

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*

21ST JULY 2024 SIXTEENTH 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 21.7.2024

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus responds very differently to the two groups of people in today's Gospel. The first group- the apostles - have just returned from their mission and are very tired, so he says to them 'come away to a deserted place and rest for a while'. They still had much to learn but Jesus knows that their primary need at that time was to rest. The second group - the crowds - are lost and dejected. They are seeking something from Jesus so he sets about to teach them at length. A priest today can face a similar situation as he looks out at his congregation on a Sunday morning. Present are people who may be tired and simply need to rest in the Lord. They don't need many words. Then there are others who are lost and dejected, who are hungry for God's word, who desire some input, some teaching. In some way the needs of both groups have to be honoured.

Reproduced from God's Word 2024: Daily Reflections, Published by St Pauls Publications, Strathfield.



PETER'S PENCE SPECIAL COLLECTION 27TH/28TH JULY

All Parishes are obligated to take up this collection, which the diocese then sends to the Holy See.

Our special collection will be held next weekend on the **27th and 28th July**.

Envelopes will be available in the Church. Thank you for your support.



PETER'S PENCE

It is always better to share, because we can only bring to heaven whatever we have shared with others
Pope Francis

VOLUNTEER'S NEEDED FOR CLEANING & COUNTING

Dear Parishioners,

We are in need of volunteers to help in our Parish, specifically in the areas of cleaning (days to be confirmed) & counting on Tuesdays.

If these roles interest you and you're able to help, please contact us as soon as possible at wyoungparish@bbcatholic.org.au or 4352 1011.

If there is currently anyone on the roster who is unable to continue, please advise the Parish office.

Parish Pastoral Council News

The PPC meeting was held on 9 July. Below is an update of news from the meeting.

Five new intending members (Lyn McMahon, Candice Little, Imra Lazar, Noela Ahearn, Marie Dyer) were welcomed to the meeting. These new members will assume office from 1 August 2024.

Minor updates to the constitution of the PPC were accepted and dated 9 July 2024. The updates included:-

- (i) **Numbers**- parishioner member official number increased from 10 to 12. Ex-officio members include Principals from our schools; Parish Engagement Officers (PEC); Youth Minister; Office Staff.
- (ii) PPC year will commence in August with the holding of the AGM and there will be at least 7 meetings each year.
- (iii) A quorum is half of official member numbers i.e. six

The **Annual General Meeting** for 2024 will be held on 13 August. Election of office bearers will occur at this meeting.

Bunnings Barbecue The allocated date for 2024 is Saturday 19 October. Organization and requests for help will be made in the middle of September.

The Parish Picnic which had been planned for late September has been postponed until early 2025.

Important Upcoming Dates & Events Please mark your calendars.

Saturday, 20 July - Confirmation - St Peter's College

Tuesday, 30 July - Christmas in July - St Peter's College

Sunday 1 September - Father's Day

Saturday 19 October ---Bunnings Barbecue ---Bunnings, Tuggerah.

Saturday 23 November - Installation of the relic of St Cecilia. ---St Cecilia's Wyong.

Friday, in December (TBA) --- Parish Christmas Function -St John Fisher Tumby Umbi.

Monday, 22 July, the Feast of St Mary Magdalene, one of our greatest saints and example of God's mercy and grace. Also known as Magdalene or Mary of Magdala, the precise dates of her birth and death are unknown, but the Gospels agree Mary Magdalene was a sinner from whom Jesus cast out seven demons when they met - showing us how no person is beyond the saving grace of God's unlimited mercy. She remained with Jesus during his ministry, death, and resurrection.

St Mary Magdalene is the patron saint of converts and sinners.

365 Pacific Highway
North Wyong NSW 2259
PO Box 786
Wyong NSW 2259



Ph: 02 4351 8004
Ph: 02 4392 8777

BOWDEN FAMILY FUNERALS

All Areas - Australian Owned

Anita Bowden - Director
anita.bowden@cci.net.au



*We do not think of it as a job...
it is an irish honour.*



Ensuring your loved ones are cared for with the respect & dignity you would wish.
Flexible arrangements to suit your needs. Professional assistance and caring advice.
Phone. 1800 558 004, Mob. 0408 251 927, Fax. 02 4351 8005



Adam Dewey

Plumber, Drainer & Gas Fitter

0423 123 823

ajcoastalplumbing@gmail.com

facebook.com/ajcoastalplumbing

Lic No. 235651C ABN 48 478 409 487

Committed to quality plumbing solutions at affordable prices



SOLT ANNIVERSARY - 66 YEARS

We would like to thank all who attended this special event and those who brought a plate to share. It was a lovely morning enjoyed by all.



