

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

12TH MAY 2024 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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 12.05.2024

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

We read in Acts and in Mark's Gospel, that Jesus had shown himself to the apostles after his Passion. We can imagine the conversations they had with Jesus. What conversation do you need to have with Jesus about what's happening in your life and in our world? Sit with the apostles and Jesus, and hear Jesus say to you, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation.' We are part of creation. How are you being called to make a difference in the world? In Laudato Si we are invited to pray: All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.





We warmly welcome the children who are to be baptized this weekend into our Parish Community. May the grace of the Lord Jesus bless them and their families.



Condolences

Our Parish extends our deepest condolences to the family & loved ones of Frank Robinson, a long time parishioner who has recently passed away.

The funeral will be held 10am, Thursday 16th of May at Our Lady of the Rosary, The Entrance.

We pray that Frank is in God's loving hands. May he now rest in God's eternal peace. Amen



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE

\$800.00 was raised with raffles and kind donations.

PRIZES : 1st prize - Gloria King - Green 58
2nd prize - Noela Ahearn - Blue 19
3rd prize - Janelle Murace - Green 8

\$200 was allocated toward mower's maintenance.
\$200 each for the Sisters of Charity - Alice Springs, Katherine & Orange.

Many thanks for all your support.
Marie Dyer

Heavenly Father,

We pray for mothers, in thanks for their love and care so freely given.

We remember all mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, and all who have fulfilled motherly roles in our lives. May they be blessed with joy and fulfilment.

We pray for those who on this Mother's Day are unhappy, sick, sad, lonely or anxious. We place them in your care that they may know the comfort, reconciliation and peace which your love brings.

We pray for all the faithful departed, especially mothers, that God may bring them into the joy of his kingdom.

We make this prayer through our Lord, Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever.

Amen.

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Pastoral Works Broken Bay May 2024 Appeal

Our Pastoral Works Appeal will be held over the next few weekends during the month of May. Wyong Parish's quota for this financial year is 21,836.



Our two key charitable works the Diocese supports are the Diocesan Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) and our Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Practitioners – while still reflecting our support for students with disability at St Lucy's Schools and St Edmund's College as well as the Ephpheta centre for the deaf community.

We acknowledge and thank parishioners for their generosity in these difficult financial times. Every donation makes a difference.

All donations over \$2 are 100% tax deductible.

On Easter Sunday 2019, there were horrific targeted bombings of Churches and hotels in Sri Lanka which resulted in more than 270 deaths, including 45 foreign nationals. More than 500 were injured. Some of the injured who suffered permanent disabilities were Sri Lankan Australians and Australian tourists.

His Eminence Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith, the Archbishop of Colombo, recently asked our Catholic community to pray for all the victims on the 5th anniversary of the bombings which took place during Eastertide.

We pray for the victims of the 2019 Easter Sunday bomb attack in Sri Lanka: may the merciful Lord grant justice to the victims, healing to the injured, hope and strength to the disabled and paralysed, consolation to the bereaved families and eternal rest to the deceased. Lord, hear us.

RELIC SNIPPETS

WHAT IS A SHRINE?

A shrine is a contained sacred space dedicated to a person, idea or event. It often contains the remains or the relics of a saint who is the subject of religious veneration and pilgrimage.

Our shrine dedicated to St Cecilia will contain an artwork; the relic of St Cecilia and a picture of her incorrupt body. It will provide opportunities for people of all faiths to be spiritually renewed and to deepen their relationship with God through prayer. Visitors and pilgrims will also be given the opportunities to learn about the life of St Cecilia. She is an early century saint who put her faith to work on behalf of the most vulnerable of society. She has made a difference to the lives of many through her faith and is commemorated by name in the Canon of the Mass.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING SUPPORT

200 Club Update 2024

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

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11/12th May	weekly	135	Margaret Smith	146	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

Phone: 02 4352 1011 Po Box 385 Wyong 2259

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

PARISH CONTACTS

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Parish Secretary **Margaret Vandenberg** ph: 02 4352 1011

Youth Co-Ordinator **Gabbi Scherer**

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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, Frank Laoulach, Betty McDermott, Irene Dainty, Sue Simmons, Rod & Pauline Cornwell

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Maureen Murphy, Dorrie Betts, Maureen Martin, Fr Michael Kelly, Kathy Honor

ANNIVERSARY MAY: Mark Bastick, Brian Myers, John Donnelly, Marie Murray, Vincent Zammit,

To add or remove names in our "Prayers" section of the bulletin, please contact the Parish office to



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Safeguarding Message

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Acts 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.' As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 46:2-3, 6-9

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Second Reading Ephesians 4:1-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all.

