

What's happening this week

Welcome to Mass this weekend all the Children preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

- Daily**
Eucharistic Adoration 7am-8am St Cecilia's Church.
- Sat 27th**
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help After 8am Mass St Cecilia's Church.
Children's Liturgy 5pm @ St Cecilia's Church.
- Sun 28th Bible Sunday Baptism's** 10.45am *We warmly welcome the following children who are to be baptized this weekend into our Parish Community: Amelia Jane, Adrian, Kyra Mei, Stevie Mae, Parker Chase. May the grace of the Lord Jesus bless them and their families.*
- 2nd Preparation Class** 3.45pm for Sacrament of Reconciliation SJF Mass Ctr.
Children's Liturgy 5pm @ St John Fisher Mass.
- Mon 29th St Martha (Memorial)**
Communion is taken to Parishioners who are homebound, sick or in hospital.
Mass 11am St Peter's Catholic College.
- Tues 30th**
Rosary Group 2pm St Cecilia's Church.
- Wed 31st St Ignatius of Loyola, (Memorial)**
Legion of Mary 8am St Cecilia's Church.
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help After 8am Mass St John Fisher.
- Thurs 1st Aug St Alphonsus Liguori (Memorial)**
- Fri 2nd Aug**
Anointing of the Sick During 8am Mass St Cecilia's Church.
Devotion to the Divine Mercy After 8am Mass St Cecilia's Church.
Anointing of the Sick During 9.15am Mass St John Fisher Mass ctr.
Devotion to the Divine Mercy After 9.15am Mass St John Fisher.
Anointing of the Sick 11.30am Mass St Cecilia's Church.
- Sat 3rd St Dominic (Memorial)**
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help After 8am Mass St Cecilia's Church.
Baptism Preparation Class 10am Parish Hall.
Children's Liturgy 5pm @ St Cecilia's Church.
- Sun 4th**
Mass 11.15am St Barnabas Yarramalong.
Children's Liturgy 5pm @ St John Fisher Mass.

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Gospel Reflection for 17th Sunday In Ordinary Time, Year C

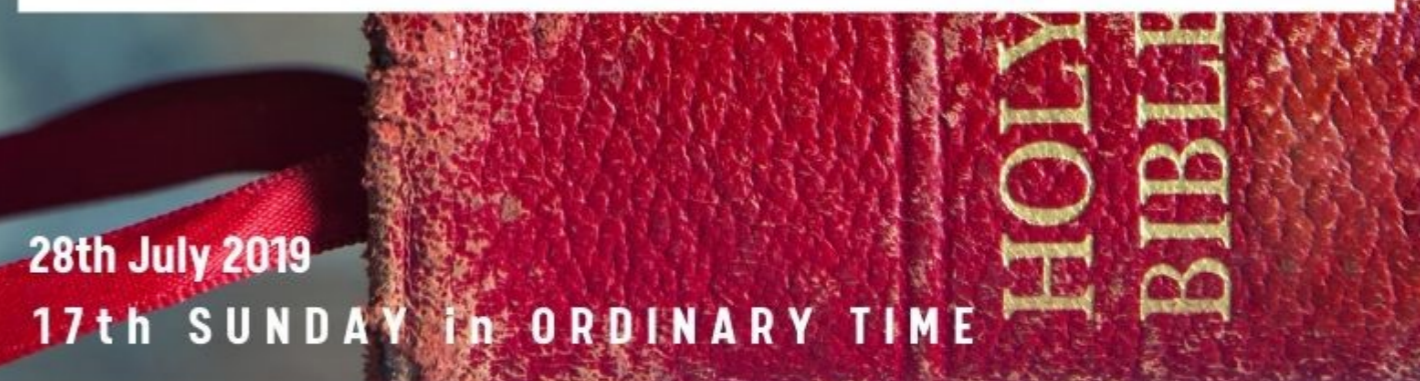
My mum always haggled for anything she bought from the market. I used to imagine that we were destitute, only to find out later that she was only trying to stretch the family's budget. In our first reading we find Abraham as he 'haggled' with God in the same way mum haggled with the vendors in the market. But Abraham haggled with God himself and not with vendors in the market. Abraham did not haggle for vegetables, chicken, fish or meat; he entreated God for the salvation of the people of Sodom.

