

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

11TH AUGUST 2024 NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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)

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Thursday 15th August

All parishioners are welcome to join for Mass:

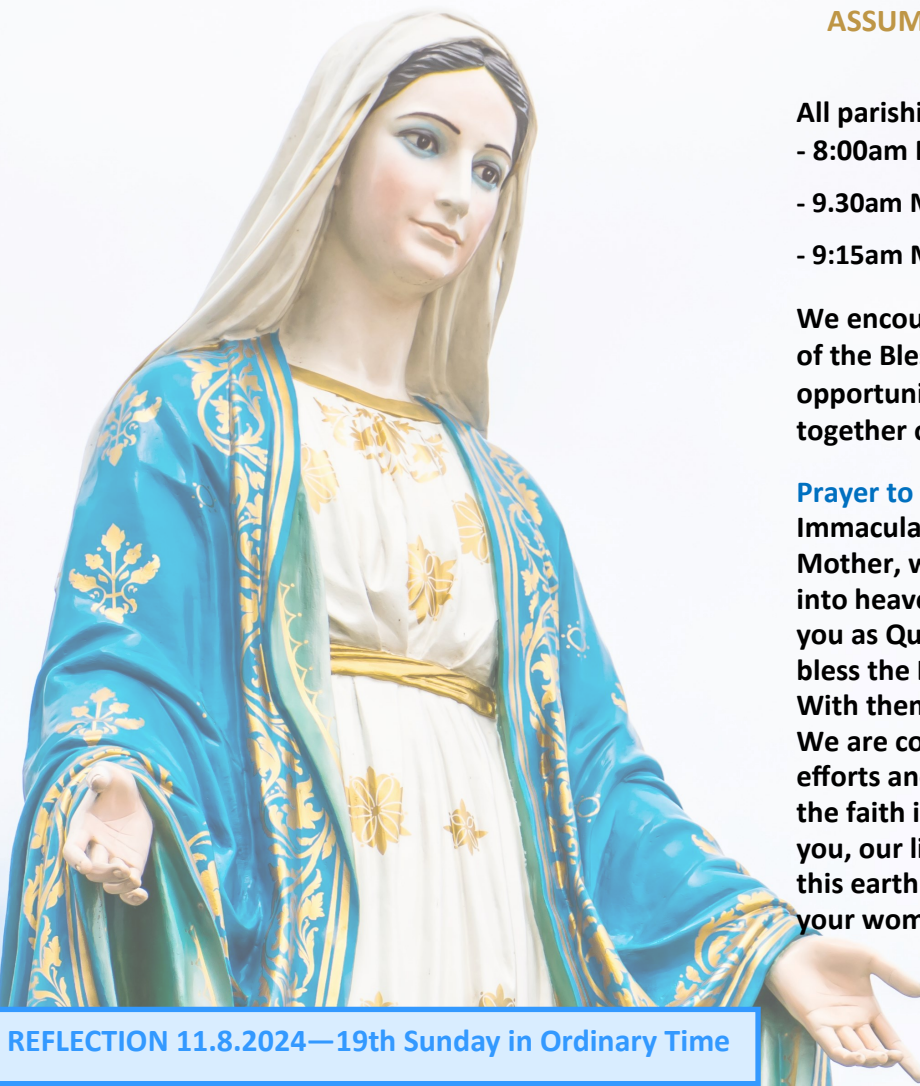
- 8:00am Mass St Cecilia's Church, Wyong

- 9.30am Mass at St Cecilia's School Hall

- 9:15am Mass at St John Fisher School Hall.

We encourage you to join us for The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, as this is a wonderful opportunity for our parish community to come together on this Holy Day of Obligation.

Prayer to Our Lady, Assumed into Heaven
Immaculate Virgin, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, we believe in your triumphant assumption into heaven where the angels and saints acclaim you as Queen. We join them in praising you and bless the Lord who raised you above all creatures. With them we offer you our devotion and love. We are confident that you watch over our daily efforts and needs, and we take comfort from the faith in the coming resurrection. We look to you, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. After this earthly life, show us Jesus, the blest fruit of your womb, O kind, O loving, O sweet virgin Mary.



