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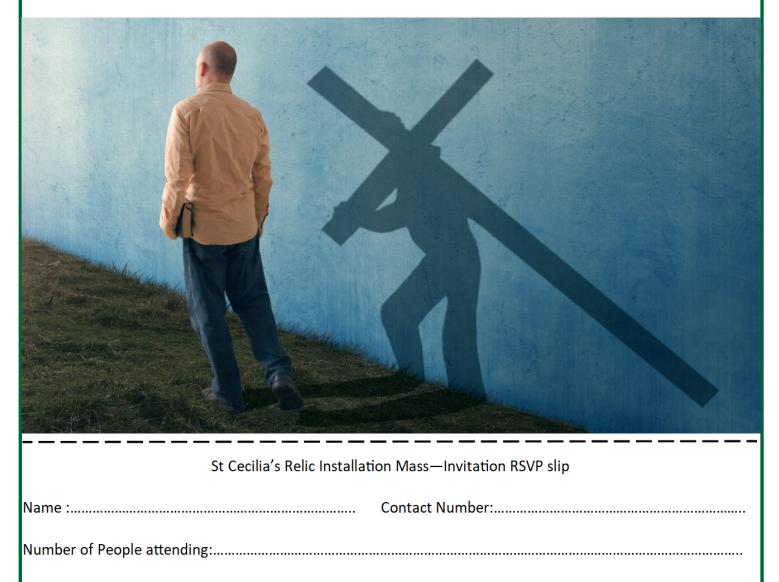
VISION The Wyong Catholic Parish is a welcoming, caring dynamic community MISSION STATEMENT We will live and proclaim the message of the Gospel : Engage, Participate, Reach out and Transform 20TH OCTOBER 2024 TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 20.10.2024—29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We might wonder how James and John, as disciples of Jesus, still do not get the message. They want to share in his glory but have not grasped that the way to the resurrection is through suffering and death. We might look at this scenario and ask ourselves about our own expectations of God and how well we embrace the cross, or do we seek a comfortable and blessed life? Many are preoccupied with wanting a share of the perceived power within the Church, but the labourers who care for the materially and spiritually poor and dispossessed are few. As lay people, our call is primarily to exercise the ministry of prophet, priest and king of the world. How do we serve the world in which we live? Or do we simply aspire to comfort within the Church? Jesus presents us with an inverted power structure: servant leadership. Real authority comes through service—in washing the feet of others.

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WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

The following is the Message of the Holy Father Francis for the 98th World Mission Day, to be held on Sunday 20 October 2024 on the theme "Go and invite everyone to the banquet" (cf. *Mt* 22:9)

Liturgy Ministry

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

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S WEEK 19TH—20TH OCTOBER 2024

Children's Week is a national celebration of children's rights, talents and citizenship held on the fourth Wednesday of October in Australia to coincide with Universal Children's Day.

Each year the theme of Children's Week highlights a particular Children's Right.

The Children's Week National Theme for 2024 is based on UNCRC Article 24:

"Children have the right to a clean and safe environment."

To find out more visit: https://childrens-week.org.au/



World Teachers' Day is celebrated every year on 5 October. As this date was within the school holidays, NSW celebrates on the <u>25th October 2024.</u> The theme for World Teachers' Day 2024 is:

"Valuing teachers' voices: towards a new social contract for education".

Heavenly Father, we pray for the teachers in our schools. We thank you for the special gifts you have given them. We pray that you fill them with wisdom and Godly truth and that they would impart that onto their students. Amen



SPECIAL TABLE LOAN

Beneath the reliquary box in the Shrine of St Cecilia, there is the need for a table on which to place the authenticity documents, flowers and candles. It is planned that this table will be specially built, but will not be available for the 23rd November.

Any parishioner, who has a table with dimensions close to $100 \times 40 \times 60$ cm. and is prepared to loan it for this purpose, could you please phone the parish office on: 4352 1011 with this Information. Thank you, your help will be most appreciated.



Grandparents' Day 2024 will be held on 27th October.

It's a special occasion that celebrates grandparents, Elders, grand-friends, relatives, and those who generally take on the role of a grandparent or Elder within their family or community.

