

# 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*

**25TH AUGUST 2024 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

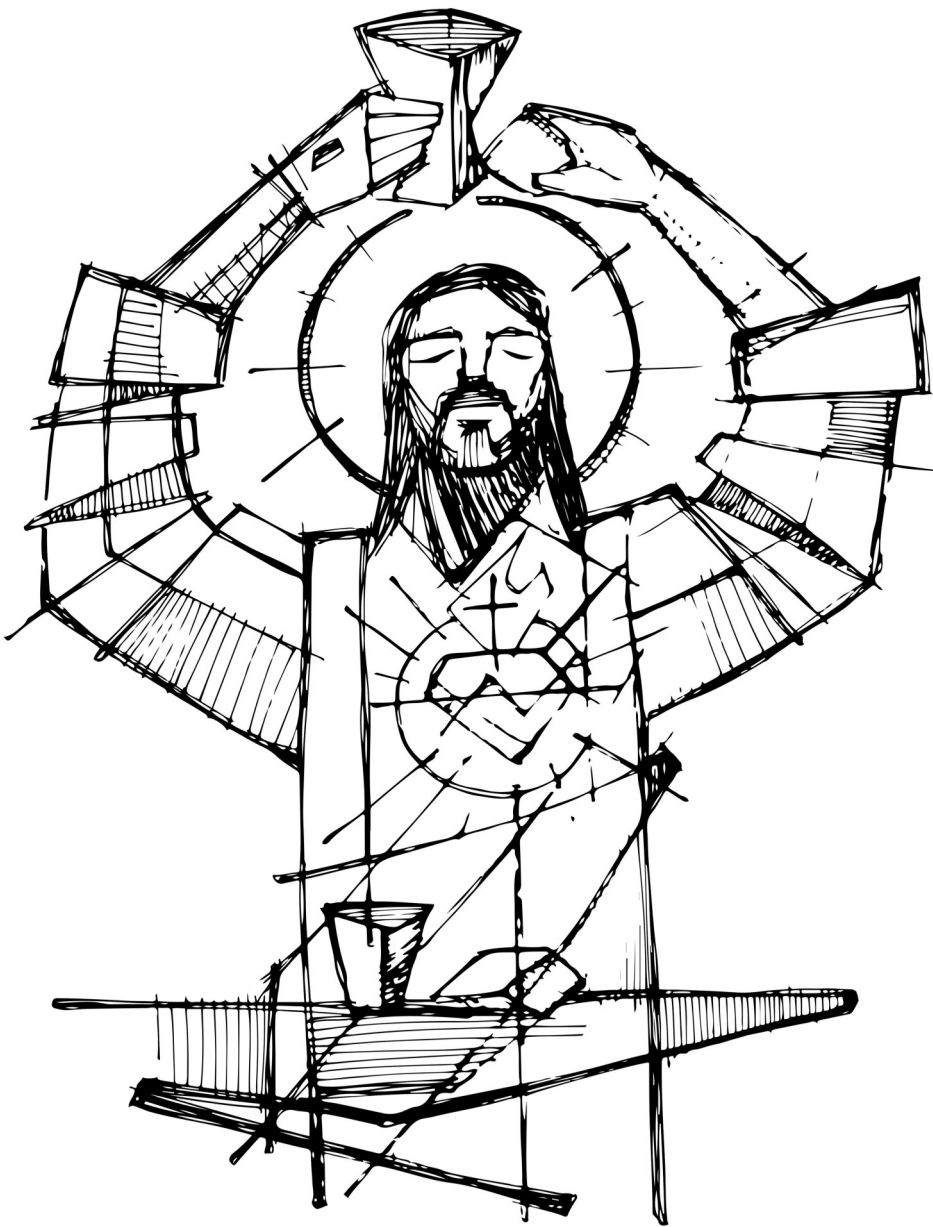
**WYONG CATHOLIC PARISH**

**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 25.8.2024—21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



We come to the last part of John 6. Many cannot tolerate Jesus' words about eating flesh and drinking blood, so they turn away and go home, unable to continue to follow him. Only the Twelve remain. So, Jesus asks them if they will leave too. Simon Peter answers for all of them. But look carefully at how he says what he says. He calls him 'Lord'. At that time Jews only called God 'Lord'. Then Peter digs deeply saying that Jesus' message is eternal life. He understands that Jesus is the Word of God, come as a human person.

Going deeper again, Peter says 'we believe, we know'. Belief comes first, and then knowledge. It is through the encounter with Jesus that Simon and the other disciples have found faith and that faith is rewarded with the knowledge of who Jesus is - 'the Holy One of God'. Just as God is Holy so Jesus is God's Holy One. This is the depth of the mystery that has been revealed over these Sundays in August. Jesus is God in the flesh who has come to bring us back to God. Not as repentant sinners, but as truly God's own dearly beloved children.

When discipleship becomes difficult, can I dig deep like Simon Peter and still call Jesus, Lord? How can I deepen my faith to make me stronger?



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.



