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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

## Emergency Priest Contact

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## Parish Office 23 Byron Street Wyong

Mon to Thurs 9.30am to 2.30pm & Fri 9.30am to 12pm  
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**New Email:** [wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au)

Wyong Catholic Parish has a new Diocesan website,  
the website address is:

**New Website:** <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/wyong/>

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/wyongcatholicparish](http://www.facebook.com/wyongcatholicparish)

## Please note: change of office hours during school holidays.

During the July School holidays the parish office will be closed on Monday 8th, Friday 12th, Monday 15th and Friday 19th July.

Readings: 14th July 2019

## 15th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME, Year C

**First Reading;** Deut 30:10-14;  
**Second Reading;** Col 1:15-20; **Gospel;** Lk 10:25-37

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

**PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION:** This week, we are joining with others across the world by taking up a third collection for the charitable works and structures of mercy identified by Pope Francis. The funds, which are sent to the Vatican, are then distributed across the world to support victims of war, oppression and disasters. Over the past year, donations have been made in response to natural disasters including Mozambique, Zimbabwe & Malawi affected by cyclone Idai.

## Keep Us In Your Prayers

**Prayer:** *The most valuable gift you can give someone.*

**Sick:** Len Miller, Victor Gibbs, Harriet Powell, Danae Roe, Peter Ford, Gail Parsons, Harry Hall, Michael Briggs, Kerry Baldwin.

## Recently Deceased:

**Anniversary:** Pauleene Crass, John Dwyer, Tom & Bridget Dermody



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## Christmas in July LUNCHEON

The 'Christmas in July' Luncheon, held at St Peter's Catholic College on Tuesday, 2nd July, was, as to be expected, very well attended and definitely enjoyed by approximately seventy five parishioners from St John Fisher's and St Cecilia's community.

In a festive atmosphere and to the sound of Christmas carols, beautifully sung by talented students, participants enjoyed a main course of chicken, ham, savoury meat-balls, roast vegetables and beans. This was followed by a dessert of sticky date pudding and ice-cream or, a definite favourite, Christmas pudding and custard. Restaurant-style coffees, made by budding baristas in the busy kitchen, were in plentiful supply throughout the meal and enjoyed by many.

Hospitality students, under the supervision of their generous teachers, displayed their skills and expertise by presenting exceptional cuisine which was served, in a very professional manner, by students involved in the Youth Ministry. Lucky door prizes, raffles and the mandatory Santa Claus visit added to the fun and frivolity. We express our sincere thanks to Mr Michael Tobin for his organisation in this area and, particularly, his setting up of a beautifully decorated, Christmas-themed dining room.

Parishioners would especially like to thank Mr Tim Hildebrandt, the Principal of St Peter's Catholic College, for his continuing kindness and hospitality in hosting the luncheon again, this year, and to Mr Peter Higgins, Assistant Principal, who, as always, was most instrumental in the organisation of this function.

Our special thanks go to all the College Staff who were involved in the preparation, but, particularly, to those in hospitality, who continue to amaze us with their time, generosity and efforts to provide all of us with a wonderful meal and a delightful experience. To all those students, who, once again, excelled in so many areas, their culinary skills, their positive, professional and happy manner and their many fine and exceptional talents, we offer a very heart-felt and sincere 'thank you'.

We are very proud of our local Catholic College and look forward to continuing the special connection we have with its staff and students.



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# 7th July 2019 14th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME, Year C

## Gospel Reflection for 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Besides the twelve apostles whom Jesus commissions to preach to the lost sheep of the house of Israel, he also appoints another group of disciples who would be sent later to preach to pagan nations. There is discrepancy in the number of disciples: some say seventy while other translations put their number at seventy-two.

The number of people who assisted Moses in administration (Num 11: 16-25) was said to number seventy. Two other persons are later added to Moses' company (Num 11:26-30). Accordingly, seventy-two also refers to the seventy-two grandsons of Noah, who left their homesteads and scattered all over the world. This group of disciples would become the progenitors of different peoples in the whole world.

Jesus will send the disciples on mission after his ascension into heaven. In the meantime, he is preparing these men by engaging them in a practicum or first training exercise. They are to set out on a mission of peace, offering peace to every household and open to receive peace in return. They are called to witness to their trust in divine providence, not loading their mission with material possessions nor getting anxious about personal comfort. They must learn contentment, remaining in their mission field and not shopping around for more comfortable lodgings.

The disciples are full of joy upon their return from their first experience of being missionaries. They even witnessed the overthrow of the powers of evil. Jesus spends time listening to their success stories and he shares with the disciples their exhilaration and joy. Later, Jesus will lift up to his heavenly Father this great experience of joy he experienced with his disciples.

Lest his disciples start to gloat with pride and self-importance, Jesus re-directs their joy, not in their missionary accomplishments but in the assurance of their place in the reign of God. They have to be reminded how pride is the parent sin, and how Lucifer himself was thrown out of paradise because of his sinful pride.

It is very tempting to read the commissioning of seventy-disciples as a page from the past, and nothing more. Their story reminds us how all baptized Christians belong to the long unbroken chain of disciples called to continue the mission entrusted to us by Jesus Christ. We are challenged to move out of our comfort zones and realise that all Christians are essentially missionaries.

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**DEAR PARISHIONER,**  
The Parish Pastoral Council invites you to a special workshop on Tuesday 9 July in the Parish Meeting Room at Wyong.

The workshop will be up to 90 minutes in length and will look at the changing role of parishioners in today's Church and what it means to live out our Baptismal vocation as Disciples in today's world. We will explore the priorities for our parish right now, and ways of implementing change for the future for the betterment of all.

**Two separate workshops will be held on 9 July.**

Session one from 3:30pm - 5:00pm OR

Session two from 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Light refreshments will be available before each session. To help with catering could you please let Jo at the Parish Office on 4352 1011 or a Parish Council member know which session you will be attending.

Looking forward to meeting with you and for your input into the planning for our parish into the future, but especially for the next two years.

Christ's blessings on you and your family.

Kerry Bugden for the Wyong Parish Pastoral Council.



## Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday - 7 July

Today is Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday, a day to celebrate and give thanks for the gifts that our First Peoples bring to the Church. They have an irreplaceable role in shaping the story and identity of the Australian Church, and we will never become the Church we are meant to be apart from the wisdom of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

This year's theme is "Peace to this house and all who dwell within." You are invited to "go and reflect, make time to look for your inner peace in your busy life, and celebrate together with your families, friends and the wider community God's message of peace and love for all."

We pray for God's blessing as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-Indigenous Catholics celebrate together in this great Southern land as one people in Christ.

**PLENARY COUNCIL 2020:** National Theme for Discernment #4 – How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is Humble, Healing and Merciful? This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a deep and faith-filled trust in God and a need for lament and healing within the Church, acknowledging the sexual abuse crisis as a turning point for the Church in Australia. Find out more:  
[www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

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