REFLECTION 11.8.2024—19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The second part of Jesus' great discourse sees a slight change in tactics. The Jewish authorities scoffed at Jesus' claim, certain of their own truth. But Jesus, sure in God's truth, advances his case as the One sent by God. To be taught by God is to come to Jesus - and we need to understand that 'come' is here best understood as belief in Jesus - 'everyone who believes has eternal life'. The believer HAS (present tense), as in right in this moment/now, eternal life. That does not mean that we will not pass through physical death. But physical death is understood in the Gospel of John as a transition from physical life into the fullness of eternal life. The eternal life we possess now is only partial, it is not yet complete, and can only become complete when Jesus comes again in his glory on the last day, at the end times. Jesus drives his message home with the truly shocking image of eating the living bread come down from heaven. He continues with the disturbing image of his flesh as the bread that he gives. We become so familiar with these texts that the horrifying images have lost their horror. So, take some time now, and sit with those last four lines of the Gospel reading. How are they impacting you? What scandalises you? What can Jesus possibly mean by eating his flesh?

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Parish Finance update for the year ending 30 June 2024

Total income for the year is \$132,776 (\$116,308 last year). This is up on last year due to some one-off revenue items. Planned and Unplanned giving is mostly unchanged from last year.

Total Expenses for the year have decreased to \$146,423 (from 161,220 last year). Some of the notable items include;

- Decrease in employment costs due to paid leave entitlements on resignation in the previous year,
- a significant decrease in insurance costs due to a new service provider and a \$10k non-operating expenditure

This left our Parish with **a shortfall of approximately \$13,647** for the year. These funds have come from a reserve which was set aside for future building maintenance work. As you would expect we cannot continue to absorb losses, year on year. I'd ask that all parishioners re-assess their financial position in respect of their financial commitment to the parish. Another way to assist our parish is by inviting new parishioners into our community and along to our masses.

As always, we encourage our existing Parishioners to utilise the planned giving programme, we also welcome new Parishioners and encourage you to join our planned giving programme. Please contact the Parish office for more information.

Thank you for your continued support of our Parish.

Joe Cesca

Chairman of the Parish Finance Committee

HOMELESSNESS WEEK—APPEAL

CatholicCare will again be the recipient of an annual fundraiser in August. **The fundraiser will take place the weekend of Saturday and Sunday 10 & 11 August to coincide with Homelessness Week and St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Feast Day.**

Both Catholic Schools and Parishes will fundraise to support our homelessness services across the Diocese including:

- Dom's Place
- Mary Mac's Place
- Street sleeping outreach support
- Transitional accommodation and casework support
- Women's refuge
- Young parents homelessness services ... and more.

Envelopes for this appeal will be available this weekend.

Thank you in advance for supporting this important Diocesan initiative.



CatholicCare
Diocese of Broken Bay

COMBATING
HOMELESSNESS
TOGETHER

Please donate
to CatholicCare's
homelessness services
across the Diocese

Thank you

Donor envelopes available during Mass
Saturday and Sunday 10 & 11 August

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY
COMMUNION ENROLMENT FORM
2024



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024

It is with great pleasure that we begin to prepare students to receive their Sacrament of First Holy Communion. We invite all parents who would like their children to receive their Sacrament of First Holy Communion to register using this QR code. If you are interested or have any questions, please attend the **Parent Information Night** on Monday **12th August at 7pm** in the Parish Hall. We ask for the continued prayers of the community for all the families preparing or contemplating during this time.



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RCIA—ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO BECOME A CATHOLIC?

This is Clint Warren-Davey,

Religious Education teacher at St. Peter's Catholic College. With the support of Fr Raul, Fr Alex , Fr Teody I will be running **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)** through Wyong Parish in 2024-2025. This is for people who are curious about becoming Catholic, or Catholics who want to delve deeper into their faith.

I will be explaining the core doctrines of Catholicism along with rational arguments for why we believe them.

If you have any questions about the Faith, this is the place to ask them!

The first session will be held on the 17th August 2024. If anyone is curious about this, please contact myself or the Parish office. Clint: clint.warrendavey@dbb.catholic.edu.au

FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE & STALL

Father's Day raffle and stall will commence from the following weekends:

- 17th/18th August – SJF, Tumbi Umbi
- 24th/25th August – St Cecilia's, Wyong

Rae will be selling all things Brick a Brack, Odds and Ends & Jewellery - Nothing over \$5! Raffle tickets selling at \$2 each.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

Once again , a huge thank you to everybody who supported our appeal. We raised just on \$3000 which is a valiant effort in the current financial climate. We also received a good supply of food and toiletries from the schools. Well done everyone!!

