

WELCOME

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*

1ST DECEMBER 2024—FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C

WYONG CATHOLIC PARISH

ST CECILIA'S CHURCH, ST JOHN FISHER MASS CTR & ST PETER'S CHAPEL

**Under the Pastoral Care of the
Society of Our Lady of The Most Holy Trinity (SOLT)**

REFLECTION 1.12.2024

First Sunday of Advent Year C

As we commence the season of Advent, we hear Jesus speak to us in prophetic and even somewhat frightening words. He talks of signs in the sun, moon, and stars, of the heavens being shaken and the ocean in tumult, and of human beings dying of fright. In the chaotic and turbulent times in which we live, we may readily wonder if we are witnessing such signs at present. The answer to this is: yes, indeed we are. But then, if we look at history, we realise that almost every age and era has had its fair share of trials, disasters, and catastrophes. And, in a sense, they are all signs of the coming of the Son of Man. For truly, Christ comes to us not just once, but many times - or rather, he is continually coming to us. The word 'advent' literally means 'coming', and we are called upon to prepare our hearts and lives for this coming at every moment, but especially during this season. Let us guard ourselves against excessive distraction, busyness, and stress, so that when the infant Jesus arrives, he may find a serene and peaceful dwelling place ready for him in our hearts!

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H.O.P.E



St Cecilia's Relic Installation Day 23rd November 2024

What a wonderful occasion for our Parish. Many thanks to all who attended and for all the hands that helped to make this day possible!



PARISH CONSULTATION EVENING



Date: Tuesday 3 December 2024
Place: Parish Hall, St Cecilia's Wyong (23 Byron St)
Time: 6.00 pm - 7.30 pm
Supper: a light supper will be provided
RSVP: Please rsvp to the parish office for catering purposes: wryongparish@bbcatholic.org.au

PIETY STALL

The piety stall will re-open on the 2nd and last Sunday of each month, between the hours of 10:15am - 10:45am

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS

We warmly invite children to take part in the cherished **Christmas Eve Mass on the 24th of December at 5:00 pm.**

This beautiful celebration offers a wonderful opportunity for our children to participate in the joy and reverence of Christmas.

Should your child wish to participate, please contact the Parish Office on 4352 1011 or Jo Helm at joanne.helm@dbb.catholic.edu.au

We look forward to coming together as a community and celebrating the birth of Christ in a way that brings joy, warmth, and faith to all.



Christmas Cards & Columban Calendars

Christmas Cards & Columban Art Calendars will be available for purchase at the back of the Church.

Both are \$10 each, proceeds go to St Vincent De Paul.



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St Barnabas Church Yarramalong

Mass will be celebrated at St Barnabas Church, Yarramalong

Sunday 1st December at 11.15am.

All are welcome.

Anointing of the Sick

Friday: 6th December

First Friday of the Month

St Cecilia's During 8.00am & 11.30am Mass

St John Fisher During 9.15am Mass

Advent 2024



To help people prepare for the Birth of Our Lord, the Diocese of Broken Bay has developed a booklet called "A Journey of Hope" for parish groups and families to guide them through the season.

The booklet features Gospel readings, prayers, reflections and personal stories, to encourage people to enter more deeply into prayer and reflection.

"As we embark together on this holy Season of Advent – a time of preparation, anticipation, and hope at the coming birth of the child Jesus – we are reminded of the immense joy that awaits us," said Bishop Anthony.

Please feel free to take a booklet home!

ST VINCENT de PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2024

On the weekend of the 30th November and 1st of December we are holding our annual Christmas Appeal. Once again this has been a most difficult year for everyone. Many families and individuals in our community are doing it tough. We are hoping to provide food hampers to as many as possible. So once again, we are calling on your generosity to help our Tumbi/Wyong team, to provide these hampers.

Envelopes will be available in the Church for card & cash donations. All donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible. Alternatively, donations may be placed in the poor box.

There will be a trolley/basket available at the back of the Church for food donations of non-perishable items, such as tinned hams, tinned fruit, cakes, puddings, drinks etc. which can be turned into hampers and can be left anytime up to **15th December.**

We thank you for your continued support for the disadvantaged in our parish.

International Day of Persons with Disabilities

3rd December 2024



Be part of creating an inclusive and diverse community in Australia

To find out how to get involved, visit idpwd.com.au

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SAVE THE DATE!

**Parish Christmas Function
Friday 20th December 2024**

PARISH CHRISTMAS FUNCTION ORGANISATION

Any parishioner who would like to be involved in the organisation for the Parish Christmas function is invited to a meeting to be held at Mingara on next **Tuesday, 3 December at 10:30 am.**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We would like to ask our wonderful community to volunteer some of your time on Sunday to assist Maria with Children's Liturgy. We are looking at rostering you once a month or more if you'd like.

On these days you will be back in time for the Eucharistic ceremony and fulfill your Sunday Mass obligations.

