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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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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.

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/>

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Readings: 8th April 2018
 First Reading: Acts 4:32-35; Second Reading: 1 Jn 5:1:6;
 Gospel: Jn 20:19-31 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.

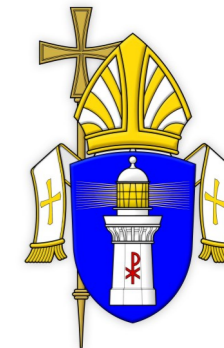
Sick: Sebastian Martino, Laura Valtarel, Eoin McAweaney, Eileen Thorpe, Gail Parsons, Michael Briggs, Paris Tabernaberi, Michael King, Maria Mercedes, Ferraresi, John Susovich and daughter Wendy, Paul Wright, Cherie Gurtner, Leeann Hazelton, Rose Attard, Deb Roy, Dianna Williams, Juan Tabernaberi, Colleen 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.

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Vision

The Wyong Catholic Parish is a welcoming, caring dynamic community

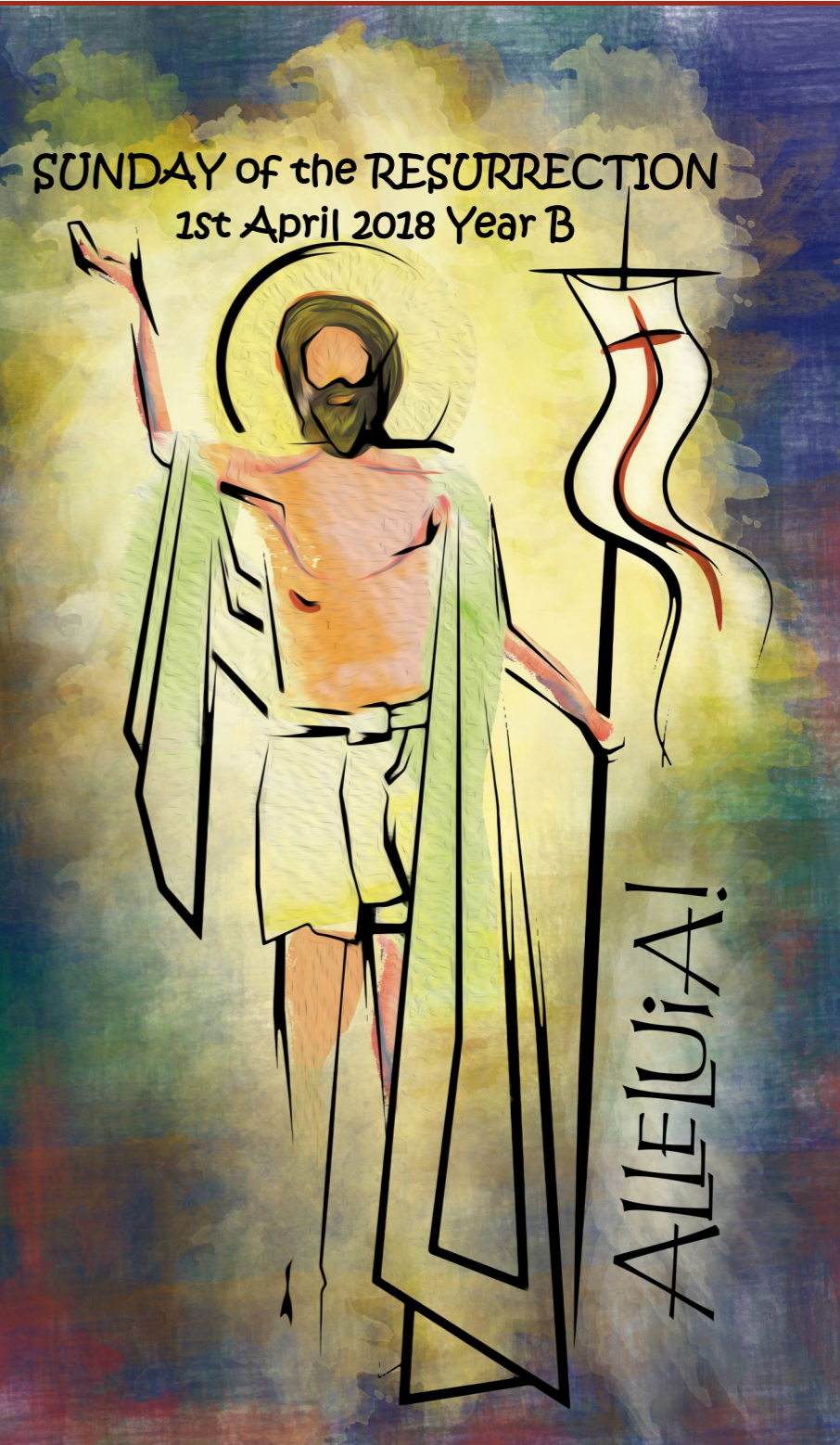
Mission Statement

We will live and proclaim the message of the Gospel Engage, Participate, Reach out and Transform

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

On being alerted by Mary Magdalene, Peter and John run to the Lord's tomb to see if the body had been stolen by someone - a hypothesis that was ruled out by what they saw there. They re-read the event in a new way, in the light of Scripture.

