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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

Keep Us In Your Prayers *Prayer: The most valuable gift you can give someone.*

Sick: Len Miller, Sandy Riach, Sr Sylvia Markulin, Victor Gibbs, Harriet Powell, Danae Roe, Peter Ford, Gail Parsons.

Recently Deceased: Manuela Anisco, Raquel Cabiles, Anne Badge, Patricia Mutton, Trevelne Sonter, Fr Tito Ayo, SOLT, Angelita Tabije, Rita Muscat.

Anniversary: Margaret Leslie, Michael Conneely, Barbara Brigoli, Najividad Dieta, Jim Fagan, May McAndrew.

Condolences

The Parish extends our deepest condolences to the family of Anne Badge who passed away recently.

Anne's funeral will be held at Palmdale in the Rose Chapel on Monday 1st April at 10am.

We know and pray that she is in God's loving hands.

May she rest in peace. Amen

100% HOPE Project Compassion

This week we learn about Michaela from Alice Springs who is a 21-year-old trainee at Purple House, a dialysis center in the Central Desert for people suffering from kidney disease.

With the support of Caritas partners, Michaela is helping to build a social enterprise, a connection to culture and a new outlook for the chronically ill.

"Hope requires that we spin a few dreams for ourselves that are possible, doable and desirable." Joan Chittister OSB



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“Let us not allow this season of grace to pass in vain! Let us ask God to help us set out on a path of true conversion.

Let us leave behind our selfishness and self-absorption, and turn to Jesus' Pasch. Let us stand beside our brothers and sisters in need, sharing our spiritual and material goods with them. In this way, by concretely welcoming Christ's victory over sin and death into our lives, we will also radiate its transforming power to all of creation.”

Pope Francis Lenten Message 2019

4th Sunday of Lent 31st March 2019

Repentance, announced so urgently in last Sunday's parable of the barren fig tree, is illustrated more tenderly in this Sunday's familiar story of the 'prodigal son'. Repentance is presented under a number of images. It is dramatised geographically: sin is going away from home to 'a distant country'; repentance is returning. It is presented metaphorically in two sets of images: sin is being lost and dead; repentance is being found and coming back to life. Repentance is also described psychologically: it is coming to one's senses.

This last expression, 'came to his senses' (15:17) in Greek is 'he came to himself'. It implies that the son's disdain for his father's property, his departure from home, his foolish management of the funds, his life of dissipation, and his employment herding swine (according to the rabbis, a forbidden profession), result in alienation from himself. Today we might say that he'd lost his identity, his sense of self. Moreover, as he himself acknowledges, he no longer deserves to be called his father's son. Cut off from self, father, family, and homeland, his alienation is complete. This is a rather good existential description of sin. But Luke, the storyteller, uses visual images to convey the desperate lad's plight: the measure of how low he has sunk is that even pigs eat better than he!

Thus, when the story informs us that 'he came to his senses (= himself)', we are at a dramatic turning point. Though he no longer has any financial, legal, or moral claim on his father, and though he has abandoned his ties of kinship, he realises that his father is the kind of man who might mercifully hire him as a servant. Sin has effects. It changes relationships. No longer worthy to be a son, 'he comes to himself' as a servant. Even in this reduced circumstance, 'coming to his senses' holds out the hope of change repentance and a return to self and home is possible. The measure of the Father's mercy is that he restores his identity as 'this son of mine'.

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St Cecilia's Church & St John Fisher Mass Ctr

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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



Wyong Parish Easter Egg Raffle

Over the next few weeks we will be selling raffle tickets to raise money for:

St Cecilia's Church; raising funds for the church roof and
 St John Fisher Mass Ctr; raising funds for the disabled access ramp to the Centre.

Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

The raffle will be drawn on Palm Sunday at the Sun 9.30am Mass at St Cecilia's and Sun 5pm Mass at St John Fisher.

St Cecilia's & St John Fisher New Ministry Rosters Available

Thank you for your on-going commitment to our Mass ministries. The next Roster for April-July is now available at the entrances to the Church/Chapel.