Please email the office to register or for more information wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au



Main Liturgical Feasts: December

St. Francis Xavier (December 3), **St. John Damascene**, (December 4), **St. Ambrose** (December 7), **Immaculate Conception** (December 8), **St. Juan Diego** (December 9), **St. Damascus** (December 11), **Our Lady of Guadalupe** (December 12), **St. John of the Cross** (December 14), **St. Peter Canisius** (December 21) and **St. John of Kanty** (December 23), **St. Stephen** (December 26), the **Holy Innocents** (December 28), **St. Thomas Becket** (December 29) and **St. Sylvester I** (December 31).

THANK YOU FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING SUPPORT

Weekly Prizes are \$50 – 1st & \$20 – 2nd
Monthly Prizes are \$150 – 1st & \$50 – 2nd and will be last weekend of the month.

200 Club Update 2024

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30th Nov / 1st Dec	Monthly	18	John Robinson	49	Joanne Woodward



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MASS TIMES

ST CECILIA'S CHURCH

23 Byron St Wyong

Saturday Vigil / Sunday Mass Times

Sat Vigil 5.00pm Sun 7.30am & 9.30am

Weekday Mass

Mon-Sat: 8.00am, Monday 9.15am (School Term)

Reconciliation/Confession Saturday morning after the 8am Mass & Saturday at 4.30pm

ST JOHN FISHER MASS CENTRE

Hicks Lane Tumbi Umbi

Saturday Vigil / Sunday Mass Times

Sat Vigil 5.00 pm Sun: 8.30am & 5pm

Weekday Mass

Mon, Wed, Thurs 8:00am Tue & Fri: 9.15am

Reconciliation/Confession Saturday at 4.30pm

EMERGENCY PRIEST CONTACT

Fr Raul Ph: 0450 115 099

Fr Alex Ph: 0432 947 245

Fr Teody Ph: 0414 494 823

PARISH OFFICE 23 Byron Street Wyong

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OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 9.30am to 2.30pm

PARISH CONTACTS

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Assistant Priest **Fr Teody Medina, SOLT Ph: 0414 494 823**

Parish Secretaries **Margaret Vandenberg & Christine Sassine**

Youth Co-Ordinator **Gabbi Scherer**

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PARISH WEBSITE: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/wyong/>

FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/wyongcatholicparish

Children's Liturgy at the following Masses

St Cecilia's 5:00pm Mass Saturday

St Cecilia's 9.30am Mass Sunday

St John Fisher 5pm Mass Sunday

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE

Mass St Barnabas, Yarramalong

1st Sun of month 11.15am

Filipino Mass St Cecilia's Church

3rd Sun of the month 12pm

Anointing of the Sick

First Friday of the Month

St Cecilia's During 8.00am & 11.30am Mass

St John Fisher During 9.15am Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

St Cecilia's Daily 7am-8am

St John Fisher 1st Fri 8.45 - 9.15am

Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual

Help Saturday—**St Cecilia's** &

Wednesday—**St John Fisher** (after the 8am Mass)

Devotion to the Divine Mercy

St Cecilia's Fri after the 8am Mass

St John Fisher Fri after the 9:15am Mass

Prayer groups

St Cecilia's Rosary Group Tues after 8am mass followed by Divine Mercy
St Cecilia's Legion of Mary 9am Wed

Meetings

St Cecilia's Choir practice every Tues night 5pm to 6pm

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

PPC Secretary; Kerry Bugden

Ph: 02 4388 2938

KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS

Prayer: The most valuable gift you can give someone.

SICK: Finn McConnon, Irene Dainty, Rod & Pauline Cornwell, Michael McDermott, Michele Bolton, Jeanine Doueihy, Lisa Glanville, Jackson Ticehurst, Margaret McDermott, Dave Rodney, Danae Roe

RECENTLY DECEASED: Tom Kiernan, May Fagan, Dolores Barnedo, Fr Len Helm, Julia McDermott, Nelly De Guzman Eco, Hondrio Aguila, Maria Esther Attard, Fr Michael O'Toole, Peter Vaughan

ANNIVERSARY DECEMBER: Bill Martin, Larry George Hooley, John Taylor, James Bastic, Rove Varman, Claire Baxter, John Taylor



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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 Fr Teody. The contact details are on the back to the Bulletin.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

'In those days and at that time,
I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David,
who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.
In those days Judah shall be saved
and Israel shall dwell in confidence.
And this is the name the city will be called:
The Lord-our-integrity.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 24:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14

R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 3:12 - 4:2

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness.

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Your redemption is near at hand.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.'

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

UPCOMING FAMILY PICNIC DATES:

4TH AUGUST

8TH SEPTEMBER

13TH OCTOBER

10TH NOVEMBER

8TH DECEMBER

FROM 10:30AM AT ST CECILIA'S CATHOLIC
CHURCH





Rosary Novena

to the
Immaculate
Conception

For Peace

30th November – 8th December

7:00 PM AEDT

Zoom link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88622666967>



Caritas Australia's Lebanon Crisis Appeal

Lebanon is currently facing a dire crisis, and the need for your support has never been greater.

Communities are being devastated by conflict and economic instability, leaving countless families without access to basic needs like food, water, and medical care. Our Caritas Australia partners on the ground are doing everything they can, **but they desperately need your help.**

Please show your *love for Lebanon* and donate today to help supply essential items such as food, shelter, and medical aid, as well as long-term support to rebuild communities.

