

WELCOME

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MISSION STATEMENT *We will live and proclaim the message of the Gospel :
Engage, Participate, Reach out and Transform*

18TH AUGUST 2024 TWENTIETH 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 18.8.2024—20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This third part of the great Bread of Life discourse continues to scandalise Jesus' hearers. It opens with the last four lines of last week's Gospel. And his reply to the Jewish leadership's question of eating his flesh continues in the most confronting manner, 'eat flesh and drink blood'. Jews believed that blood held the life that was given by God alone, and so the Jewish Law forbade the consumption of the blood of animals, so say nothing of a human's!

So, what can it mean then, to 'eat flesh and drink blood'? We have already understood that 'to eat' in the Gospel of John means to believe. So, we know that eating flesh is to believe in Jesus as the One sent by God. He is God's unique revelation to humanity and also reveals God to us, and belief is about coming to know God intimately. If we take the Jewish idea of blood as having life that only God can give, then to 'drink blood' is to have Jesus' life in us, to become as Jesus already is, a true child of God, 'drawing life from me' as Jesus says. Believing in Jesus (eating his flesh) is about coming to know God through Jesus and to draw life from him (drink his blood) is to become like Jesus is, a true child of God. Perhaps, ponder this for a moment today.

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"WHOEVER EATS MY FLESH AND DRINKS MY BLOOD REMAINS IN ME, AND I IN THEM." JOHN 6:56



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

1. The Parish Council members for 2024 are:

Officio: Noela Ahearn, Kerry Bugden. Marie Dyer, Anne Hooley, Milva Kefu, Imre Lazar; Candice Little, Barbie McBride, Lyn McMahan, Yvonne Pierman, Maureen Roast, Chris Shilling.

Ex-Officio: Priests- Frs. Raul, Alex & Teody ; School- Roisin McVeigh, Marta Chylewska, Marcel Arendse & Jo Helm; Parish- Margaret Vandenberg, Christine Sassine & Gabbi Scherer.

Election of Executive Officers will take place at the next meeting on **10 September**.

2. A general discussion of the financial report and planning for 2024/2025 year was held. The prayers of all parishioners are asked as the council needs to make good constructive choices in this program development. An increase in the numbers for our Parish to pre-Covid attendance would be a great aim and achievement.

3. Mark **Friday 20 December** on your calendar the annual Parish Christmas function will be held at St John Fisher. More information will be given in the Parish bulletin closer to the date.

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*

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY
COMMUNION ENROLMENT FORM
2024



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024

Presentation Masses for the candidates who will be receiving their sacrament of First Holy Communion will be held on:

- Saturday the 17th of August at 5pm Mass—St Cecilia's Church, Wyong**
- Sunday 18th of August 5pm—St John Fisher, Tumbi Umbi**

We look forward to welcoming these families into our Parish community.

We ask for the continued prayers of the community for all the families preparing during this time.

***Scan the QR code to complete the enrolment form.**



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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—See Marie Dyer.

CHOSEN TERM & DATES:

Youth Program

28TH JULY
11TH AUGUST
25TH AUGUST
9TH SEPTEMBER
22ND SEPTEMBER

5-6:30PM AT ST CECILIAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC OR WOULD LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH ?

Our Parish programs will begin on RCIA—17th August (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) and RCIC—31st August (Rite of Christian Initiation for Children) in the Parish Hall, behind St Cecilia's Church, Wyong, 23 Byron Street. Please feel free to come along to find out more, or, alternatively, you may contact the office or our program coordinator, Clint, at clint.warrendavey@dbb.catholic.edu.au



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.

RELIC SNIPPETS

A short report this week on our snippets. The lessons with St Cecilia's students are ongoing and the children's response and enthusiasm is most rewarding.

Monday, 19 August is the date for our next meeting, please see members of the committee with your suggestions and queries. We have only three months until the Installation of the Relic on 23 November. A great deal of work needs to be completed before this date and we will be asking for help on specific areas in the coming three months.

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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17th/18th August	Weekly	13	Julie Travers	83	Joanne Hopwood



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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

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, 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

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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 Proverbs 9:1-6

A reading from the book of Proverbs

Wisdom has built herself a house, she has erected her seven pillars, she has slaughtered her beasts, prepared her wine, she has laid her table.

She has despatched her maidservants and proclaimed from the city's heights: 'Who is ignorant? Let him step this way.'

To the fool she says, 'Come and eat my bread, drink the wine I have prepared!

Leave your folly and you will live, walk in the ways of perception.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:2-3, 10-15

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading Ephesians 5:15-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Be very careful about the sort of lives you lead, like intelligent and not like senseless people. This may be a wicked age, but your lives should redeem it. And do not be thoughtless but recognise what is the will of the Lord. Do not drug yourselves with wine, this is simply dissipation; be filled with the Spirit. Sing the words and tunes of the psalms and hymns when you are together and go on singing and chanting to the Lord in your hearts, so that always and everywhere you are giving thanks to God who is our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation John 6:56

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me and I in them, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 6:51-58

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to the crowd:

'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.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you.

Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him.

As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me.

This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**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

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:

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).

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

Batac: Sites of Batac

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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

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**