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### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Readings: 9th December 2018

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9;

Second Reading: Phil 1:3-6, 8-11;

Gospel: Lk 3:1-6

You may view next week's readings by visiting this web site:

<http://www.usccb.org/bible/>

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

Each of us can make a difference. Each of us can help to protect one another. We are called to Step Up and to Speak Out for the protection of all.

### Keep Us In Your Prayers

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

**Sick:** Sebastian Martino, Laura Valtarel, Eoin McAweaney, 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, Iliaria McMahon, Jannese Thompson, Bailey Ferris, Haydn Kaltanbacher, Amelia Dunn, Aurora Estrella, Jean, Scotty, Margaret Shepherd, Pat Willemsem, Hettie Meulen, Peter McEvoy, Josephine Riediger, Luigi Schiavo, Talitha Milroy, Emma Carroll, Len Miller, Cecily Briggs, Terry, Ann Brady, May Fagan, Shirley North, Rosie Attard, Lilli Drennan, Robert Clarke, Nancy Hagney, Marie Bartlett, Rove Varmen, Raymond Baker, Annaliese McCulkin, John Brefa, Regina Preston, Tony Lowe.

**Anniversary:** Paul Myers,

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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



## 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*

# 1st Sunday of ADVENT



2nd December 2018

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Lord, Advent, the season of waiting for your coming has begun. Your word puts me in a mood of expectation and alertness for your 'comings' - your first coming as a helpless babe at Bethlehem; your constant coming to me through the events of my life and through all that surrounds me; and your final coming at the end of the world to call me Home...Today you focus on your final coming. Honestly, this description of the end times frightens me. But I am relieved to realise that the universal catastrophe (and destruction) is not the final word. At the end of it all I 'will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory'. Prepare my heart, Lord, to celebrate your first coming. Let me also meditate on your final coming ever bearing in mind that your final coming is what confers meaning and purpose to your first coming.



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## Wyong Parish Christmas Thank You BBQ & Carols on the Lawn

(RSVP by Mon 10th Dec Jo 4352 1011 or 0424 763 734)

Date: **Friday 14th December**

Time: **6.30pm for BBQ and Carols**

Place: **23 Byron Street Wyong** on the Lawn of the Presbytery grounds BYO. Picnic Chairs/blanket

To say Thank you for all that you do, please come along to the Parish Christmas BBQ

## The Advent Wreath

The **circle of the wreath** reminds us of God Himself, His eternity and endless mercy, which has no beginning or end. The **green of the wreath** speaks of the hope that we have in God, the hope of newness, of renewal, of eternal life. **Candles** symbolize the light of God coming into the world through the birth of His son. **The four outer candles** represent the period of waiting during the four Sundays of Advent, which themselves symbolize the four centuries of waiting between the prophet Malachi and the birth of Christ. The purple candles suggest penance and fasting & perhaps a royal colour of the coming King. Pink is used as a colour of joy & expectation.

Please join us ON  
**Monday, 17th December**  
**6 p.m.**

### for our Ecumenical Christmas Carol Service

At St Cecilia's Catholic Church  
Byron Street, Wyong  
All children are invited to dress as  
angels or shepherds to take part in  
the tableau (meet at 5.30pm)  
Join us after the service for Tea and  
Coffee

## Advent Lectio Divina

**When:** Thursdays during Advent 6pm—7pm  
Beginning on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec *Please contact Lucy to confirm your attendance; 0403 808 742 or lucy.thornley4@hotmail.com*

**Where:** Parish hall, behind St Cecilia's Church.

## Advent Reconciliation

**1st Rite Reconciliation: St John Fisher Mass Ctr**  
15th Dec Following 5pm Mass and  
16th Dec following 5pm Mass

**2nd Rite Reconciliation: St Cecilia's Church**  
Wednesday 19th Dec 6pm

## Triduum Mass

**St Cecilia's Church**  
19th, 20th and 21st December 7pm

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2018

### Christmas Eve Monday 24th Dec

**St John Fisher**  
5.00pm Children's/family Mass

**St Cecilia's Church**  
5.00pm Children's/family Mass  
10.30pm Christmas Carols  
11.00pm Midnight Mass

### Christmas Day Tuesday 25th Dec

7.30am St Cecilia's Church  
8.30am St John Fisher  
9.30am St Cecilia's Church

Thank  
you!

To our wonderful  
Catechists

As this year draws to an end we extend our deep appreciation to all our Catechists/Assistants who have shared the 'Good News' with our children in the State Schools. We have a few Catechists who will be retiring from this ministry and we would like to acknowledge our gratitude to them for their dedication and commitment in catechising our young children. You have been wonderful witnesses to our faith. May God Bless you and your families.

### Have You Felt a Calling To This Ministry?

Catechists come from all 'walks of life'. They go out humbly and quietly to share the Good News with Catholic children in our State Schools. Can you spare an hour a week sharing your faith and giving our children an opportunity to grow further in their love of God? Please speak to one of our priests or contact the Parish Office 0424 763 734 for further information.

### Feast of the Immaculate Conception Saturday 8th December

Please join us at the 8am mass followed by the recitation of the Rosary on 8th Dec at St Cecilia's Church.

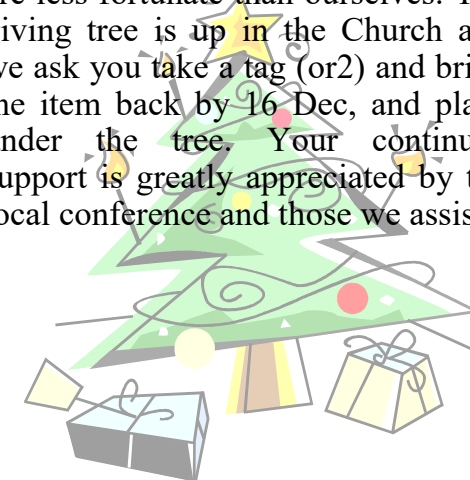
### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for December

#### In the Service of the Transmission of Faith

That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

## St Vincent de Paul Giving Tree

Once again, we are calling on your generous support to assist those who are less fortunate than ourselves. The giving tree is up in the Church and we ask you take a tag (or2) and bring the item back by 16 Dec, and place under the tree. Your continued support is greatly appreciated by the local conference and those we assist.



## Christmas Card & Calendars

Christmas cards and calendars are now available at our Piety Shop and after Mass at Tumbi. Cards are \$6 for a pack of 10 & calendars are \$9.50. Proceeds go to St Vincent de Paul Society.

## Missionary Sisters of Charity Raffle

This raffle which supports the work of the Missionary Sisters in Orange, Katherine and Alice Springs will be held this week and next weekend. Please see Marie to purchase raffle tickets.

Help to grow our Parish by  
placing your  
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Church/Mass Ctr or email them to  
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