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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 24TH NOVEMBER 2024 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

> 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 24.11.2024 SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING



Our first reading today is taken from the Book of Daniel. We can describe Daniel as one of the great visionaries in the Bible. As Daniel tells us in the first reading today, 'I gazed into the visions of the night, and I saw ...' What a powerful statement that is! And what did he see? He saw Christ the King. As he said, 'I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man.... On him was conferred sovereignty, glory, kingship, and men and women from all peoples, nations and languages conved him. His coversignty is

nations and languages served him. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty, which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.'

If Daniel is the great visionary in the Bible, then Pontius Pilate, whom we meet in today's Gospel, is the Bible's great cynic - he has no vision at all, and he believes in nothing. The king of the Jews is standing before him and he cannot recognise him. And when Jesus says that his kingdom is a kingdom of truth,

Pilate utters the ultimate cynical statement: 'Truth! What is that?' Pilate no longer believes in the

transcendental values of truth, goodness, beauty and altruism. He is motivated purely by self-interest, taking no responsibility for his actions (indeed, washing his hands clean of them).

Occasionally we meet cynics who only have bad things to say about the world and the Church and faith. What we most need are visionaries, people who don't deny that much is wrong, but still manage to see the good. Let us ask Christ our King to open our eyes that, amid the challenges, self-interest and scepticism that abound, we may see the signs of his presence among us in the goodness, the kindness and the self-sacrifice of so many people.

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RELIC SNIPPETS

We are overjoyed and ready for the installation of the Relic of St. Cecilia, at St. Cecilia's Church, Wyong. The Mass will be celebrated by the Very Reverend Dr David Ranson VG at 11am, 23rd of November 2024.

We look forward to seeing you all there!





CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS

We warmly invite children to take part in the cherished **Christmas Eve Mass on the 24th of December at 5:00 pm**. This beautiful celebration offers a wonderful opportunity for our children to participate in the joy and reverence of Christmas.

Should your child wish to participate, please contact the Parish Office on 4352 1011 or Jo Helm at joanne.helm@dbb.catholic.edu.au

We look forward to coming together as a community and celebrating the birth of Christ in a way that brings joy, warmth, and faith to all.



November Month of Remembrance

It is customary for us to acknowledge All Souls in November. *"It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins." 2 Maccabees 12.46*

Our Book of Remembrance (Memorial) will be put up near the Sanctuary of St Cecilia's Church from All Souls Day and will remain throughout November.

NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS

There will be envelopes available for you to write the names of your beloved deceased. Please put the envelopes into the special boxes near the sanctuary in both Churches. All Masses in November will be offered for our departed brothers and sisters.



PARISH CONSULTATION EVENING

Dear Parishioners,

As your Parish Priest, I have been working with the Parish Finance Committee, Parish Pastoral Council. advisers, and key stakeholders to consider the future of our Parish, our sites at Wyong and Tumbi Umbi and our mission. The maintenance and other operating costs for the Parish with its two separate sites are considerable and our facilities at St. Cecilia's are in dire need of renewal. Despite the generous ongoing support of our community, the Parish can no longer rely solely on traditional sources of income such as Church collections and donations. We need to consider potential opportunities which will financially assist the Parish with its ongoing commitments. I would like our parishioners to join in this journey with me. An opportunity has arisen involving CatholicCare which I would like to discuss with you. For this reason, a community consultation has been organised for the evening of **Tuesday 3 December 2024**. All members of our Parish community are invited to attend and contribute to the discussion. I know it is a busy time of year, but your feedback will be important and greatly valued so I hope you can join us.

Blessings, Fr Raul

Date: Tuesday 3 December 2024

Place: Parish Hall, St Cecilia's Wyong (23 Byron St)

Time: 6.00 pm – 7.30 pm

Supper: a light supper will be provided

RSVP: Please rsvp to the parish office for catering

purposes: wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au

Pastoral Works Broken Bay November Appeal

Our Pastoral Works Appeal will be held over the next few weekends during the month of November.