"Where there is no honor for the elderly, there is no future for the young" - Pope Francis

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Lord God almighty, bless our grandparents with long life, happiness, and health. May they remain constant in your love and be living signs of your presence to their children and grandchildren. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Main Liturgical Feast Days: October

22nd St. John Paul II, 23rd St. John Capistrano, 24th St. Anthony Mary Claret, and 28th Sts. Simon and Jude.

INFANT LOSS MEMORIAL MASS We invite all those who have lost a child to join us at Mass on

We invite all those who have lost a child to join us at Mass on Sunday 27th October 2024. St Cecilia's, Wyong at 9.30am

SJF, Tumbi Umbi at 8.30am

This special mass will be offered up & you will have the opportunity to light a candle. Some parents have found it helpful to give their deceased baby a name if they have not done so previously. Each year we hold these Masses in honor of their short lived lives, before the Lord, in whom everyone lives and no-one is lost.





Catholic Mission Parish Appeal - 19 & 20 October

This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Mongolia to help deliver essential services to people who need it most. Lack of access and social stigma mean that some of the most vulnerable people are not getting the support they require.

The House of Mercy will provide a haven for many people, including those affected by homelessness and domestic violence. Without your partnership, people in need will go without the assistance they require. During World Mission Sunday, we are called to "Invite others to the banquet", and we invite you to share the warmth of God's love with our brothers and sisters who need it most in Mongolia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at <u>catholicmission.org.au/mongolia</u>, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.

200 Club Update 2024

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

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19/20th October	Weekly	190	Robyn Lloyd	48	Ted Dafter

RCIA/RCIC Rite of Christian Initiation NEXT SESSION IS ON

SATURDAY 26TH OCTOBER AT 3PM IN THE PARISH HALL

BEHIND ST CECILIA'S CHURCH, 23 BYRON ST, WYONG

This session will be about the 7 Sacraments and Covenants of God with Man. What they are, What they mean and How we should be upholding them.

These session are for those wanting to learn more about the Catholic faith and for those interested in receiving the sacraments, Catholics and non-Catholics alike. All are welcome to join!

Led by Clint Warren Davey

RELIC SNIPPETS

Three special thank you's must be made to Nicky and Begonia Gemperle; Christian Kender and Terrigal Parish for the help and donations provided to us in the presentation of our relic of St. Cecilia.

Nicky and Begonia purchased the reliquary for our relic while in Spain. They delivered it to us early in October. Christian, a Gosford jeweler, placed our relic into this reliquary without charge. Terrigal Parish donated 36 St Cecilia medals. These will be placed with other

memorabilia and will be available on 23 November.

Our donations have now reached a total of \$5430 with additional anonymous donations of \$330, \$100, & \$50. Irene Smith has established a flower committee which will be responsible for the special flower decorations for the altar and shrine on 23 November. Thank you, Irene and your committee.

It is very satisfying to see that the establishment of the shrine is reaching fruition. Next week Snippets will include further updates on other areas which are at this stage also.



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No matter how long you have been away and no matter what reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church.

Hi, my name is Candice Little,

I am the Director of Wellbeing at St Peter's Catholic College. I have been commissioned with the ministry of Catholics Returning Home. This program seeks to listen to lapsed Catholics wishing to return to the Church but may hold anger, disillusionment or resentment towards past experiences or teachings that have caused them to distance themselves from their faith. This is a program of compassion, kindness and understanding, I too was a non-practicing

Catholic for many years. The program will run for six weeks on Monday evening 6pm-7:30pm, starting on the 11th November 2024 at St Peter's Catholic College. Refreshments will be available. If you know someone who may want to reconnect with their faith community please take this invitation to pass on.

> Date: Monday 11th November Time: 6pm-7:30pm Place: St Peter's Catholic College Contact: candice.little@dbb.catholic.edu.au

> > Wyong Catholic Parish

ST CECILIA'S OLD MOTHERS CLUB MEMBERS & FRIENDS GET TOGETHER Date: Thurs 31st October 2024 Time: 12pm Place: Royal Hotel Wyong Hope to see you there – Marie Dyer 4352 1994

HELP NEEDED

It is very important we do our parish proud at the Installation Mass on the 23rd November. Many of our parishioners have beautiful voices and we hear these regularly at the various weekend masses. We need these voices to join and enhance the special one-off choir for the installation Mass, where the music chosen by our Choir leader, Ros Maccari will all be familiar.

