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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.

Recently Deceased: Angelita Tabije.

Anniversary: Najividad Dieta, Jim Fagan, May McAndrew,

Bible Reflection

- ♦ All Welcome
- ♦ Bible Reflection,
- ♦ every Tuesday 8.45am
- ♦ in the Parish Centre 23 Byron Street Wyong

You will find yourself warmly welcomed by a great group of people who love to reflect on the readings in the Bible.

International Women's Day – 8th March

International Women's Day will be celebrated on **Friday 8th March**. It is a day to celebrate women's achievements, and both highlight and work to address barriers that continue to perpetuate gender inequality. The Australian theme this year is **"More Powerful Together"**. For further information, please visit <https://unwomen.org.au/campaign/international-womens-day-2019/>

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

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 SERVANT LEADERSHIP...
"Like good stewards of the manifold of grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received." - 1 Peter 4:10*

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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*

3rd March 2019 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time Gospel Reflection

Jesus encourages his listeners to pursue utter integrity, to acknowledge their own failings and look gently upon the faults of their neighbour. The challenge is to cultivate authenticity in our internal dispositions so that we bear good fruit in our actions and in our words.

To the first reading As a prelude to the gospel, the extract from the Book of Sirach focuses on words and conversations as being illustrative of a person's thoughts and character. Just as a kiln tests the work of the potter and the tree is judged on the quality of its fruit, so are a person's words a test of their character.

To the second reading The impetus and motivation to become people of integrity is found in St Paul's words to the Corinthians. It is a battle call to persist at doing the Lord's work and to resist defeat, in the assurance that this labour is not in vain. Victory has been given to God's people through Jesus' triumph over death.

Looking inwardly - acting outwardly The gospel today presents three unrelated sayings of Jesus which outline the qualities of a true follower of Jesus. The unifying theme is integrity - being honest and sincere with oneself and rejecting all forms of deception, superficiality, falseness or hypocrisy. In questioning the sense of a blind man leading the blind, Jesus is speaking to the importance of leaders having experienced a situation themselves before presuming to guide other people.

The instruction to remove the log from one's own eye before commenting on the splinter in another's eye, is a clear call to judge self and others honestly and fairly. Jesus speaks disparagingly of people who ignore their own failings while focussing on the faults of others and refers to them as 'hypocrites', a word which had previously been reserved for the Pharisees and scribes. Finally, in declaring that a good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and that a bad tree cannot bear good fruit, Jesus is emphasising that inward dispositions manifest themselves in external words and actions.



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6th March Ash Wednesday Mass

8am St Cecilia's Church
(please note: there will be no 8am Mass @ St John Fisher)
9am St Cecilia's School (Liturgy)
10am St John Fisher School Hall
6pm St Cecilia's Church

Parish Lenten Preparation

St Cecilia's Church
Friday evenings in Lent,
8, 15, 22, 29 March and
5, 12 April 2019
6.30pm Stations of the Cross
7pm - 8pm The Light is on
(Adoration & Reconciliation)

Lectio Divina Praying the Scriptures in Lent

The Diocese of Broken Bay Lenten resource for 2019 *Discerning the Way of Jesus* will take you on a six-week journey through Lent using the *lectio divina* practice of reading scripture, which is both prayerful and transformative.

When: 6pm on Thursdays during Lent Beginning on Thursday 7th March.
Where: Meeting Room behind St Cecilia's Church.
We will prayerfully read the readings of the coming Sunday, using the Diocese of Broken Bay Lectio Divina booklet.

The Light is On is an initiative where Catholic churches are open for quiet prayer and Reconciliation on certain evenings during Lent. In Lent 2019, parishes of the Diocese of Broken Bay will be open during Lent for prayer and Reconciliation on **Fridays 7pm - 8pm** on 8, 15, 22, 29 March and 5, 12 April 2019.

Want to make things right? Now is the time.

Experience God's light and peace in your life this Lent.

Lent is the season where we prepare ourselves to renew and restore our relationship with Jesus and the Church as we prepare to celebrate Easter. You are warmly invited to join in prayer at our parishes during Lent.

When ready, you may consider participating in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. To help prepare yourself to receive the joy of God's mercy, explore information here to help you feel more confident and ready, including a Guide to Reconciliation.

For many of us the Sacrament of Reconciliation can be scary and even embarrassing. We may be too nervous or consider ourselves unforgiveable. Yet with confidence Pope Francis reminds us:

"How many times in my pastoral ministry have I heard it said, 'Father, I have many sins,' and I have always pleaded, 'Don't be afraid; go to him; he is waiting for you; he will take care of everything.' We hear many offers from the world around us, but let us take up God's offer instead: his is a caress of love."

- Pope Francis, Homily, Basilica of St. John Lateran, Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7, 2013.

Project Compassion Sunday 3 March 2019



You are empowering communities with hope and helping those in great need to shape a better future for themselves, their families and their communities.

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

Once again we are taking on this very successful initiative to support people in need or without homes within our local community. We invite you to become involved in the '*Shoe Box Collection*'. Simply grab a shoe box or collect a calico bag from the parish office and fill it up with lots of goodies.

Please note: if you would rather not make up a shoe box we have also provided a basket at the back of the church for you to place individual items into.

Some items that can be included are:

Toiletries; Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Lotion, Soap/Gel, Razor, Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Tissues, Comb, Feminine Hygiene, Face washer, Deodorant.

Non Perishable Food; Breakfast Biscuits/Cereal, UHT Milk, Noodles, Crackers, Muesli Bar, Lollies/Chocolate, Biscuits/Chips, Fruit Cups/Tins, Tea, Cappuccino sachets, Cup of Soup, Water/Juice, Disposable Cutlery.

Warmth; Socks, Gloves, Beanie, Scarf.

You are welcome to leave your donations at the back of the Church/Mass ctr.

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: 3rd March 2019 **First Reading** Sirach 27:4-7

Second Reading 1 Cor 15:54-58 **Gospel** Lk 6:39-45

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

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

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March

Christian Communities

That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

We give thanks for the generosity of our Catechists/Helpers

Catechist Sunday gives our parish an opportunity to thank and encourage our Catechists/Helpers. The importance of their work cannot be underestimated and is most rewarding.

Our Catechists/Helpers are humble people who do not expect public gratitude for what they do.

Occasionally though, we all like to receive a little thanks, particularly when we are volunteering our time.

At this time we publicly thank our Catechists/Helpers for their hard work and dedication to the ministry. We congratulate them on the good work that they are doing and we encourage them as they continue this most important work of the Church.

To all those who are Catechists/Helpers for 2019, we ask God's guidance and blessing upon you and the students in your classes.

A special thank you to those Catechists/Helpers from 2018 who through retirement or family commitments are unable to help us this year.

Woman's Get Together Group and

The next Woman's Get Together Group will be held on Monday 4th March.

All Welcome to join us @ **10.30am** in our Parish Hall.

- ♦ Cake
- ♦ Coffee
- ♦ Companionship
- ♦ Chit Chat
- ♦ Craft - optional

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