Donate today: www.caritas.org.au/lebanon



LEBANON CRISIS APPEAL

Communities are being devastated by conflict and economic instability.

Please help provide families with food, water, and medical care.

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ADVENT 2024 with The Catholic Guy Bruce Downes

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To help you go deeper in your prayer life and spiritual journey, you are invited to attend the **Advent Mission Event Retreat online** from 7-9th December with unlimited streaming until the end of Advent. To find out more and register, go to: <https://TheCatholicGuy.com/missionevent>

Register now on the website or for more information, email: info@brucedownes.org



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- Marie, university student ”

Meet your Instructors and Team:

BILL DONAGHY



Having worked in mission, evangelisation, and education since the early 1990s, Bill joined the faculty of the TOB Institute in 2010 and became a full-time member of the team as a content specialist in 2013. With a background in visual arts, philosophy, and systematic theology, he has given talks and retreats to bishops, priests, deacons, religious, and the lay faithful throughout the country and internationally. Bill is a co-author with Chris Stefanick of the popular

program *RISE: 30 Day Challenge for Men* and is a proud husband and father of four.

JASON CLARK



Since 2010, Jason has served as Christopher's closest collaborator in overseeing the global mission and outreach of spreading St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body. He has a passion for drawing people closer to the heart of Christ and has been doing so since the early 1990s as a youth and young adult minister, a seminarian, a worship leader, a speaker throughout the United States and abroad, and, most importantly, as a husband and father of five.



The **Life, Marriage and Family** team in the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation serves parish communities through initiatives that affirm the dignity of the human person and build a culture that supports marriages and families in their vocations. We provide opportunities for spiritual encounter, growth and formation in the areas of RCIA, sacramental life, marriage, family life and men's and women's ministry.

VISIT: www.sydneycatholic.org/lmf

The team will serve as your local support and point of contact for any queries about the program. They will also be present to assist with any needs during the course.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION



EARLY EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

- **Cost:** \$1900 AUD
- **Inclusion:** Immersion Course with all materials, five nights (twin shared room) accommodation and meals.
- **Apply:** tobi.sydneycatholic.org

Holy Heritage: A Pilgrimage to the Philippines! 16 February to 24 February 2025

All are welcome to join our pilgrimage and immerse yourselves in a spiritual journey through the rich and vibrant culture of the Philippines! Explore renowned churches and sacred sites, guided by our chaplain, Fr David Ranson!

The Philippines was under the Spanish Regime for 333 years, a period that greatly influenced the culture and religion of the Filipino people. The Philippines has the biggest population of Catholics in Asia, with 79%, according to the Philippine Statistics Authority's 2020 Census.

Inspired by this nation, its people, and our own catholic faith, we are organising a pilgrimage tour to the Philippines, centred on visiting renowned places, churches and Minor Basilicas:

Places to Visit:

- Manila: Manila Cathedral, San Agustin, Intramuros/Rizal Park, Binondo Church, Quiapo (optional), Baclaran Church (optional)
- Iloilo: Jaro Church, Molo Church
- Guimaras: Tappist Monastery, Holy Family Hills, Mango Farm, Guisi Lighthouse, Pit Stop Café-Mango Pizza, Beach
- Cebu: Sto Nino, Cebu City Tour, Magellan Cross, Simala Church (optional)
- Bohol: Bohol Churches, Baclayon Church, Lobok River Cruise, Tagbilaran, Chocolate Hills, Tarsier Sanctuary, Blood Compact Shrine
- Bulacan: Barasoain Church
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A Catholic Response to Domestic Violence

The Diocese has released a video with Bishop Anthony addressing the serious and increasing issue of domestic family violence.

The theme for Safeguarding Awareness 2024 is The Voice of the Vulnerable and Bishop Anthony wanted a particular focus on domestic family violence, which affects women, children and men across our communities.

The video is called “A Catholic Response to Violence”. It can be viewed on the Diocese website at [A Catholic Response to Domestic Violence - Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay \(bbcatholic.org.au\)](https://www.bbcatholic.org.au) where other resources, including a booklet, are also available.

While a number of help lines are identified in the video and booklet, below are some of the key ones”

- 1800 RESPECT (1800 737 732) – 24-hour 7 day a week service for advice and support

- 131 450 for non-English speakers and ask them to ring RESPECT

CATHOLICCARE BROKEN BAY:

- Central Coast: 1800 324 924

- Northern Beaches: 1800 324 924

- Naremburn: 1800 324 924

- Waitara: 1800 324 924

MEN’S REFERRAL SERVICE: 1300 766 491

The video is also available on our [Youtube channel](#)

SAFEGUARDING is everyone's responsibility



Everyone must practice **A DUTY OF CARE**. We are called to step up and speak out.

Need to be listening & watching to understand if there are any concerns and take them seriously



Tell one of our designated persons in authority

- Fr Raúl 0450 115 099
- Maureen Roast 0435 245 849
- Anne Hooley 0428 149 793

Contact will be made with Diocesan Safeguarding Office



Our Community is **SAFE**