Closure

During school holidays from 16th April to 27th April the Parish office will be closed except for ; Wednesday 18th, Thursday 19th, and Thursday 26th April. Normal office hours will resume on Monday 30th April 2018.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Readings: 22nd April 2018
First Reading: Acts 4:8-12; Second Reading: 1 Jn 3:1-2;
Gospel: Jn 10:11-18 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 McAweaney, 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, Ilaria McMahon, Jannese Thompson, Bailey Ferris, Haydn Kaltanbacher, Kevin Brien, Amelia Dunn, Aurora Estrella, Jean, Scotty, Margaret Shepherd, Pat Willemsem, Justus Cesca, Hettie Meulen, Peter McEvoy, Josephine Riediger, Luigi Schiavo, Talitha Milroy, Nora Dillon, Emma Carroll, Dianne Powell, Sue and Len Miller, Cecily Briggs, Terry, Ann Brady, Regina Preston, May Fagan, Shirley North, Rosie Attard.

Recently Deceased: Walter Pulbrook, Margaret Leslie.

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



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 15th April 2018 Year B

Gospel Reflection Excerpt from; God's Word 2018: Daily Reflections

Today's liturgy invites us to appreciate lovingly the riches of the Paschal mystery which is the sum total of the work of creation and redemption, of all the reality of man and of all the revelation of God. For the believer, every Eucharistic celebration renews the presence of Christ who died and rose again. Jesus comes into the midst of the Christians assembled for the Eucharistic celebration and through the Eucharist he makes them touch his body, his real presence. Christ is also present and communicates through the Scriptures and through his witnesses who are sent to proclaim the forgiveness of sins. The Apostles, who would witness to the Risen Lord and would call the people to conversion, are themselves now full of fear, doubt and diffidence. But the Lord appears to them and clears away their doubt, inspires and enlightens them and leads them to understand the Scriptures where everything was foretold. The Lord eats with them and proclaims that in his name will be preached to all nations the message of conversion and forgiveness of sins. The Apostles would soon begin this task very faithfully. Wherever people accept the call to conversion and wherever pardon from God and interpersonal pardon among people take place, there the Paschal victory of Jesus bears fruit.



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Calling ALL Readers at St Cecilia's Church

We will have a refresher for new and experienced readers after all Masses this weekend (14th/15th April) and the weekend of (6th/7th May) to go over the finer points of this ministry.

Please could you make an effort to attend just ONE of these sessions which will commence after Mass and should run for about 20 to 30 minutes at most. Thank you for your continued commitment to our Parish.

Singing is an integral part of the liturgy and a joyful expression of those gathered.

We are fortunate and thankful to have many wonderful people involved in our *Music Ministry*, and are always looking for additional members.

We currently need someone to provide music for our 5pm Saturday Vigil Mass at St Cecilia's once or twice a month. It would involve choosing songs and either playing an instrument or operating the USB on the organ to provide music. The choir is always there to lead the singing. Please contact Lucy on 0403808742.



The Gospels inform us that Jesus and the Apostles sang at the Last Supper, and the Apostle Paul exhorted the early Church communities to sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with thankful hearts when they gathered (cf. Mt 26:30; Mk 14:26; Col 3:16).

Triple "T" Family Group (Toddlers, Teens and Old Timers)

We have approximately 16 families in our Family Group at present...a good mix of adults and children. We are a friendly and supportive bunch, and we socialize frequently and regularly. Every Sunday after Mass usually a group of us gather at Mingara for Morning Tea...some call it "Breakfast" !! Not everyone is always available, nor is it compulsory, so numbers can vary say between six and twenty.....

Every month we have an outing/event, and each family has a turn to "host" it. (By "hosting" the event does not mean much preparation, nor expense. It means mainly to remind everyone that it is on.) We have a list of all members, and most often the reminders are by word of mouth, though we do have phone numbers/emails.

Examples of these outings are: Fish & Chips or a Picnic somewhere nice; Games (Charades, Crazy Whist, Trivia etc.) Day at a members' home. (Bring a plate); Lunch out at ,e.g. 16fts Club at Belmont; 10 Pin Bowling; Home Mass and Pot Luck Dinner; Car Trial; Barbeque/ Picnic near Christmas.

