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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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New Email: wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au

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

New Website: https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/wyong/

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Spirituality in the Pub

Tuesday 4th June, 2019, 7.30pm - 9.00pm Theme 2019: "Reflections on my Spiritual Journey" TWO SPEAKERS:

Adrian Gomez is the Ordained deacon at Wahroonga. He also works at the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal, helps with Catholic Youth festivals, is Youth Ministry Coordinator at St. Leo's Catholic College and Team Leader on St. V de P Night Patrol.

Rev Rex A E Hunt is a retired Uniting Church minister and 'grass roots' religious naturalist and social ecologist. Rex is the founding Chair of "The Common Dreams Conference of Religious Progressives" in the South Pacific and author/editor of eight books.

The Grange Hotel Function Room Cnr: Renwick St & Pacific Hwy, WYOMING Bistro opens at 5-30pm. Inquiries: 4328 2596 or 0498 588 261

Keep Us In Your Prayers

Prayer: The most valuable gift you can give someone. Sick: Len Miller, Sr Sylvia Markulin, Victor Gibbs, Harriet Powell, Danae Roe, Peter Ford, Gail Parsons, Harry Hall, Michael Briggs. Recently Deceased: Deacon Jim Caulfield, Kay Taylor,

Rodney Noble.

Anniversary: Serapio Otones.

The Ascension of the Lord Readings: 2nd June 2019 First Reading; Acts 1:1-11; Second Reading; Ephesians 1:17-23; **Gospel:** Like 24:46-53 You may view next week's readings by visiting this web site: http://www.usccb.org/bible/



Gospel Reflection

Part of Jesus' Last Farewell is the assurance that he will not leave the disciples 'orphans'. Hence, he tells them not to be troubled or afraid. The parakletos is coming, sent by the Father in his name. The New American Bible, the New Revised Standard Version, and the Jerusalem Bible consistently use 'Advocate' to translate this Greek work. Other translations render it as 'Paraclete.'

In earlier Greek, parakletos signified one called in to be a person's defense, a helper in court, one who pleads the cause of another. During the time of Jesus, the Jews-largely ignorant of the Roman law and language-usually employed Roman 'advocates' in their trials before the roman courts.

By referring to the Holy Spirit as 'Advocate', Jesus describes what is the work and office of the Holy Spirit. Aside from being the Spirit of gifts and empowerment sent from the Father to continue the mission of Jesus, this Spirit is Counsellor, Helper, Comforter, and intercessor. He will teach us (cf Jn 14:26) to testify about Jesus (cf 15:26). On the other hand, by the Johannine reference to Jesus as 'Advocate', we are made to realise that though physically unseen by us, Jesus will continue to mediate for us in the glory of the Father. Hence, the believers draw comfort from the fact that Jesus is now with the Father. They will have the gift of peace because they have divine comforters, guides, and intercessors from their two 'Advocates'.

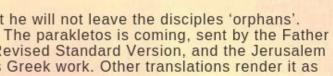
Wounded, battered, and tempted, we may find life to be a 'trial'. But with the divine 'Comforters' - the Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit-by our side, we shall not be afraid. For if God is with us, who can be against us?

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St Cecilia's is desperately needing

more volunteers for our Church

cleaning roster. The upkeep of our

Church is very important. Due to

illness our numbers on the cleaning

roster have decreased. You would

only be required for 1 hour every 5

please

For the people of the Diocese of Broken Bay, charity begins at home

The Charitable Works Fund will be held this weekend

How marvellous it would be, if at the end of the day, each of us could say: today I have performed an act of charity towards others" - Pope Francis

The Charitable Works Fund is working every day to support faith-based services for the people of the Diocese of Broken Bay. Supporting the Charitable Works Fund puts your gift to work in our local faith community.

Donations \$2 and over are tax-deductible.

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CatholicCare Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Practitioner Program - where five Pastoral Care Practitioners reach over 3,000 patients, 700 families and over 180 hospital staff each year across seven hospitals in our Diocese.

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine - creating and updating teaching materials and training catechists who minister to public school students across the Diocese.

St Lucy's School - for primary school students with disabilities.

St Edmund's College - for secondary school students with disabilities.

Ephpheta Centre – serving the Catholic deaf community.

Discernment Evenings

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to 6 weeks.

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volunteering.

Thank you.

Everyone has a vocation, a special invitation from God to become holy and whole. To walk a unique, earthly path that leads ultimately to heaven. Samuel Group participants are encouraged to bring their unique questions, desires, strengths and weaknesses to God, and to learn to respond to His loving voice.

This discernment event is for young adults, who will meet together once every two months in order to pray, ask questions and discover their individual vocations or lifetime call from God.

We invite you to set aside a few hours on Wednesday evening May 29 in order to learn more about God and yourself and investigate your vocation, a special call from God, to leave a mark in this world.

Date: 29 May, 24 July, 2 October, 20 November Time 5:30 – 7:30pm Where: Holy Name Parish, 35 Billyard Ave Wahroonga- The Priory

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WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO

Go! 'Go in peace to love and serve the Lord,' says the celebrant at the end of Mass. This concluding rite is best understood as a commissioning. Renewed in our relationship as brothers and sisters in the body of Christ, we are sent forth to share Christ's love with others. In fact, the word 'Mass' is derived from the Latin word missa which in turn is derived from 'mittere': to send. As you leave church today, think of how you can reach out to one specific person. Find a practical way of sharing with that person the strength you have drawn from this eucharistic celebration.

Proclaiming Pentecost

You are invited to celebrate Pentecost at Our Lady of Dolours, Chatswood, on Pentecost Eve. Proclaiming Pentecost is an inter-denominational event, to gather and pray with our brothers and sisters in Christ for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit over a region. This is the 5th year the event is being held around Sydney, and this year the region in focus is Northern Sydney and the Northern Beaches. All are welcome.

Date: Saturday 8 June 2019 **Time:** 7.00pm – 9.00pm Venue: Our Lady of Dolours, Chatswood 94 Archer St Chatswood (parking via Kirk St) Enquiries: Parish Office 9410 9000

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. The dates for NRW remain the same each year: 27 May to 3 June. These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey- the successful 1967 referendum, and the High Court Mabo decision respectively.

This year's theme is "Grounded in Truth, Walk Together with Courage", and seeks to foster positive race relations based on a foundation of truth so that historical wounds can be healed. More information can be found at : https://www.reconciliation.org.au/national-reconciliation-week/

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We extend our congratulations to each child and may the light of the Holy Spirit always burn brightly in you. Blessings on your Confirmation. 'God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us". (Romans 5:5)

May we continue to pray for these children and their families that the Holy Spirit will give them strength and draw them closer into a life of faith where their love for God will empower them.

The children's journey of faith would not have been possible without the support of parents, family members and sponsors. We thank all the prayer partners who have kept the children in their prayers over the past month and the parishioners who assisted with the children's involvement in our Masses.

We also express our gratitude to those who assisted us with our Ceremony. Your support is greatly appreciated.

May God Bless you and your families.



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