

The EPIPHANY of the LORD
6th January 2019 Year C



Gospel Reflection

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Matthew's story of the magi is replete with symbols and images. The magi themselves were considered wise men by all who knew them. The symbols of the star, a king in fear for his throne, an ancient prophecy, and great treasures of gold, frankincense, and myrrh have had much ink expended in decoding what they might mean. So much so that we may miss the point of the Gospel—the child with his mother. All the symbols point to this ordinary domestic image of a house, a child, a mother. But this is not an ordinary child and the gifts presented to him by the magi are no ordinary gifts. Each gift says something about who the child really is and foretells of the events that would shape his time on earth. Traditionally they have been interpreted to represent the roles that Jesus would assume in his ministry as an adult, that of priest, prophet and king. And this interpretation remains true. But we might also see another dimension to it—gold, frankincense and myrrh were also used in the Temple of Jerusalem's worship and practice. Could it be that the magi were paying homage to the true focus of worship, the person of Jesus Christ? Their gifts, traditionally necessary for the temple, are now laid at the feet of the babe in arms who is alone worthy of them in recognition of who this infant really is.

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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*



The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary and Joseph 30th December 2018 Year C



JESUS, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that you found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

MARY, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.

JOSEPH, Foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety.

HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families some - times pass. May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. Amen.

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Today you invite us to celebrate family life. By choosing to dwell in a human family you tell us that the ideal setting for God's love to abide with us is the heart of a home. Today we contemplate the Holy Family of Nazareth—your own family—that became the meeting place of heaven and earth, where God reached out to us humans in an act of bonding. Ever after, relationship within every human family assumes a divine dimension. However, Lord, I do not assume that the family of Nazareth was something of a heaven on earth. Probably, it was not all peace, tranquility and joy. You and your parents must have had your full share of struggles and problems. Your word today paints for us the terrible crisis faced by your mother and your legal father. Sure enough, the love that reigned supreme in your family could tide over any sort of trials and crisis. Thank you, Lord, for setting this example for us to imitate.

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! May the New Year bring you and your family all God's blessings. Fr. Raul, Fr. Alex and the Parish Staff Jo & Helen.

1st January 2019 New Years Day Solemnity of MARY, the Holy MOTHER OF GOD

Masses are:
St Cecilia's Church 8am
St John Fisher Mass Ctr 9.15am

Please note: St Cecilia's Church

There will be **No Rosary recited during January** at St Cecilia's 2pm Tuesday afternoons. Also there will be **No Get Together Group for January** the first one for the new year will be on 11th February.

Cleaning Roster Thank you for volunteering your time and for your continued support in cleaning the Church. A new Roster is now available at the back of St Cecilia's Church for you to collect. Thank you, Tony & Barbara Fish.



Christmas Blessings & A Happy New Year

Fr. Raul, Fr. Alex, Jo & Helen

Lord, You make all things new
You bring hope alive in our hearts
And cause our spirits to be born again.

Thank you for this new year
For all the potential it holds.

Come and kindle in us a mighty flame
So that in our time,
many will see the wonders of God
And live forever to praise Your glorious name.

A BIG THANK YOU to all those who organized and participated in all the Christmas Masses; you made the celebration of Christmas more meaningful and very memorable. May we imitate the Holy Family and make Jesus the center of our families. We wish you all the Blessings of the New Year as we strive to follow in the footsteps of Jesus in our everyday lives.

Wyong Parish Filipino-Australian Devotees' Celebration of Faith

Viva Senor Sto Nino
(Feast of the Holy Child)
"Festival of Faith, Food and Fun"

20th January 2019
St John Fisher Hicks Lane

Tumbi Umbi
11am (Novena)
11.30am Mass

Sto Nino Devotees' assembly and procession (Please bring your Sto Nino images for blessing)

Followed by procession, lunch sharing and cultural program
(Please bring a plate to share)
For more information please call
Ramon 0410 115 099



Emergency Priest Contact

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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 Yarralong 1st Sunday
11.15am

Filipino Mass Every 3rd Sunday 12pm
Lunch served after mass. All welcome

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 (not during
January, will resume February)
Legion of Mary 8am Wednesdays

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 Blessings, Joe Cesca (Chairman of the Parish Finance Committee)

The Baptism of the Lord Readings: 13th Jan 2019

First Reading Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Second Reading Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7;
Gospel Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Readings: 20th Jan 2019

First Reading Isaiah 62:1-5; Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:4-11;
Gospel John 2:1-11 You may view next week's readings by visiting
this web site:<http://www.usccb.org/bible/>

Keep Us In Your Prayers

Sick: With the commencement of the new year, we will be starting a new 'Prayers for the Sick' list. If you would like your name included please email the Parish Office. If you are phoning for a friend or family member, it is important that you contact them and seek their permission. Please note the parish bulletin is uploaded to our Parish Web site.

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