We have a General Meeting (very informal) at the start of each year, and we decide who's doing what and where...all voluntary, no obligation. Our aim is NO COST or LOW COST. And at any time we are all together at someone's home, we all 'bring a plate'. Special Birthdays or Anniversaries are another highlight and a source of good fun and surprises.

We are a wonderful group "we are family" Lots of love and laughter, and most importantly, SUPPORT.

We welcome any like-minded people. If you are interested, you can contact : John & Enid Dwyer 0411 896 743 or John & Alicia McCabe 0419 985 627

Upcoming activities

April

Wednesday 25th, ANZAC Day
Weekend of the 29th, Sisters of Charity raffle
Monday 30th, "Looking Up at the Stars: We're all Connected"

May

Saturday 12th, Working Bee St Cecilia's
Sunday 13th, Mothers Day
Sunday 19/20th, CWF appeal
Sunday 20th Pentecost Sunday (don't forget to wear your name badges)
25th & 26th, Sacrament of Confirmation

June

Shoe Box Collection Month for our local community
SVDP winter appeal
Saturday 30th, Parish Pot Luck dinner, St John Fisher Hall

July

Peter's Pence appeal
Friday 27th, Parish Annual Christmas in July luncheon

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April Universal: For Those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters

That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

Gaudete et Exsultate – Rejoice and be Glad

The newly released Apostolic Exhortation from Pope Francis, *Gaudete et Exsultate* (Rejoice and be Glad) presents to us the call to holiness as a personal call for all Christians, and how we can respond in a practical way in our own times.

"We are all called to be holy by living our lives with love and by bearing witness in everything we do, wherever we find ourselves."

Pope Francis encourages us to reflect on living the Beatitudes, which he calls "a Christian's identity card"; and helps us to see the signs of holiness in today's world through perseverance, patience and meekness; joy and a sense of humour; boldness and passion; in community; and in constant prayer.

He says, "the Lord asks everything of us, and in return he offers us true life, the happiness for which we were created. He wants us to be saints and not to settle for a bland and mediocre existence." Read the whole document at <http://w2.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html>

Vatican Astronomer Br Guy Consolmagno SJ

The Diocese of Broken Bay welcomes Br Guy Consolmagno SJ, the Director of the Vatican Observatory, for a series of presentations in April. Br Guy holds a PhD in Planetary Science, and will explore the fascinating topic of how faith and science co-exist. Be enriched by this stimulating conversation about the connectedness of life, science and faith. Br Guy has published a number of books, the latest titled "*Would You Baptise an Extraterrestrial?*"

"Looking Up at the Stars: We're all Connected"

Monday 30th April
7.00pm – 9.30pm

Held on the ground of St Peter's Catholic College, Tuggerah
Includes a viewing of the night sky with telescopes (weather permitting)

It is very important to please register your RSVP: www.trybooking.com/UCJL or 9847 0428 for catering and parking purposes.
Enquiries: faith.formation@dbb.org.au or 9847 0428

"In Awe of the Universe: Connecting Science and Faith"

Saturday 28 April: 10.00am – 12.30pm
The Light of Christ Centre, Waitara
RSVP: www.trybooking.com/UCJJ

Thankyou

On behalf of the Wyong /Tumbi Umbi Parish community I would like to thank Helen Crawford and the Year 5 / Year 6 Junior Altar servers who helped set up the school hall for our parish Easter ceremonies. Our parishioners who supervised were so impressed with their good manners, enthusiasm, knowledge and interesting questions. It was lovely to have the generations working together. Another thank you to Year 6 who designed the art work displayed in the hall. This was the perfect backdrop for Easter. Well done all involved.

Steve Johnson -
Parish Pastoral Chairperson

Get Together Group

All Welcome to join us for our monthly Get Together Group on the first **Monday of every month @ 10.30am** in our Parish Hall. Please bring a plate to share.

Easter egg raffle

drawn 25th March @ St Cecilia's
9.30am Mass and SJF 5pm Mass.
Lucky winners have been notified and have collected their prizes.
This year's Easter Egg Raffle raised \$764.00. Proceeds from Easter Egg raffle went towards our new Ciboria.

April Safeguarding Message

A safe parish community is one that seeks the views of children and young people and takes into account their age, development, maturity, understanding and abilities and the different formats and means of communication they use.
More information can be found on;
<http://elderabusehelpline.com.au/>

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