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Parish Bulletin

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Readings: 16th December 2018
First Reading: Zeph 3:14-18; Second Reading: Phil 4:4-7;
Gospel: Lk 3:10-18 You may view next week's readings by visiting this web site: <http://www.usccb.org/bible/>

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

During this Advent Season let us be reminded that every child is held in God's infinite tenderness, and God is present in each of their lives (Evangelium Gaudium)

Keep Us In Your Prayers

Prayer: The most valuable gift you can give someone.

Sick: Sebastian Martino, Laura Valtarel, Eoin McAweaney, Gail Parsons, Michael Briggs, Paris Tabernaberi, Michael King, Maria Mercedes, Ferraresi, John Susovich and daughter Wendy, Paul Wright, Cherie Gurtner, Leeann Hazelton, Rose Attard, Deb Roy, Dianna Williams, Juan Tabernaberi, Colleen O'Neill, Zoila Vasquez, Myriam Iviviani, Dianna Chapman, Miguel Magno, Marisa Martino, Charles Richards, Maria Luisa Bazan, Baby George, Jim Kelly, Margaret Skimming, Iliaria McMahan, Jannese Thompson, Bailey Ferris, Haydn Kaltanbacher, Amelia Dunn, Aurora Estrella, Jean, Scotty, Margaret Shepherd, Pat Willemsem, Hettie Meulen, Peter McEvoy, Josephine Riediger, Luigi Schiavo, Talitha Milroy, Emma Carroll, Len Miller, Cecily Briggs, Terry, Ann Brady, May Fagan, Shirley North, Rosie Attard, Lilli Drennan, Robert Clarke, Nancy Hagney, Marie Bartlett, Rove Varmen, Raymond Baker, Annaliese McCulkin, John Brefa, Regina Preston, Tony Lowe.

Anniversary: Paul Myers,

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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*

2nd Sunday of
ADVENT

9th December 2018
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Lord, your precursor is already on the scene. His mission is to prepare the way for your entry into our midst as our Saviour. God's Word that John received in the desert now resounds disturbingly in the whole territory where he began his mission. John's invitation shakes me to awake from my lethargy. I realise the need for a true conversion in my own life. I need to admit that I am basically selfish and that I fall far short of what God wanted me to be when he gave me the gift of Life. Despite my experiencing you close to me many times, I see that my life still is a tangle of loose ends and shattered promises. At John's bidding, let me face up to the brokenness of my life. But, Lord, I am utterly helpless to repair my life, at times even woefully disordered. I know that any amount of will power and self-discipline cannot do the job. Only by the power of your Holy Spirit can I purge my heart of selfishness and greed.



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Wyong Parish Christmas Thank You BBQ & Carols on the Lawn
(RSVP by Mon 10th Dec Jo 4352 1011 or 0424 763 734)

Date: **Friday 14th December**

Time: **6.30pm for BBQ and Carols**

Place: **23 Byron Street Wyong** on the Lawn of the Presbytery grounds BYO. Picnic Chairs/blanket

To say Thank you for all that you do, please come along to the Parish Christmas BBQ

Advent provides an opportunity for us to begin again and to prepare ourselves anew for the coming of Jesus Christ. It is a time of waiting and expectation, of anticipation and preparation. We can use the coming weeks for personal prayer, growth and change in the way we live. Anticipating the Nativity of Jesus, we can dedicate special time toward considering our relationship with Jesus. (Diocese of Knoxville Tennessee).

Please join us ON
Monday, 17th December 6 p.m.
for our
Ecumenical Christmas Carol Service

At St Cecilia's Catholic Church
Byron Street, Wyong
All children are invited to dress as angels or shepherds to take part in the tableau (meet at 5.30pm)
Join us after the service for
Tea and Coffee

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for December

In the Service of the Transmission of Faith

That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

Advent Lectio Divina

When: Thursdays during Advent 6pm—7pm
Beginning on Thursday 6th Dec *Please contact Lucy to confirm your attendance; 0403 808 742 or lucy.thornley4@hotmail.com*

Where: Parish hall, behind St Cecilia's Church.

Advent Reconciliation

1st Rite Reconciliation: St John Fisher Mass Ctr
15th Dec Following 5pm Mass and
16th Dec following 5pm Mass
2nd Rite Reconciliation: St Cecilia's Church
Wednesday 19th Dec 6pm

Triduum Mass

St Cecilia's Church
19th, 20th and 21st December 7pm

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2018

Christmas Eve Monday 24th Dec

St John Fisher
5.00pm Children's/family Mass

St Cecilia's Church
5.00pm Children's/family Mass
10.30pm Christmas Carols
11.00pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day Tuesday 25th Dec

7.30am St Cecilia's Church
8.30am St John Fisher
9.30am St Cecilia's Church

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. (Hebrews 13:2)

A parishioner who lives in the Diocese of Broken Bay, but not in our Parish, made a very generous donation to the Diocese for the benefit of Parishes on the Central Coast.

All of the Parishes on the Central Coast were invited to respond as to what they needed so that the funds could be shared.

We knew that St Cecilia's Church roof needed repairs and we knew that we are a welcoming community that would always value anyone who joined us "under God's roof".

We were delighted when we found out that we would receive \$20,000 to put towards the repairs. Over the next few weeks, the roof will be repaired, and whilst the donation will almost cover the repairs, we need to pay an additional \$6,000 for the scaffolding, which was not covered by the donation allocated to our Parish. You will see the scaffolding up this week, and if you are in a position to support the supports that are supporting the roof, we would be deeply appreciative of your... support!

We feel truly blessed to have received such generosity from an "angel".



To our wonderful
Catechists

As this year draws to an end we extend our deep appreciation to all our Catechists/Assistants who have shared the 'Good News' with our children in the State Schools. We have a few Catechists who will be retiring from this ministry and we would like to acknowledge our gratitude to them for their dedication and commitment in catechising our young children. You have been wonderful witnesses to our faith. May God Bless you and your families.

Have You Felt a Calling To This Ministry?

Catechists come from all 'walks of life'. They go out humbly and quietly to share the Good News with Catholic children in our State Schools. Can you spare an hour a week sharing your faith and giving our children an opportunity to grow further in their love of God? Please speak to one of our priests or contact the Parish Office 0424 763 734 for further information.

St Vincent de Paul Giving Tree

Once again, we are calling on your generous support to assist those who are less fortunate than ourselves. The giving tree is up in the Church and we ask you take a tag (or2) and bring the item back by 16 Dec, and place under the tree. Your continued support is greatly appreciated by the local conference and those we assist.

Christmas Card & Calendars

Christmas cards and calendars are now available at our Piety Shop and after Mass at Tumbi. Cards are \$6 for a pack of 10 & calendars are \$9.50. Proceeds go to St Vincent de Paul Society.

Missionary Sisters of Charity Raffle

This raffle which supports the work of the Missionary Sisters in Orange, Katherine and Alice Springs will be held this week and next weekend. Please see Marie to purchase raffle tickets.

We Are What We Pray

'Prayer is the sum of our relationship with God. We are what we pray ... the strength of our hope is the strength of our prayer, the warmth of our love is the warmth of our prayer. Our prayer has had a beginning because we have had a beginning, but it will have no end...accompanying us into eternity when we join in the harmony of heaven and are filled with the flood of God's delights.'

From *Letters from the Desert* by Carlo Carretto.

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