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International Day of Prayer & Awareness Against Human Trafficking – 8 February

Friday 8 February is the International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking and the feast day of St Josephine Bakhita, the patron saint of victims of slavery. To commemorate this day, the Sydney Archdiocesan Anti-Slavery Taskforce is hosting a seminar and expo on anti-slavery *St Bakhita's Day Ethical Sourcing and Seminar Expo* at St Mary's Cathedral, commencing at 9.30am at Cathedral College Hall, and concluding with Mass at 1.10pm.



For details and how to register for the seminar contact Alison Rahill, Executive Officer alison.rahill@sydneycatholic.org or 0439 482 290

Safeguarding Message

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 office@wyongcatholicparish.com)

A culture of Safeguarding values COMPASION..... "Finally all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart and a humble mind" 1 Peter 3:8

Keep Us In Your Prayers

Prayer: The most valuable gift you can give someone.

Sick: Len Miller, Sandy Riach, Sr Sylvia Markulin.

Recently Deceased: Joan Burrell, Anne Ward, Patricia Unger.

Anniversary: Pietro Cesca, Margaret Andrich, Armida Bito-on, Peter White, Tony Kerr.

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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*



4th Sunday Ordinary Time Year C 3rd February 2019

Gospel Reflection

Reproduced from God's Word 2019: Daily Reflections, published by St Pauls Publications, Strathfield.

Jesus came among us not as an authorised teacher of the Law, like the scribes and Pharisees, nor as a priest of the temple but as a prophet. In awe at his preaching and his miraculous deeds, some of the people of his day were moved to exclaim: 'A great prophet has risen among us; God has visited his people' (Lk 7:16). Sadly, this was not how he was received in his hometown of Nazareth. Rejected by his townspeople, Jesus reminded them that 'no prophet is ever accepted in his own country'. Contrary to popular belief, a prophet is not essentially one of who foretells what is to come but a man or a woman who, acutely aware of the significance of present events, is moved to draw attention to their probable, perhaps disturbing, future consequences. At the same time as we try to identify today's prophetic figures, we need to remind ourselves that there is a prophetic dimension to the vocation of all Christians. It is exercised not in magisterial pronouncements on our part but in the way we live our daily lives.

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Catechist Ministry 2019

Welcome back to the New Year. We hope you have all had a restful holiday and are ready to embrace the year ahead.

All Catechists/Helpers are invited to our meeting on **Monday 4th February 11am in our Parish Centre.**

To those Catechists/Helpers who are leaving us this year, we extend our deepest gratitude for your faith and love you have share with the children.

If you are interested in joining this special ministry please join us or give us a call and we will be happy to give you further information.

Catechists do make a difference. They share the most basic message of God's love and this brings great hope to young people. For people of faith, knowing you are participating in Christ's call to share the Good News, is a great source of joy and meaning.

Combined Woman's Get Together Group and Men's Breakfast



To start of the new year we are going to have a Combined Woman's Get Together Group and Men's Breakfast for February.

This will be held on **Monday 11th February @ 10.30am in the Parish hall at Wyong.**

Please come along and enjoy some fellowship and a good feed. RSVP by Friday 8th Feb to Jo 0424 763 734 or office@wyongcatholicparish.com

Extra Mower's Required

We are appealing for more mowers for 2019, in fact we are desperate.

If there is any person who would be kind enough to join us in the mowing and general maintenance of the Church (approx. 1 hr four times a year depending on the numbers we have) please contact the Parish Office 4352 1011 or 4388 2938.



To make life a little easier our equipment consists of a ride-on -mower and a self-propelled mower.

PLEASE NOTE: Could the gentleman who called the Office last Thursday morning, please ring again in Office hours. Thank you.

Parish Liturgy Committee

Is the overall liturgical life of the parish varied enough?

Are there groups in our parish (e.g., children or seniors) that the liturgies could serve better?

What seasons or feasts affect the way we celebrate liturgy as a whole parish community?

Are some overemphasized... or neglected?

Are we a welcoming community?

Do regular parishioners arriving at Sunday Mass feel that this is a good place for all to be? Do visitors or new parishioners feel warmly welcomed and feel "at home"?

What in our celebration helps us praise God?

What in our celebration hinders our praise?

These and similar questions are what the Parish Liturgical Committee ponder and try and answer.

Can you help us?

If the committee is to be truly representative of the Parish then we need more people.

Ideally, the Liturgy Committee should have between seven and ten members and include representatives of various liturgical ministries (music, readers, etc) as well as parishioners who aren't involved in a particular liturgical ministry.

Should you wish to know more, you can speak to one of our priests, or contact Jo in the parish office 4352 1011

Feast of Infant of Jesus—Celebrated 20th January St John Fisher Tumbi



There is a very strong and widespread devotion to the Christ Child among Filipinos that is why there is a good number of celebrations in January in Sydney, around Australia and in many countries where Filipinos are present.

This colourful feast is not just about the lively and colourful celebrations, but is also a reminder that God doesn't only come to us in the great events of our salvation history with sometimes dramatic and monumental gestures. He comes to us in simplicity and normality of love, patience, humility, obedience and labour of daily life. Yes, he comes to us big, but more often he visits us small. We meet the same God and Lord of history in the great and little things, like the little infant Jesus.

This feast challenges us to have a more open attitude to seek God in these simple things, and to give thanks for his presence, graces and blessings.

Last Sunday, more than four hundred people joined the celebration at St John Fisher Tumbi with a Mass followed by an afternoon of entertainment and food.

Parishioners of Wyong Parish and devotees from Sydney, Newcastle and neighbouring parishes shared faith experience, hospitality, joy and laughter. This was a beautiful celebration which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make this day a wonderful celebration.



Catholic Youth Broken Bay World Youth Day—Pilgrims to Panama!



Our WYD2019 pilgrims have had a wonderful experience over the last two weeks, culminating in the Vigil Mass and sleepout and final Mass over the weekend.

In his Welcome to World Youth Day, Pope Francis spoke to the pilgrims and the youth of the world about joyful hope:

"Peter and the Church walk with you, and we want to tell you not to be afraid, to go forward with the same fresh energy and restlessness that helps make us happier and more available, better witnesses to the Gospel. To go forward, not to create a parallel Church that would be more "fun" or "cool" thanks to a fancy youth event, as if that were all you needed or wanted. That way of thinking would not respect either you or everything that the Spirit is saying through you.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February

Universal

For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.

The fruit of **SILENCE** is prayer,
The fruit of **PRAYER** is faith,
The fruit of **FAITH** is love,
The fruit of **LOVE** is service,
The fruit of **SERVICE** is **PEACE.**

Mother Teresa

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: 10th February 2019

First Reading Is 6:1-8

Second Reading 1 Cor 15:1-11

Gospel Luke 5:1-11

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

Message For Australia Day—
Very Rev Dr David Ranson,
Broken Bay Diocesan Administrator
Please see our noticeboard in both Churches for Rev David's message.

Liturgy of the Hours (Christian Prayers)

We warmly invite our faithful to the Daily Morning Divine Office Prayers, recited at 7am weekdays at St Cecilia's Church. Books are available to use.

Holy Rosary is now recited after the 7.30am Mass at St Cecilia's on Sundays as well as our other times. Please join us.

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