RELIC SNIPPETS

St Cecilia was a noble lady of Rome, who according to 5th Century legend vowed her virginity to God. Her parents, nevertheless, forced her to marry a pagan nobleman named Valerian. On her wedding night, Cecilia told Valerian that an angel of God wished her to remain a virgin. Valerian promised to respect this wish if he was allowed to see the angel. Cecilia sent him to see Pope Urban 1, who baptized him. On his return he saw Cecilia talking to the angel. Valerian's brother, Tiberius also was converted.

Following their conversions, Valerian and Tiberius committed themselves to burying Christian martyrs. They were arrested, subjected to torture and executed with the sword for refusing to deny their faith.

In the meantime, St Cecilia's preaching of Christianity converted many people, and she too was arrested and condemned to be suffocated in the baths. She was shut in for a night and a day, the fires were heaped up, but St Cecilia was not affected in anyway. When this was reported, an executioner was sent then to cut off her head. She was struck three times on the neck but lived for three days. During this time crowds came to her, and she preached or prayed with them. She died in AD 177.



Her remains were removed to a new site in 822, and in 1599 an exhumation revealed her body to be incorrupt.

St Cecilia's legacy continues to inspire and uplift people. She is a reminder that music is a powerful force for good.

Next Relic meeting: Monday 22nd July at 6:00pm

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

DATE	Type	1 ST		2 ND	
20th/21st July	Weekly	88	Marg Beach & Lorraine Brown	48	Anonymous



Property Transfer Professionals
 ARLENE BARNETT Licensed Conveyancer - JP
 02 4353 1340 48A Pacific Hwy Wyong
 propertytransfer@bigpond.com

www.conveyancersnsw.net.au

Specialising in: Land & Business Sale or Purchase
 Mortgages & Commercial Leases, Retirement Villages

HomeCaring wyong

Lifestyle and health solutions
Home Care and NDIS packages tailored for you.

Cruz Calero-Mena 0455 505 292
 Email: cruz@homecaring.com.au

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

Parish Priest **Fr Raul Balute, SOLT** ph: 0450 115 099

Email: raul.balute@bbcatholic.org.au

Assistant Priest **Fr Alex Barnedo, SOLT** Ph: 0432 947 245

Assistant Priest **Fr Teody Medina, SOLT** Ph: 0414 494 823

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

Youth Co-Ordinator **Gabbi Scherer**

Email: gabbi.scherer@bbcatholic.org.au

PARISH EMAIL: wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au

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, Sue Simmons, Rod & Pauline Cornwell, Michael & Julia McDermott, Michele Bolton, Jeanine Doueihy

RECENTLY DECEASED:

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

ANNIVERSARY JULY: Pauleene Crass, John Dwyer, Nora Dillon, Bridget Dermody, Sr Sylvia Markulin, James Bastick, Phyll Angela Reeves, Bridget Dermody, Carol Dafter, Helen & Edwin Kingsley, Raymond (Ray) Baker



TUGGERAH SPORTS & SPINAL PHYSIOTHERAPY

Ricky Li

Registered NDIS provider

Phone 4355 4445

www.tuggerahphysio.com.au

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 Jeremiah 23:1-6

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered - it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds - it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost - it is the Lord who speaks!

