

# **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 foretell 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.



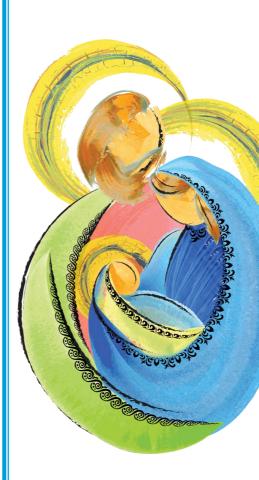
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Nazareth.

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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.

# 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

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.

# 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.

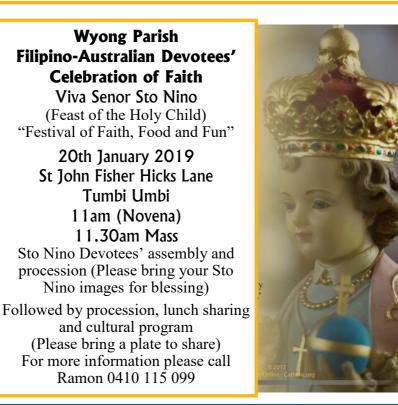
**Cleaning Roster** Thank you for volunteering your time and for your continued support in cleaning the Church. A new Roster is now available at the back of St Cecilia's Church for you to collect. Thank you, Tony & Barbara Fish.



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.



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

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

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

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

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

With Blessings, Joe Cesca (Chairman of the Parish Finance Co

**The Baptism of the Lord** Readings: 13th Jan 2019 **First Reading** Is 40:1-5, 9-11; **Second Reading** Titus 2:11 **Gospel** Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

**2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time** Readings: 20th Jan 201 **First Reading** Isaiah 62:1-5; **Second Reading** 1 Corinthian **Gospel** John 2:1-11 You may view next week's readings by this web site:http://www.usccb.org/bible/

## Keep Us In Your Prayers

**Sick:** With the commencement of the new year, we will new 'Prayers for the Sick' list. If you would like your na please email the Parish Office. If you are phoning for a frie member, it is important that you contact them and seek their Please note the parish bulletin is uploaded to our Parish We

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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
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	Eucharistic Adoration
he important also at times	<b>St Cecilia's</b> Daily 7am-8am <b>St John Fisher</b> 1st Friday 8.15 - 9.15am <b>St Cecilia's</b> 1st Friday of the month 7pm mass followed by prayers - Mass Midnight concluding 1am Saturday
ls of many	Reconciliation/Confession St Cecilia's Saturday morning after the 8am Mass & Saturday at 4.30pm St John Fisher Saturday at 4.30pm
ou will leave a and pastoral will continue grandchildren	Anointing of the Sick (First Friday) St Cecilia's During 8.00am &11.30am Mass St John Fisher During 9.15am Mass
Committee)	<u>Monthly Mass</u> St Barnabas Yarramalong 1st Sunday 11.15am
1-14, 3:4-7;	Filipino Mass Every 3rd Sunday 12pm Lunch served after mass. All welcome Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
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