St John Fisher, Tumbi

We would welcome some new ministry members, but we are in particular need of Musicians for the Saturday Evening Mass at 5pm.

If you are able to help with the Music at Tumbi we would be very grateful. I am sure our current musicians, Robert Peers and Claire Struthers, would only be too happy to help a newcomer!

Many blessings
 Kay Taylor (0407975502)

Shoe Box Collection for Men & Women During the month of March

Once again the response to our 'Shoe Box Collection' has been overwhelming.

We will be organising all the shoe boxes and donations Tuesday morning at 9am in the Parish Hall, if you would like to come along and help.

We are planning on delivering all your donations to the Wyong Neighbourhood Centre by the end of next week, but if you still wish to donate to this very worthy cause, this weekend will be your last opportunity to do so.

We sincerely thank you for your generosity in supporting this 'Collection' and we know that the Neighbourhood Centre is very grateful for your donations.

Sacrament of Confirmation 2019

At Baptism, your child began a life-long journey and a way of life. At Confirmation, the graces received in Baptism are sealed with the reception of the seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

If you have a child in Year 2 and above and they have received the Sacrament of Baptism and would like them to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation could you please either contact the Parish Office or visit our website for further details.

We look forward to sharing with you and your child, this journey of faith as he/she prepares to receive this sacrament.

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Readings: 7th April 2019
First Reading Is 43:16-21;
Second Reading Phil 3:8-14;
Gospel Jn 8:1-11.
 You may view next week's readings by visiting this web site:
<http://www.usccb.org/bible/>

Parish Lenten Preparation - St Cecilia's Church

6.30pm Stations of the Cross
7pm - 8pm The Light is on (Adoration & Reconciliation)
Cancellation: Thursday evenings 6pm Lectio Divina during lent.

HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES 2019

Palm Sunday Reconciliation 1st Rite
St John Fisher Mass Ctr
 13th April Saturday Vigil Reconciliation following the 5pm Mass
 14th April Sunday Reconciliation following the 5pm Mass

Holy Tuesday **Chrism Mass** Waitara Cathedral 7.30pm
 16th April

Holy Thursday **Mass of the Last Supper**
 18th April **St John Fisher Tumbi 7pm**
 Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 10pm
 (Reconciliation will be available)

Good Friday **Stations of the Cross**
 19th April **St Cecilia's Wyong 10am**
St John Fisher Tumbi 10am

The Lord's Passion
St Cecilia's Wyong 3pm
St John Fisher Tumbi 3pm

Holy Saturday **Easter Vigil Mass**
 20th April **St Cecilia's Wyong 7pm**

Easter Sunday **Mass of the Resurrection**
 21st April **St Cecilia's Wyong**
 7.30am & 9.30am
St John Fisher Tumbi
 8.30am & 5pm

Palm Sunday Crosses

All are welcome to come and help make our Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday Masses.

Wednesday 10th April at 11am in the Parish Centre.

Lunch will be provided.
 Also if anyone has any palms that would be suitable to decorate our Churches for Palm Sunday could you please speak to Fr Raul or Fr Alex otherwise please contact the Parish Office

Easter Ceremonies

After discussions with Fr Raul, Fr Alex, The Parish Liturgy Committee and the Parish Pastoral Council, it has been decided to continue with the same format used the last 3 years for our Easter ceremonies;

Holy Thursday service in our Parish will take place at Tumbi Umbi only, and that the Easter Saturday Vigil service will take place at Wyong only.

This allows the opportunity for the whole parish to come together as one on these two significant occasions and allows our priests the opportunity of concelebrating Mass on the feast of the institution of the priesthood (Holy Thursdays Mass of the Last Supper) and the Mass which many regard as being the most symbolic in our liturgical year (The Easter Saturday Vigil).

Good Friday and Easter Sunday services will still take place at both Tumbi and Wyong as per previous years. One of the considerations when making the above decision was accessibility. Please contact the parish office by Monday 1st April on ph:4352 1011 if you need assistance getting to either;

St John Fisher from St Cecilia's for Holy Thursday
 or
 From St John Fisher to St Cecilia's Church on Easter Saturday Vigil.

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