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

Our next **RCIA** program will be held on the **31st of 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 co-ordinator, Clint, at: [clint.warrendavey@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:clint.warrendavey@dbb.catholic.edu.au)

## 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.

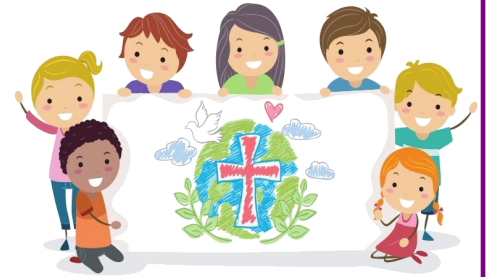
(Parents are always welcome to attend the Children's Liturgy).

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**



## Upcoming Saint Feast Days: August

### 23<sup>rd</sup> – St Rose of Lima

She is the patron saint of Peru, Philippines and all of South America as well as of embroiderers, gardeners, and florists. Born into a noble family, Rosa (the name by which she was always known) was drawn to penitential practices and a spiritual life at a young age.

**Quote:** “Lord, increase my sufferings, and with them increase your love in my heart... apart from the cross there is no other ladder by which we may get to Heaven.”

### 27<sup>th</sup> – St Monica

St. Monica is the patron saint of alcoholics, victims of abuse and adultery, widows, and mothers facing family difficulties.

A **quote:** from her that inspired Augustine and can awaken your faith life as well: “Son, for my own part I no longer find joy in anything in this world. What I am still to do here and why I am here I know not, now that I no longer hope for anything from this world.”

### 28<sup>th</sup> – St Augustine

Recognised as a Doctor of the Church in 1298 by Pope Boniface VIII. He is considered the patron saint of brewers, printers, theologians, and a number of cities and dioceses.

**Quote:** “Faith is to believe what you do not yet see; the reward for this faith is to see what you believe.”

### 29<sup>th</sup> – The Passion of St John the Baptist

St. John the Baptist was sent by God to prepare for the coming of Jesus and as a result suffered the fate of many Old Testament prophets before him: rejection and martyrdom. John had many followers, but ultimately he knew that his calling was one of preparation. John never allowed himself to succumb to pride or false honor. John the Baptist’s death is the ultimate example of giving one’s life to God.

**Quote:** “Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sins of the world.”

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 22ND SEPTEMBER

5-6:30PM AT ST CECILIA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

**YOUTH GROUP:**

*Family Picnic and  
 Chosen  
 Dates for term 3!*

**UPCOMING FAMILY PICNIC DATES:**

4TH AUGUST  
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**RELIC SNIPPETS**

This week's snippet will cover three items from Monday night's meeting. Hopefully these will help to clarify the state of play with the Shrine development. The reliquary itself has been causing some issues. The firm engaged to supply this purchase has not given any change of information to that notified previously. Contact will be remade again this week, with a definite deadline given with the understanding a purchase elsewhere will be needed after this. An alternate reliquary can be purchased from the Philippines. Father Raul will organize if required. Placement of the relic into the reliquary will need to be completed once the reliquary itself is received.



Unfortunately, the alternate builder we had hoped would build the reliquary box does not believe he has the expertise to deliver the box and meet all the security requirements. A firm in Canberra has many different options which can be considered. Suggestions and advice, along with quotes should be received by the end of next week. A firm decision will be made then, as this reliquary box is a very important part of the Shrine presentation. The computer artwork is progressing. A draft presentation will be given at the next meeting.

Reliquary meetings will be held fortnightly from now on to ensure that everything is A1 for the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November. The September meeting dates are the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
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Weekly Prizes are \$50 – 1<sup>st</sup> & \$20 – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Monthly Prizes are \$150 – 1<sup>st</sup> & \$50 – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 and will be last weekend of the month.

**200 Club Update 2024**

DATE	Type	1 <sup>ST</sup>		2 <sup>nd</sup>	
24th/25th August	Weekly	87	Jean Armstrong	166	Bob Rowland



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## MASS TIMES

### 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

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Fr Alex Ph: 0432 947 245

Fr Teody Ph: 0414 494 823

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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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**FACEBOOK:** [www.facebook.com/wyongcatholicparish](https://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, 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

**ANNIVERSARY AUGUST:** Lucy Smith, Ruth & Cecil Booth, Martin Milroy, Ian Smith, Phill Housten, Benigno Bito-On, Monica Bito-On



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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 Joshua 24:1-2,15-18**

A reading from the book of Joshua

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:2-3, 16-23**

**R.** Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

**Second Reading Ephesians 5:21-32**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives submit to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body - and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation cf John 6:63, 68**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:  
you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

**Gospel John 6:60-69**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?

'It is the spirit that gives life,  
the flesh has nothing to offer.

The words I have spoken to you are spirit  
and they are life.

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

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
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# UPCOMING FAMILY PICNIC DATES:

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- Join the procession of Our Lady of Fatima
- Visit Avila, the home of St Teresa
- Pray at the Lourdes Grotto
- Visit the tomb of St Bernadette
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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

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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



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