Each one of us, however, has been given his own share of grace, given as Christ allotted it. It was said that he would:

When he ascended to the height, he captured prisoners, he gave gifts to men.

When it says, 'he ascended', what can it mean if not that he descended right down to the lower regions of the earth? The one who rose higher than all the heavens to fill all things is none other than the one who descended. And to some, his gift was that they should be apostles; to some, prophets; to some, evangelists; to some, pastors and teachers; so that the saints together make a unity in the work of service, building up the body of Christ. In this way we are all to come to unity in our faith and in our knowledge of the Son of God, until we become the perfect Man, fully mature with the fullness of Christ himself.

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Gospel Acclamation Matthew 28:19, 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 16:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven, and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world, proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SIP NOTICE

The May meeting of Spirituality in the Pub is **CANCELLED** due to circumstances beyond the control of SIP organisers.

The Grange Hotel venue is unavailable on Tuesday 7th May.

The next SIP meeting will be on **Tuesday 4th June**.

Many thanks in anticipation,

Tony

Tony Voller

for SIP Committee

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“Connecting to the Mission of Jesus Christ!”

MAY APPEAL

“Your generosity with our Pastoral Works appeal helps us go further and wider in helping our community of Broken Bay, and more deeply connect us to our vision and the Mission of Jesus Christ. I am deeply grateful for your support.”

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Austin Cooper OMI

Priest, Scholar & Friend – A Symposium



On 10 May 2024, Catholic Theological College will host a symposium in honor of Rev. Professor Austin Cooper OMI AM (1931-2023) founding Master of CTC, historian, formator, and ecumenical friend.

The symposium will feature speakers exploring Fr Austin's various contributions to Christian scholarship and formation, and as spiritual friend to so many. Attendance will be both in person or via videostream.

Speakers include:

Professor Gabrielle McMullen
Rev. Professor Frank Moloney SDB AM
Professor Katharine Massam
Rev. Dr Daniel Szewc OMI
Rev. Dr Max Vodola
Dr Frances Baker RSM
Rev. Assoc. Professor John Dupuche
Ms Anne McIlroy

Austin Cooper: First Master of CTC
CTC: The Early Years
Respecting Real Life: Benedict and His Rule
Oblate History and Spirituality
Historian and Teacher
Study Tours and Spirituality of Place
Importance of Spiritual Texts
Spiritual Friendship

Friday | 10 May 2024 | 10.00am – 4.30pm
Knox Room, Catholic Theological College, 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne

REGISTRATION:

Face-to-Face: \$60 (Lunch included) | Online: \$30
(Bookings close 3 May 2024 5.00pm)



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Marian May Devotions



at the Schoenstatt Shrine

230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa 2745

Sunday-Friday 5:30 pm
and Saturday 5:15 pm*

* subject to change



All are welcome to pray, sing and honour
Mary with the sisters in the month of May.





Holy Hour

for Youth and Young Adults

Every fourth Sunday of the month
7-8 pm (social gathering afterwards)
230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa, 2745

Praise - Worship - Silence - Prayer
Reflection - Confession - Benediction

25 Feb
24 Mar
28 Apr
26 May
23 Jun
28 Jul
25 Aug
22 Sep
27 Oct
24 Nov
22 Dec

GOSFORD PARISH | SHRINE OF JP II

OUR LADY OF FATIMA NIGHT

11TH MAY, SATURDAY VIGIL

@ 5:00 PM

MAIN CELEBRANT:

**MOST REV ANTHONY RANDAZZO,
BISHOP OF BROKEN BAY DIOCESE**

**AFTER MASS MULTI-LINGUAL
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CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL NSW CELEBRATING
PENTECOST EVE " ANOINTING "

Please join the Catholic Charismatic Renewal NSW in celebrating Pentecost Eve "Anointing" on Saturday 18th May at Servants of Jesus Centre 15 Park Road Seven Hills for an afternoon of Praise & Worship, Testimonies and Prayer Ministry from 4-7pm hosted by youth from different streams. Booking is essential, register with link. <https://www.trybooking.com/CPMXQ?qr=true> .

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Join us on **Wednesday, 22 May 2024**, at The Light of Christ Centre, Yardley Ave; Waitara.

Festivities and foodtrucks will be available from 6.00 pm, with Jason's talk on "Finding Your Soulmate Without Losing Your Soul" starting at 7:00 pm.

This is a **FREE** event, but seats are limited, so **registration is essential**. Please note that no ticket means no entry. Ticketing is open exclusively to Broken Bay young adults until Tuesday, 30 April.

Don't miss out on getting your tickets, **BOOK NOW!**

To register, please visit <https://www.trybooking.com/CRFMV> or by clicking on the QR code on the flyer.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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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**