

Prayer for Good Humour

(Recited each day by Pope Francis)

'Grant me, O Lord, good digestion and also something to digest. Grant me a healthy body and the necessary good humour to maintain it. Grant me a simple soul that knows to treasure all that is good and that doesn't frighten easily at the sight of evil, but rather finds the means to put things back in their place. Give me a soul that knows not boredom, grumblings, sighs and laments, nor excess of stress, because of that obstructing thing called "I". Grant me, O Lord, a sense of good humour. Allow me the grace to be able to take a joke to discover in life a bit of joy and to be able to share it with others'. St Thomas More (1478-1535)

Leaving a Legacy of Faith - Think about it...

The Catholic Church has been present at most of the important milestones in your life: your Baptism, your wedding and also at times of great sadness.

The work of our Church is far-reaching, touching the souls of many ... every day.

By leaving a gift to *Wyong Catholic Parish* in your Will, you will leave a legacy of faith – a legacy to help ensure that the mission and pastoral outreach that has been important to you and your family, will continue both for today's needs and for those of our children, our grandchildren and beyond.

A gift to our Church is the gift that keeps on giving.

With Blessing, Joe Cesca (Chairman of the Parish Finance Committee)

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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.

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

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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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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



25th December 2018

The Nativity of the Lord

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

Every Christmas the Christ Child in the manger at Bethlehem invites us to stop and to pay attention to the things that are especially important in our lives: our loved ones, our family and friends - and our loving God who holds us in existence, 'in the palm of his hand'.

When Christmas is over, an excellent way to grow in faith and to develop one's relationship with God is to be part of our community as we celebrate the Eucharist on Sundays. You will be most welcome!

If you would like to speak with a priest or a member of the parish staff, please call 43521011. We would love to hear from you!

Wishing you and your family a happy and holy Christmas!

Fr. Raul, Fr. Alex and the Parish Staff Jo & Helen.



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

I take this opportunity to sincerely thank all the Volunteers in our ministries, our Plan Giving contributors and all those who support our parish through Prayer. Your continued commitment and support is greatly valued.

We pray for God's Blessings on you and your families and may the Peace of His Love be with you at Christmas and always.

Fr Raul



The Birth of Jesus Gospel reading Night: Lk 2:1-14

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrolment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town.

And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."



The Nativity of the Lord Christmas - Mass During the Day

Gospel John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came to be through him, but the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him.

But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to those who believe in his name, who were born not by natural generation nor by human choice nor by a man's decision but of God. And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. John testified to him and cried out, saying, "This was he of whom I said, 'The one who is coming after me ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'" From his fullness we have all received, grace in place of grace, because while the law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. The only Son, God, who is at the Father's side, has revealed him.

Gospel Reflection

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Lord, today we celebrate your entry into our world and life as a fragile little baby. The Father has packaged his infinite Love for us in flesh and blood like any one of us and made to us this tremendous gift. Thank you, Lord, for coming to share our human lot; for becoming one of us, assuming fully our human condition. You emptied yourself of the divine glory in order to enrich us. As your Evangelist John tells us today, 'From your fullness we have all received grace upon grace.' You 'gave us power to become children of God'! By becoming flesh, you accepted the limitations of human flesh. You became vulnerable to our natural weaknesses - hunger, thirst, physical weariness, pain. You experienced the emotional traumas that we experience - disappointment, sorrow, hurt, loneliness and rejection. But by your coming down to our level, you conferred on us humans, a divine dignity.

Lord, I realise that in our world today, so very often, this new-found human dignity is tragically trampled underfoot. A world order that is founded on consumerism, exploitation, greed and outright injustice denies dignity to the poor and powerless. Lord, grant me the courage to fight against every force that denies the dignity of human beings. Help me to restore dignity especially to the poor and powerless.

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