The liturgical assembly on Easter day exults in realising all the hopes of the messianic people of God - the hope of liberation, of entering into the Promised Land, of restoration of justice, of new earth and new heavens. The faithful of Christ have entered into this new reality and live and move in its light. The real newness is Christ who came into the world, lived with humans, died and rose again and is ever present. It is in him that the interior human being is renewed every day (2Cor 4:6). The exterior man, the old reality, needs to be broken to open up the way for the birth of the new human reality, the fruit of redemption in Christ. 'To put on Christ' is one of the many expressions coined by St Paul to present this mysterious reality of grace. To put on Christ means to enter into him and to live in him so that our life becomes hidden in him and with him in God. Thus, 'anyone who is in Christ is a new creature' (2 Cor 5:17). The Christian is dead to sin and risen with Christ to new life.



Easter Blessings!

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

We welcome the new members of the Church and our parish community: Andrew, Natalie, Daniel, Patricia and Adam, who will be received fully into our Catholic faith during the Easter Vigil as well as Kade and Jye who are receiving the sacrament of Baptism. May we continue to support them in prayer as they grow in their faith and love of God.

I take this opportunity to sincerely thank all those involved in anyway in preparing our Lenten and Easter liturgies as well as all the ladies who made over 800 palm crosses that were blessed on Palm Sunday.

We value the time and effort all our volunteers generously give to our parish. The care you give to your ministry is evident in our celebrations.

Through the overwhelming generosity of our parishioners we were able to raise funds to purchase a Chalice and Ciboria for both St Cecilia's and St John Fisher.

A special Blessing of the Chalice and Ciboria for St John Fisher will take place during our Holy Thursday Mass.

A special Blessing of the Chalice and Ciboria for St Cecilia's will take place during our Easter Vigil Mass.

On behalf of Fr Alex and our Parish Staff Jo and Helen, I wish you and your families a very Blessed and Happy Easter.

May you feel Christ's Love in your Heart and be filled with His Peace & Joy this Easter Season and always!

Fr Raul

2018 Paschal Candle

For the past few years we have been purchasing our Paschal Candles from Jamberoo Abbey.

The Abbey is an enclosed community of Benedictine Nuns whose vocation is a call to a life of prayer at the heart of the Church... at the heart of the whole world. Prayer is the whole meaning of their lives. While their primary work is prayer they also earn their living and support themselves through the work of their hands. To enable them to continue praying as they work, they choose, as far as practicable, a form of work that is quiet and contemplative in nature.

The nuns have a special theme every year for their paschal candle and this years design features the traditional elements of the Alpha, Omega and the year 2018, superimposed onto a beautiful Celtic Cross. The cross, with its circular background and endless knot work, spirals and patterns, symbolises God's unending love for humankind and the salvation won for us through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The colours of the design are in rich tones of red, green, gold, yellow and blue, all of which proclaim the new life and joy of Easter.

The bands which surround the top and bottom of the candle also feature Celtic knot work and golden flames. The words on the bands echo the great proclamation from the Easter Vigil: "Christ Our Light" (top band) "Thanks Be to God (bottom band).



Have you ever wondered what goes on in our Parish outside our Parish weekend Masses?

If you are looking for something extra, there is plenty going on in the Parish that you can be involved in.

- Some of these are:
- Parish Pastoral Council
 - Liturgy Team
 - Finance Committee
 - Social Justice Committee
 - Catechists
 - Sacramental Team
 - Home/Aged Care Visitation Team
 - Altar Society
 - Church Flower Group
 - Rosary Group
 - Legion of Mary
 - Bible Study Group
 - Get-Together (Craft/Chat) Group
 - Maintenance Group
 - Lawn Maintenance Group
 - Choir
 - Family Groups
 - Church Cleaners
 - Court House Helpers providing tea/coffee

If you are interested and would like some more information, please speak to one of our priests or call the Parish Office. We will welcome you gladly 'with open arms'.

An Easter Prayer—Pope Francis

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
Christ dies and rose once for all, and for everyone, but the power of the Resurrection, this Passover from slavery to evil to the freedom of goodness, must be accomplished in every age, in our concrete existence, in our everyday lives. How many deserts, even today, do human beings need to cross! Above all, the desert within, when we have no love for God or neighbour, when we fail to realise that we are guardians of all that the Creator has given us and continues to give us. God's mercy can make even the driest land become a garden, can restore life to dry bones (cf. Ez 37:1-14).

So this is the invitation which I address to everyone: Let us accept the grace of Christ's Resurrection! Let us be renewed by God's mercy, let us be loved by Jesus, let us enable the power of his love to transform our lives too; and let us become agents of this mercy, channels through which God can water the earth, protect all creation and make justice and peace flourish.

And so we ask the risen Jesus, who turns death into life, to change hatred into love, vengeance into forgiveness, war into peace. Yes, Christ is our peace, and through him we implore peace for all the world.

Pope Francis 31 March 2013

Divine Mercy Sunday

8th April We will be having Benediction, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet at St Cecilia's Wyong from 2-3pm.

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