Thanks
Margaret Beer

RELIC SNIPPETS



Prayer to St. Cecilia

O glorious St. Cecilia,
virgin and martyr,
you won the martyr's crown
without renouncing your
love for Jesus,
the delight of your soul.
We ask that you help us
to be faithful in our love for Jesus,
that, in the communion
of the saints, we may praise Him twice
in our song of rejoicing
for the Blood that He shed which gave
us the grace to accomplish
His will on earth.
Amen.

This is a copy of our Parish prayer card and picture of St Cecilia.

If you would like a prayer card, please contact the office via ph: 4352 1011 or email:

wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au.

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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10th/11th August	Weekly	66	Val Martin	75	Pat & Carolyn McNamee



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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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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 & Julia McDermott, Michele Bolton, Jeanine Doueih, Lisa Glanville, Jackson Ticehurst

RECENTLY DECEASED: Marie Malouf, Sue Simmons, Tarcisio (Charlie) Carlo Maccari, Eddie Donnelly, Beth Kenny, Tom Kiernan, May Fagan

ANNIVERSARY AUGUST: Lucy Smith, Ruth & Cecil Booth, Martin Milroy, Ian Smith, Phill Houstun



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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 1 Kings 19:4-8**

A reading from the first book of the Kings

Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. 'Lord,' he said 'I have had enough. Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.' So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:2-9

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading Ephesians 4:30 - 5:2

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ.

Try, then, to imitate God, as children of his that he loves, and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation John 6:51

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 6:41-51

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other.

'No one can come to me unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise him up at the last day.

It is written in the prophets: They will all be taught by God, and to hear the teaching of the Father,

and learn from it, is to come to me. Not that anybody has seen the Father, except the one who comes from God: he has seen the Father. I tell you most solemnly, everybody who believes has eternal life.

I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the desert and they are dead;

but this is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that a man may eat it and not die.

I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;

and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

National Vocations Awareness Week 4 - 11 August 2024



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**Invitation to Santa Maria festa (Our Lady of Mary)
at St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Church, Warnervale 18th of August
2024**

The Santa Maria Central Coast Association invites you to join them for Mass at 3pm with Fr Carmelo Sciberas followed by a procession around the Church at 4pm.

More than 300 people, including many Maltese, travel from all over Sydney and the Central Coast for this joyous occasion.

Everyone is welcome. Come and enjoy traditional sweets and pastizzi.

Fireworks at 6pm!

For more information Charlie Scicluna 0404194020 or Glenn Dcruz 0413291129

UPCOMING FAMILY PICNIC DATES:

4TH AUGUST

8TH SEPTEMBER

13TH OCTOBER

10TH NOVEMBER

8TH DECEMBER

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



CHOSEN TERM 3 DATES:

28TH JULY

11TH AUGUST

25TH AUGUST

9TH SEPTEMBER

22ND SEPTEMBER

**5-6:30PM AT ST CECILIAS CATHOLIC
CHURCH**



TUNE IN & CHILL OUT

THURSDAY 15, 22 & 29 AUGUST 2024
6.00 – 8.00PM

Central Coast Family Centre
10/10 Pioneer Avenue, Tuggerah Business Park

This 3 week group program is for people who wish to manage their emotions in healthier ways. Participants will learn and use mindfulness techniques to gain greater awareness and understanding of their emotions, such as anger, and express them in ways which are not harmful to themselves or others. The program consists of three sessions, conducted over three consecutive weeks.

Each session goes for two hours.
Light refreshments will be provided.

\$25 concession and \$65 full fee per session.
Package for 3 three week program: \$50 concession and \$130 full fee (payable prior to group commencement).

MORE INFO & BOOKINGS

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ACTS 3:6-7



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
- Manaoag, La Union: Our Lady of Manaoag
- Vigan: Calle Crisologo, Bantay Church Bell Tower

Batac: Sites of Batac

***Note: Itinerary may be subject to change

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- Plane fares from Sydney to Manila and back

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For inquiries:

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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

CATHOLIC CARE 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**