Out of his deep compassion towards his people, Abraham pleads with God six times and each time Abraham received a positive answer from God. He said he will not destroy Sodom if he finds at least ten righteous persons in the city. On hindsight, we can ask Abraham: Why did you stop bargaining at ten? God did not show any sign of exasperation. God never stopped giving; it was Abraham who stopped asking. In the end, not even ten righteous persons were found in Sodom. Only four remained—Lot, Lot's wife, and their two daughters. Lot's wife, alas!, disobeyed God, turned around, and was transformed into a pillar of salt. Thus, finally, only three righteous persons were left in Sodom and soon the city was destroyed.

Today, we reflect on Abraham as a missionary to Sodom. He knew that evil was widespread in Sodom, but did not realise its catastrophic proportion. Abraham had to admit the painful truth that he did not know the people of Sodom full well. He also did not know God full well since he put a limit to God's power to forgive. In the end, it was the sin of Sodom that brought about its destruction.

Jesus teaches us to persevere in prayer as we dedicate our life to mission. We need not put limits to God's power over our life unlike Abraham. We can keep asking God because he wants to keep giving. When our best efforts are reduced to failure, Jesus admonishes us not to despair: 'Ask. Seek. Knock'. In effect, Jesus is telling us: 'Ultimately, it's not about you; it's about me'.

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**YOU HAVE RECEIVED THE SPIRIT WHICH MAKES US GOD'S
CHILDREN, AND IN THAT SPIRIT WE CALL GOD OUR FATHER**

Sacrament of Reconciliation

At our Masses this weekend, we warmly welcome the children/families who are preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Let us join in prayer and pray that their experience of God's love and mercy will deepen.

Sacrament of First Eucharist 2019

Preparation for the Sacrament of First Eucharist will commence on the weekend of the 10/11th August.

You can collect an information sheet and enrolment form at Mass this weekend and next weekend otherwise please go to our webpage; <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/wyong/>
Or call the Parish Office on 4352 1011.

Please note:

If you have Planned Giving envelope number; 460 or 441 can you please call the parish office on 4352 1011 or 0424 763 734. Thank you.

Taxation Receipts for Charitable Works and Caritas are now ready for your collection at the back of the Church/Mass Ctr. Thank you for your support to these appeals.

Readings: 4th August 2019 18th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME, Year C

First Reading; Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23;
Second Reading; Col 3:1-5, 9-11;
Gospel; Lk 12:13-21

You may view next week's readings by visiting this web site: <http://www.usccb.org/bible/>



PLENARY COUNCIL 2020: National Theme for Discernment #6 – How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is Open to conversion, Renewal and Reform? This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a desire to do things differently in response to Christ and the experience of our people, accepting that faithfulness to tradition requires change that is both personal and communal. Find out more: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

Wyong Catholic Parish FACEBOOK PAGE

Did you know Wyong Catholic Parish has its own Facebook page?

Next time you are on Facebook go and have a look www.facebook.com/wyongcatholicparish and while your there don't forget to **like** and **follow** our page.

S a f e g u a r d i n g M e s s a g e

A culture of Safeguarding values WISDOM... "Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom." - James 3:13 Wyong parish is committed to safeguarding. All children, young persons and vulnerable adults have a right to feel safe and be safe. If you have a concern about the safety of anyone in the parish, please raise your concern with Fr Raul, Fr Alex or Joanne. The contact details are 4352 1011 or wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au



Celebrating Foundation Day of the Society of Our Lady of The Most Holy Trinity (SOLT) Tuesday the 16th July.

We are very Blessed to have with us both Fr Raul and Fr Alex who belong to this Order and live, and share the mission of this Society with us. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to them for their ministry with us and we pray that God will continue to bless them.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for July;

Justice That those who administer justice may work with integrity and that the injustice which prevails in the world may not have the last word.

Anointing of the Sick (First Friday)

St Cecilia's During 8.00am & 11.30am Mass
St John Fisher During 9.15am Mass



Keep Us In Your Prayers

Prayer: *The most valuable gift you can give someone.*

Sick: Len Miller, Victor Gibbs, Harriet Powell, Danae Roe, Peter Ford, Gail Parsons, Harry Hall, Michael Briggs, Kerry Baldwin.

Recently Deceased: Judy Kennedy, Phillip Amey.

Anniversary: James Bastick, Pauleene Crass, John Dwyer, Tom & Bridget Dermody, Brian Flints

Weekend 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

Reconciliation/Confession

St Cecilia's Saturday morning after the 8am Mass & Saturday at 4.30pm
St John Fisher Saturday at 4.30pm

Monthly Mass

St Barnabas Yarramalong
1st Sunday 11.15am

Filipino Mass

Every 3rd Sunday 12pm

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

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