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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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### 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.

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Readings: 29th April 2018  
First Reading: Acts 9:26-31; Second Reading: 1 Jn 3:18-24;  
Gospel: Jn 15:1-8 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:** Victor Hindmarsh, Walter Pulbrook, Margaret Leslie.

**Anniversary:** Leanne Smith (1st), Leslie Smith (10th), Margaret Callery (2nd),

## 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*



### FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 22nd April 2018 Year B

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

Jesus outlines the characteristics of an authentic shepherd and shows how we can recognise him: see his total dedication to the point of giving his life. Jesus is the real Good Shepherd, in contrast to all those who solemnly claim to be leaders and guides of the people but actually are in search of power and pelf. Only Jesus the Good Shepherd, who is not a paid servant, knows his sheep and has offered his life in order to snatch them away from the wolves which try to plunder and disperse them. The interest and care of this Shepherd is not limited to the sheep that are with him; there are other sheep, dispersed and far, which he wants to gather so that the shepherd and all the sheep would be united.

The allegory of the Shepherd reflects directly the person and the mission of Christ. His voluntary offering of life for his sheep is the reason for which the Father loves him. The sheep definitely belong to the Father; he who gives his life for the sheep is loved by the Father. The principle of belonging to the sheepfold is that of mutual belonging and true communion between the shepherd and the sheep. It should be a communion as deep and indissoluble as the communion between the Father and the Son.



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On April 25<sup>th</sup>, all around Australia, in Churches and at various shrines of remembrance and War Memorials, people will gather to honour those men and women who have gone off to war. It is the dawn of another ANZAC DAY. It is a day of remembrance of the deaths and sufferings in war, the valour of fighting women and men and the ever present hope for the people of the world to live together in harmony and lasting peace.

On this day let us remember those people who live the reality of war each day.... for the people of many other countries who as you read this are experiencing the devastation of conflict. Let us remember all those who are striving to bring peace to these war torn environments.

On this Anzac Day may we pray that in all our dealings we promote a peace-filled world.

**You are welcome to attend the following Masses and wear your medals and ribbons.**

St Cecilia's Wyong                      8am Mass  
 St John Fisher Tumbi Umbi        8am Mass

## SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER

### Activities for Parishioners during TERM 2, 2018

Last year a number of our senior parishioners participated in a variety of activities organised by the Social Justice Committee and assisted by staff and students of St Peter's Catholic College, Tuggerah. As these activities proved to be very successful and enjoyable experiences for all those who attended, it is our plan to offer them again this year. The activities are free of cost and a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a social occasion, meet new people and/or learn new skills.

These activities include:

**A Christmas in July Luncheon hosted by St Peter's Catholic College staff and students on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2018.**

Please arrive at 11.45 a.m. for a 12.15 p.m. start. Parking is available at the College.

**Technology/Computer Skills Development classes conducted by staff and students in St Peter's IT Labs.**

**Classes will start on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> May at 9.00 a.m.** at the College, and you can enjoy morning tea, as well.

**Storied Lives** – this activity provides the opportunity for our senior parishioners to meet, over afternoon tea, with students from St Peter's, to have their 'life stories' recorded, with a view and with permission to publishing and sharing them as a record of living history.

**The session will start on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> May, at 1.30 p.m. at the College.**

The venue for all these activities will be St Peter's Catholic College unless otherwise advised and parking is available.

**Anyone who is interested in participating in one or more of these activities, or who knows someone who might be interested and would like to find out more, please fill in the Survey Sheet at the back of the Church, after Mass. Record your name and phone number and tick the activities you are interested in so that you can be contacted with any necessary information.**

**You can also ring Cecily Briggs on 43 533820 or 0412192442 if you would like to add your name or need to discuss this further.**

## **2018 World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

On the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (22 April), the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood and Religious life?

- ◆ Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead.
- ◆ Keep the priests of our parish in your prayers throughout the week.
- ◆ Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or Religious brother or sister.
- ◆ Pray a rosary (or some special prayer) for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.

### VOCATION AWARENESS PRAYER

*Gracious God,*

*You love every person You have created, with an everlasting love and graced each one with unique gifts and talents.*

*May we all come to know and live gratefully our role in life, whether it be, as single, married, the consecrated life, religious or as clergy.*

*May we creatively use the talents You have given us, for the glory of Your name and the betterment of our world. We make this prayer through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.*

### **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 30<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.trybooking.com/UCJL) or 9847 0428 for catering and parking purposes.

Enquiries: [faith.formation@dbb.org.au](mailto:faith.formation@dbb.org.au) or 9847 0428

**Spirituality in the Pub-** Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2018, 7.30pm - 9.00pm

The Grange Hotel Function Room Bistro opens at 5-30pm.

Cnr: Renwick St & Pacific Hwy, WYOMING Inquiries: 0498 588 261

**Theme 2018: "My Spirituality: Then and Now"**

**Speakers:**

**Pina Bernard:** Married with three children, Pina is currently a member of the Catholic Life & Faith Formation team for the Diocese of Broken Bay.

**Cristina Gomez:** Cristina is a research fellow at Charles Sturt University and is particularly interested in issues connected with women, migrants, and the environment.

*Congratulations*

The Parishioners and Priests of Wyong congratulate Mrs Lucy Thornley on her recent Graduation from Newcastle University with a Masters in Theology Degree. We pray that God will bless us with her ongoing ministry in the Parish of Wyong.

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

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.

### **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.

### **Calling ALL Readers at St Cecilia's Church**

We will have a refresher for new and experienced readers after all Masses on the 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.

### **Fr Vincent of Toukley Parish**

is now the Chaplain of Wyong Hospital.

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