

WELCOME

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MISSION STATEMENT *We will live and proclaim the message of the Gospel :
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22ND SEPTEMBER 2024 TWENTY-FIFTH 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 22.9.2024—25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Have you ever listened to someone speaking with great passion about the work they do with those who live on the fringes of society? Their eyes sparkle with compassion and deep emotion as they tell stories of individuals whose lives have been turned around because of simple gestures of caring. These people often speak of how their own lives have been changed for the better too. By serving those who cannot give anything in return they discover the powerful presence of God.

Jesus said, 'If anyone wishes to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' If my value as a person doesn't depend on the job I do, or the riches I have accumulated, how do I measure up to Jesus' standards with the service I give? It is all about an attitude of mind and heart, being fully present to God through the one in need. Of course, I don't only have to be working with those on the edge to know the pain and commitment of love. I may be a parent who keeps on giving to my child irrespective of my own needs or a carer for an ageing parent. I am certainly blessed if I can understand what greatness is in the eyes of the Gospel and of God.

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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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BUNNINGS BBQ FUNDRAISER

Wyong Parish has been allocated a fundraising sausage sizzle at Bunnings, Tuggerah on
Saturday 19 October 2024

This is an opportunity to generate substantial fundraising. Parishioner help is essential with four people, as well as a BBQ Captain required for each shift.

A roster sheet is available at the back of both Churches, where volunteers can record their name in a time slot which suits.

Regulations and other guidelines must be strictly adhered to. All volunteers will be advised of these regulations prior to the 19 October to ensure we are meeting all requirements,

Thank you to all who can offer your services, It is most appreciated.

PARISH FUNDRAISING STALLS

The stalls that were held at Wyong & Tumbi raised: \$510.

Donations sold online raised: \$405.

Thank you to all who were able to contribute towards this and a special thanks to Rae Bof.

Your support is much appreciated.



Liturgy Ministry—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. Thank you.

Upcoming Saint Feast Days: **September**

23rd September: St Pius of Pietrelcina

26th September: Sts Cosmas & Damien

27th September: St Vincent De Paul

28th September: St Lawrence Ruiz & Companions & St Wenceslaus

RCIA/RCIA

Our next session will be held on Saturday the **28th September at 3pm** in the Parish Hall.

For more information please contact the Parish office.



RELIC SNIPPETS

The order for the reliquary box was sent to the Design case last weekend.

We now will have to wait till November for the finished product.

Our liturgy ministry will organise the Mass for the installation. Chatswood parish's program for their relic installation this month will be used as a guide for us in our preparation.

Ros Maccari will organize the music and train our choir for the day. The 'Glory and Praise' Mass currently in use by us is the chosen mass music. A new

Kyrie will be sung, as will special hymns, once the liturgy is finalized. Special choir practices will be held each Tuesday in October from 5-6 pm to enable attendance by students.

Invitations were prepared last week, and these will be sent out by the end of this week. All parishioners will receive a separate invitation after Masses during the next two weekends. Acceptance date will be 23 October.

An accurate number count will ensure no unnecessary spending occurs.

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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21st/22nd September	Weekly	155	Margaret Stephens	28	Nick Murace



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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 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, Denny Dao



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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 - Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

A reading from the book of Wisdom

The godless say to themselves, 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after - we have his word for it.' The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 53:3-6, 8

Response: The Lord upholds my life.

Second Reading - James 3:16 - 4:3

A reading from the letter of St James

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation - cf 2 Thessalonians 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

Gospel - Mark 9:30-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

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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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 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.



The **Life, Marriage and Family** team in the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation serves parish communities through initiatives that affirm the dignity of the human person and build a culture that supports marriages and families in their vocations. We provide opportunities for spiritual encounter, growth and formation in the areas of RCIA, sacramental life, marriage, family life and men's and women's ministry.

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- 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
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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

CATHOLIC CARE BROKEN BAY:

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- 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

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- Maureen Roast 0435 245 849
- Anne Hooley 0428 149 793

Contact will be made with Diocesan Safeguarding Office



Our Community is **SAFE**