

# 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*

**15TH SEPTEMBER 2024 TWENTY-FOURTH 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)**

## **REFLECTION 15.9.2024—24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jesus asks his disciples directly, 'Who do you say I am?' If Jesus asked me that question today, how would I reply? I could talk about his being a gifted speaker, a compassionate healer, a good listener or a talented storyteller and all these would be true. But there is so much more to people than the impression I get from hearing them speak or watching their actions. To know who a person really is, I have to speak out of a personal relationship with them, and from my heart. Peter says of Jesus, 'You are the Christ'. From his experience of being with Jesus, Peter knows there is something more to this man. He believes he is Son of God, that the Word of God has truly become flesh in him. 'Who do you say I am?' is truly a profound question and I want my response to come from the depths of my heart. Like Peter, this is an act of faith for me. I feel drawn to take time to be with Jesus now and speak to him from my heart.

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## Extra Mower's Required

If there is any person who would be kind enough to join us in the mowing and general maintenance of the Church (approx. 1 hr four times a year depending on the numbers we have) please contact Brian on 4388 2938.

We are especially looking for someone who would be available on weekends.

**To make life a little easier our equipment consists of 2 ride-on-mowers and 2 self-propelled mowers. Thank you.**

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY—YOU'RE INVITED !

All children are invited to attend the children's Liturgy at our weekend masses. Children's Liturgy is when the children leave the congregation to celebrate and reflect on the Sunday Gospel reading in an age appropriate way. The children are led through prayers, songs and readings that are adapted to their level of understanding.

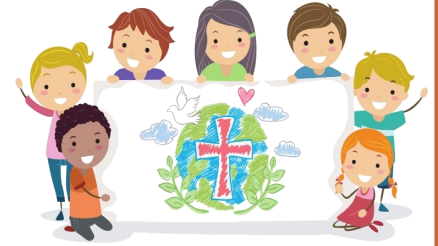
(Parents are always welcome to attend the Children's Liturgy).

Attending Mass together is a part of being a Catholic Family, while Children's Liturgy allows children to enter the celebration more fully by catering to their needs.

Please see below the weekend masses with Children's Liturgy:

**St Cecilia's Church, Wyong—Sunday 9.30am**

**St John Fisher Mass Centre, Tumbi Umbi—Sunday 5:00pm**



## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL REPORT

**1. Office Bearers:** The office bearers for 2024/2025 are: Chairperson- Chris Shilling; Vice-Chair Jo Helm; Secretary- Kerry Bugden; Special Executive Assistant – Anne Hooley.

Thank you to Yvonne Pierman for her service to the PPC. It was most appreciated. Jo Helm has filled the vacant position left by Yvonne's resignation. As a parishioner, Jo will be an official member of the PPC as well as Continuing to report any relevant information in her PEC role at St Cecilia's and St Peters.

**2. Catholic Returning Home (CRH)** As we all have a responsibility to reach out and invite non-practicing Catholics to return 'Home to the Catholic Church' our parish will introduce a 'Catholics Returning Home Ministry' under the leadership of Candice Little. This ministry will offer an entry point for non-practicing Catholics to reconnect to a faith community. In the coming weeks further, information will be placed in the bulletin.

**3. Future Parish Activities:** Four special happenings will occur in our parish between now and Christmas. Your help will be needed to make these all a resounding success.

**Bunnings Barbecue** – Saturday 19 October at Bunnings, Tuggerah.

**Working Bee** – Saturday 2 November at St Cecilia's Church, Wyong.

**Celebration of the Installation of St Cecilia's Relic** –Saturday 23 November at St Cecilia's Church, Wyong.

**Parish Christmas Celebration--** Friday 20 December at St John Fisher, Tumbi Umbi.

Updated information will be given at weekend Masses and in the Bulletin.

**4. Safeguarding Reminder:** Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

Step 1: Everyone must practice their duty of care

Step 2: Watch, Listen & Take seriously any concerns

Step 3: Tell designated person in authority:

**Fr Raul: 0450 115 099**

**Maureen Roast: 0435 245 849**

**Anne Hooley: 0428 149 793**

Step 4: Information is passed to Diocesan Safeguarding Office.

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## Sacrament of First Holy Communion (Eucharist) – Congratulations !

We wish to congratulate all the children who received their sacrament of First Holy Communion this week.

*Lord Jesus, bless the children who've received Holy Communion for the first time. May this day be an initial step into a lifelong love of the Eucharist. Give them a hunger for this sacred food, that they may turn to you for comfort, guidance and wisdom as they grow. Amen.*



### Social Justice Statement 2024-25

#### Truth and Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World

The 2024-25 Social Justice Statement has now been released and can be downloaded from <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2024/07/25/social-justice-statement-2024-25/>

In the Statement, Australia's bishops scrutinise the signs of our own troubled times, observe the violence around us, and ask why it is so. They also ask what is needed if there is to be peace.

The statement also provides some suggested actions to help us to build on our commitment to be peacemakers locally and internationally.

If you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic minister (EMHC), Alter server or reader at any of our Parish Masses then please contact the office on: 4352 1011 or [wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au). Thank you.