'See the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks -
when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David,
who will reign as true king and be wise,
practising honesty and integrity in the land.
In his days Judah will be saved
and Israel dwell in confidence.
and this is the name he will be called:
The Lord-our-integrity.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading Ephesians 2:13-18

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;

I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 6:30-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

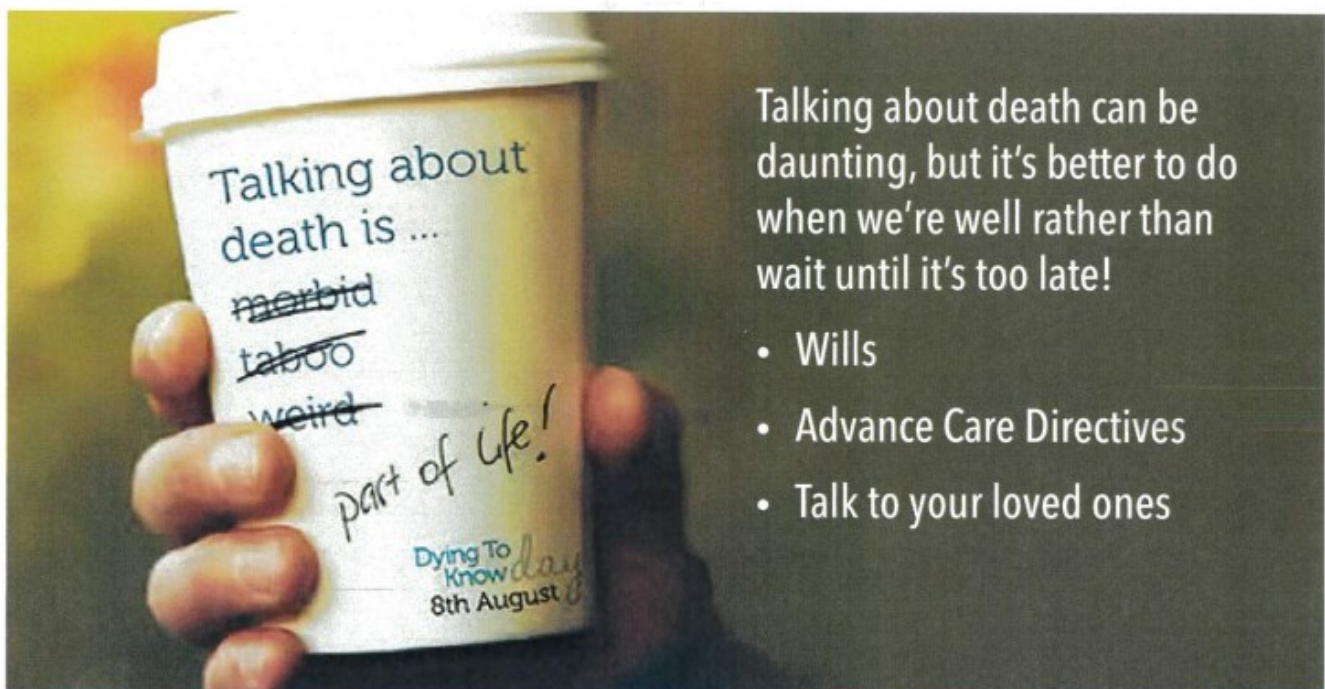
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Dying to Know Day 8 August

Commencing at 2pm

Hillside Chapel, Palmdale Lawn Cemetery and Memorial Park,
Palmdale Road, Palmdale



Talking about death can be daunting, but it's better to do when we're well rather than wait until it's too late!

- Wills
- Advance Care Directives
- Talk to your loved ones

**RESERVE YOUR SEATING PLEASE EMAIL:
creightons@palmdalegroup.com.au**

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF
**MARY
MACKILLOP**

PILGRIMAGE
15th – 26th
October 2024

JOIN US on the official Pilgrimage created & led by the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart for the last 28 years. An all inclusive 12 day organised pilgrimage to sacred sites in VIC, SA & NSW.

FIND OUT PHONE: (02) 8912 4818

OR EMAIL: national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au

OR www.marymackillopplace.org.au

**Australian National
Pilgrimage
DON'T MISS OUT!
NUMBERS LIMITED**



MARY MACKILLOP PLACE

SYDNEY

26 - 29 September 2024

at Cathedral Precinct Waitara
Hosted in and supported by the
Diocese of Broken Bay

Registration: igniteconference.com.au/



IGNITE CONFERENCE 24

RISE UP!

A NATIONAL
CATHOLIC CONFERENCE
WITH SOMETHING
EVERYONE

IN THE NAME OF
JESUS CHRIST
OF NAZARETH,
RISE UP AND WALK.
ACTS 3:6-7



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**