There are only 4 practice sessions, and these will be held on **Tuesdays from 5:00- 6:00pm on 22 & 29 October and 5 and 12 November.**

Please phone the office 4352 1011 if you can help. Thank you.

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

Reconciliation/Confession Saturday morning after the 8am Mass & 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

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Parish Secretaries Margaret Vandenberg & Christine Sassine

Youth Co-Ordinator Gabbi Scherer Email: gabbi.scherer@bbcatholic.org.au

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RECENTLY DECEASED: Eddie Donnelly, Beth Kenny, Tom Kiernan, May Fagan, Dolores Barnedo, Fr Len Helm, Julia McDermott.

ANNIVERSARY OCTOBER: Margaret Donnolley, Frank Costa, Kerry (Andrew) Baldwin, Eileen

Fay King

Preston, James Smith, Agnes Myers,

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

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

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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 53:10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering. If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life and through him what the Lord wishes will be done.

His soul's anguish over he shall see the light and be content. By his sufferings shall my servant

justify many, taking their faults on himself.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22

Response: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Second Reading - Hebrews 4:14-16

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in

approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help. The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation - Mark 10:45

Alleluia, alleluia! The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all. Alleluia!

Gospel - Mark 10:35-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them, 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.' 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 lesson 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



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Halloween ('All Hallows Eve'), is the evening before the feast of All Saints - the feast in which we celebrate the glory of God in His Saints. We will be celebrating the victory of light over darkness and Jesus's victory over death!

Make this a memorable night for your children - encourage them to dress as their favourite Saint or in white. Everyone else attending please wear something white as a reminder that this is a Night of Light!!

Making the Light shine on Halloween again!!! Go to this link to learn more about Night of Light: https://youtu.be/MCemOgw0QQ0









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See the next page for the list of topics and presenters.

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To book scan the QR code or visit our website for a full description of the sessions and to register.

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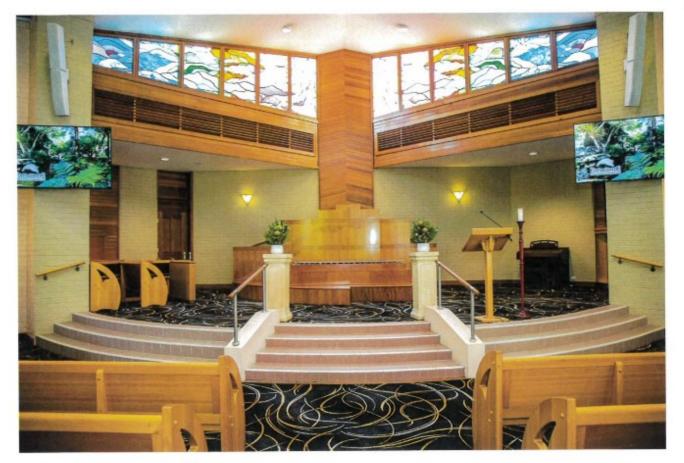
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All Souls' Mass

We are commemorating all of the faithful departed during our All Souls' Day service.

We pray for all our dearly departed loved ones at this time of remembrance. Join us for the commemoration of all the faithful departed.

WHERE: Hillside Chapel, Palmdale Lawn Cemetery and Memorial Park

57 Palmdale Road, Palmdale NSW 2258

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Conducted by Rev Fr Anthony Peter de Souza Our Lady of the Rosary Wyoming Parish Light refreshments will be provided and all are welcome.

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Marie, university student 99

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 coauthor 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, Chocolae Hills, Tarsier Sancruary, Blood Compact Shrine
- Bulacan: Barasoain Church
- Manaoag, La Union: Our Lady of Manaoag
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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 <u>A Catholic Response to Domestic Violence - Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay (bbcatholic.org.au)</u> 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 Raul 0450 115 099
Maureen Roast 0435 245 849 Anne Hooley 0428 149 793 Contact will be made with Dioscesean **Safeguarding Office Our Community is** SAFE