#### Upcoming Saint Feast Days: **September**

16th September – St's Cornelius & Cyprian

17th September – St Hildegard of Bingen & St Robert Bellarmine, **Doctors of the Church**

19th September – St Januarius

20th September – St's Andrew Kim Taegon & Paul Chong Hasang & companions

21st September – St Matthew



Reliquary made with brass maltese cross with fleur de lys  
€241.82

### RELIC SNIPPETS

The reliquary picture which is part of this week's snippets is of the one which has been purchased for our relic. The cost in Australian dollars is approximately \$400. We expect delivery from Spain to be in the first week of October.

The purchase of the reliquary box will be finalised early next week. Cost will be proximately \$3100. A picture of the box itself, with internal visibility available in every direction, will be published in snippets as soon as it is available. We will not receive the completed box until the first week in November six weeks is necessary for manufacture.

A donation of \$350 for the relic fund was given to Father last week from the Father's Day raffle. Thank you, Marie for this fundraising effort. Donations now total \$4,350.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING SUPPORT

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

### 200 Club Update 2024

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### ST CECILIA'S CHURCH

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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

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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, Irene Dainty, Rod & Pauline Cornwell, Michael & Julia McDermott, Michele Bolton, Jeanine Doueihi, Lisa Glanville, Jackson Ticehurst, Margaret McDermott

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Tarcisio (Charlie) Carlo Maccari, Eddie Donnelly, Beth Kenny, Tom Kiernan, May Fagan, Dolores Barnedo

**ANNIVERSARY SEPTEMBER:** Gerard Byrne, Peter Donnelly, Jack Harris, Helen Cole, Donald King, Benigno Bito-On, Monica Bito-On, Barry Austin, Deceased members of Croke & Kenny Families, Michael Maree



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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 Isaiah 50:5-9**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;

I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults.

So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me?

Then let us go to court together.

Who thinks he has a case against me?

Let him approach me.

The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me?

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 114:1-6, 8-9**

**R.** I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

**Second Reading James 2:14-18**

A reading from the letter of St James

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds - now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation Galatians 6:14**

Alleluia, alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.

Alleluia!

**Gospel Mark 8:27-35**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **Who Are The Catechists And What Do They Do?**

A catechist is a person who gifts an hour or more each week to the Catholic children who attend the public schools. We have 4 public primary schools in our parish. The schools are Ettalong PS, Woy Woy PS, Woy Woy South PS and Umina PS.

The catechists prepare and present lessons from the Walking With Jesus programme, to the children. These lessons are about what it means to be a Catholic Christian. They are based on the Holy Scriptures and the teaching of the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

If you wish to find out more about being a catechist, teaching the Catholic children in the public schools, come to the Catechist Meeting on Thursday, 27 June at 9:15 a.m. to meet the current catechists or contact Michael Tebbutt on 0437 440 169 for more information.

## **Why Do People Volunteer To Be Catechists?**

As a volunteer catechist, you will be talking the Good News that Jesus suffered death and rose to new life, conquering death and sin for all of us and to extend the invitation to the children to become disciples of Jesus.

As a catechist you learn more about yourself and your faith. It is an opportunity for you to give back a little of what you have been given. You will gain confidence, make a difference to the lives of the children they teach and to their families. You will meet interesting like-minded people and become an active member of the parish community as well as learning new skills and bringing new life to your faith.

Take on the challenge! Step out in faith and let the Holy Spirit lead you in this wonderful ministry. Have fun: Well, enjoy yourself to the fullest.

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## **How Do You Become A Catechist?**

- Pray about becoming a catechist
- Meet with the parish catechist co-ordinator and discuss the schools that need catechists and catechist assistants
- Meet with the parish priest and talk with him about being a catechist
- Set aside the time and the day of the week for which you are available to attend the school or schools.
- Apply for a Working With Children Check
- Complete some paperwork
- Complete some training which will equip you with knowledge of the ministry, inform you of the programme, Walking with Jesus, which is used to teach the Catholic children of the parish attending the public schools in your parish
- Begin working in the ministry of taking the Good News of Jesus to the children in the schools as an assistant catechist, or if you have had experience of teaching children previously, as a catechist.
- Catechist contact details
- Parish contact details

## **As a Catechist, What Support Is There For Me?**

- Begin your ministry by assisting an experienced catechist in the class she or he teaches and let the catechists mentor you to develop teaching skills.
- Arrange a visit to the CCD Regional Resource Centre to meet the CCD staff who will be able to show you the resources that are available for you.
- Get a copy of the Walking With Jesus teacher's manual and student workbook.
- Attend further training which will give you more skills to become an effective teacher. Training is done via zoom so you can participate in the comfort of your own home. If you do not have a computer, your co-ordinator could arrange for you to access one in the parish or CCD can accommodate you at the resource centre at The Entrance.
- Catechist contact details
- Parish contact details

# UPCOMING FAMILY PICNIC DATES:

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**8TH SEPTEMBER**

**13TH OCTOBER**

**10TH NOVEMBER**

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- Join the procession of Our Lady of Fatima
- Visit Avila, the home of St Teresa
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### 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.



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## 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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- Vigan: Calle Crisologo, Bantay Church Bell Tower

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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**