Our two key charitable works the Diocese supports are the Diocesan Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) and our Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Practitioners – while still reflecting our support for students with disability at St Lucy's Schools and St Edmund's College as well as the Ephpheta center for the deaf community.

We acknowledge and thank parishioners for their generosity in these difficult financial times.

Every donation makes a difference.

All donations over \$2 are 100% tax deductible.

Main Liturgical Feast Days: November

St. Albert the Great (November 15) Sts. Margaret of Scotland and Gertrude (November 16), St. Elizabeth of Hungary (November 17), Presentation of Mary (November 21), St. Cecilia (November 22) Sts. Clement I and St. Columban (November 23), St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions (November 24), St. Catherine of Alexandria (November 25), the Solemnity of Christ the King (November 24) and St. Andrew (November 30).



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We warmly welcome the children who are to be baptized this weekend into our Parish Community. May the grace of the Lord Jesus bless them and their families.



PIETY STALL

The piety stall will re-open on the 2nd and last Sunday of each month, starting on the 24th of November.

PASTORAL WORKS RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

Raffle stalls will be held on the 16th of November and on the 30th of November after 5:00pm Mass. Raffle tickets are \$2 each.

Your support will be much appreciated.



SAVE THE DATE!

Parish Christmas Function <u>Friday 20th December 2024</u>

ST VINCENT de PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2024

On the weekend of the 30th November and 1st of December we are holding our annual Christmas Appeal. Once again this has been a most difficult year for everyone. Many families and individuals in our community are doing it tough. We are hoping to provide food hampers to as many as possible. So once again, we are calling on your generosity to help our Tumbi/Wyong team, to provide these hampers.

Envelopes will be available in the Church for card & cash donations. All donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible. Alternatively, donations may be placed in the poor box.

There will be a trolley/basket available at the front of the Church for food donations of non-perishable items, such as tinned hams, tinned fruit, cakes, puddings, drinks etc. which can be left anytime up to **17th December**. We thank you for your continued support of the disadvantaged in our parish.

WORKING BEE

A special thank you to all who helped at the working bee. Your help was tremendous, and we achieved excellent results across many areas.















CHILDREN'S LITURGY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We would like to ask our wonderful community to volunteer some of your time on Sunday to assist Maria with Children's Liturgy. We are looking at rostering you once a month or more if you'd like. On these days you will be back in time for the Eucharistic ceremony and fulfill your Sunday Mass obligations.

Please email the office to register or for more information wyongparishebbcatholic.org.au



THANK YOU FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING SUPPORT

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MASS TIMES

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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

PARISH CONTACTS

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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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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

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.

Ricky Li Registered NDIS provider Phone 4355 4445 www.tuggerahphysio.com.au

24 November 2024

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading - Daniel 7:13-14

A reading from the prophet Daniel

I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire be destroyed.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 92:1-2, 50

R. The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

Second Reading - Revelation 1:5-8

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation - Mark 11:9, 10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel - John 18:33-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



Rosary Novena to the Immaculate Conception For Peace

30th November – 8th December 7:00 PM AEDT

Zoom link

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88622666967

Caritas Australia's Lebanon Crisis Appeal

Lebanon is currently facing a dire crisis, and the need for your support has never been greater.

Communities are being devastated by conflict and economic instability, leaving countless families

without access to basic needs like food, water, and medical care. Our Caritas Australia partners on the ground are doing everything they can, **but they desperately need your help.**

Please show your love for Lebanon and donate today to help supply essential items such as food,

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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.



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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The team will serve as your local support and point of contact for any queries about the program. They will also be present to assist with any needs during the course.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION



EARLY EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

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- Apply: tobi.sydneycatholic.org

Holy Heritage: A Pilgrimage to the Philippines! 16 February to 24 February 2025

All are welcome to join our pilgrimage and immerse yourselves in a spiritual journey through the rich and vibrant culture of the Philippines! Explore renowned churches and sacred sites, guided by our chaplain, Fr David Ranson!

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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

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The video is also available on our Youtube channel

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