

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*

27TH NOVEMBER 2022 First Sunday of ADVENT Year A

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)

1st Sunday of ADVENT

Reflection

First Sunday of Advent

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Jesus is speaking about the ordinary things of our lives like eating and drinking, and in faith we know that in the ordinary moments of our day God is with us. To help us 'stay awake', and pay attention to what is going on, today's Gospel acclamation expresses trustfully this prayer:

'Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation'.

We gradually learn how much we need God's mercy, love and salvation; praying this prayer gives us light and direction in our daily living. The psalm tells us of the peace which is enduring, calling on us, the 'house of the Lord', living in God's kingdom, our home. We continue to pray: 'Thy kingdom come'. Taking up Isaiah's Advent cue, 'O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord', we relate with God and one another in the ordinariness, the sacredness, of each day, enlightened and loved.

H.O.P.E



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

All children are invited to take part in a Christmas Pageant at the Vigil Masses on Christmas Eve 24th December.

We are looking for the following to join us at rehearsal and be part of the Mass; confident readers, angels, shepherds, kings and gospel procession.

If your child would like to be in the pageant or you would like to help with the pageant please call ...

Text Chris 0406 539 444 for the **St John Fisher Pageant**
Rehearsal will be 3.30pm Sunday 18th December.
And
Marie Dyer 4352 1994 for **St Cecilia's Pageant**
Rehearsal will be 4pm Saturday 24th December

Come Help Decorate the Christmas Tree

Families are invited to come and help decorate the Church Christmas Tree

St John Fisher Mass Ctr Sunday 27th Nov 5pm Mass Followed by a sausage sizzle

Or

St Cecilia's Church Sunday 4th Dec 9.30am Mass Followed by morning tea

Children will be invited to join the Children's Liturgy and make some decorations for the Christmas Tree.



CATECHIST SERVICE AWARDS

We sincerely thank all our Catechists who devote themselves to this special ministry in the parish, sharing their love and faith with the children in our local state schools.

The following Catechists received awards this year.

Grace Mifsud and Kathleen Feehely Papal Service Award 20 years, Kerry Bugden, Beth Hughes 15 years Service award, Maureen Kiernan, Patricia Yeo, Danielle De Robillard 10 years Service, Elizabeth Schultz, Anne Davidson, Catherine and Patrick Fitzgerald and Anthony Camenzuli 5 years Service award. Congratulations and may God's Blessings be with you.



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We warmly welcome

Seminarian Hien Vu to our parish, Hien will be joining us from Monday 28th Nov to Sunday 25th Dec.

Hien is of Vietnamese background. He is the seventh in a family of eight. His parents were both farmers. One of his sisters is a Religious Sister. Hien is in his sixth year of Seminary formation. He has one more year to finish his academic studies. He looks forward to being ordained a deacon, and then ordained a priest. Hien's hobbies are guitar, reading, bushwalking and table tennis. He is a prayerful man, deeply committed to his vocation and looks forward to serving God among the people of Broken Bay.

Bunnings BBQ

Just a reminder the Bunnings BBQ is coming up on Saturday 3rd December. For those how are able to help, sheets are now available for you to add your name to.
Thank you Kerry 024388 2938

HELP NEEDED

St Cecilia's is desperately needing more volunteers for our Church cleaning roster. The upkeep of our Church is very important.

You would only be required for 1 hour every 5 to 6 weeks. Could you please consider volunteering.

Thank you. Kay 0419 021 214

100 Club Fundraising

Draw no 4

- 1st Maureen Cross no.85
- 2nd Milva Kefu no.31
- 3rd Steve Johnson no.32

Draw no 5

- 1st Paul Flynn no.47
- 2nd Libby Gleeson no.25
- 3rd Kathleen Feehely no.83

ALL WELCOME

PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER

Celebrate the End of Year with Us

When Friday 16th December 2022

**Where St John Fisher Hall Hicks Lane
Tumbi Umbi**

Time 6pm

Cost Donation

RSVP Monday 5th Dec

Jo 0424 763 734

*Please join us for
Dinner and Christmas Carols*

All parishioners and family members are invited and are most welcome.

The Christmas dinner will commence at 6pm with a meal (barbecue, meats, salads and sweets) followed by Christmas carols.

For catering purposes, it is essential you text or phone Jo on 0424 763 734 and register your attendance.

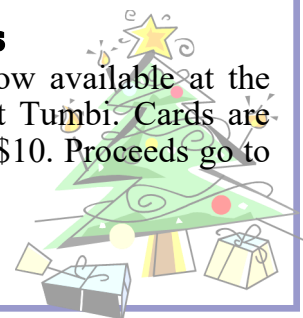
ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

CHRISTMAS APPEAL:

Our Christmas appeal will be held over the next two weekends. Christmas hamper baskets will be located at the back of the Church as of next weekend for you to fill. Each hamper needs tinned ham, Christmas Cake & pudding, custard as well as basics such as cereal, biscuits, pasta & sauce etc. We are also see king donations of Coles/Woolworths gift cards. Whatever you can donate will be greatly appreciated. Many thanks for your continued support.

Christmas Card & Calendars

Christmas cards and calendars are now available at the back of the church and after Mass at Tumbi. Cards are \$10 for a pack of 10 & calendars are \$10. Proceeds go to St Vincent de Paul Society.



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23 Byron St Wyong

Saturday Vigil / Sunday Mass Times

Sat Vigil 5.00pm Sun 7.30am & 9.30am

Weekday Mass

Mon-Sat: 8.00am

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

PARISH OFFICE 23 Byron Street Wyong

Phone: 02 4352 1011 Po Box 385 Wyong 2259

OFFICE HOURS: Mon to Thurs 9.30am to 2.30pm & Fri 9.30am to 12pm

PARISH CONTACTS

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Parish Coordinator **Jo Helm** ph: 0424 763 734 (Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri)
email: jo.helm@bbcatholic.org.au

Parish Secretary **Helen Bath** ph:02 4352 1011 (Wed & Thurs)

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 5pm 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 8.15 - 9.15am

Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Sat St Cecilia's & Wed 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

KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS

Prayer: The most valuable gift you can give someone.

SICK: Harriet Powell, Danae Roe, Peter Ford, Harry Hall, Michael Briggs, Christine Heffernan, Jennese Thompson, Leeann Hazelton, Bernadette Kiely, Steve Durnford, Ann Durnford, Maureen Mulheron, Angela Watts, William Martin, Terence (Ted) Dafter, Finn McConnon, Margaret Hobbs, Christine, Jacqui Stacey, Josie Campbell, Carol Dafter, Dave Rodney, Gwen Dwyer, Helen Waters, Rod & Pauline Cornwell, Marie & Peter Rheinberger, Hannah Hopwood, Fay King, Joan Mabbutt, Irene Dainty, Eoin, Paula, Peter Meury, Lyn Nash, Eli Jennings.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Keith Feehely, Susan Bollard, John Cornwell,

ANNIVERSARY NOVEMBER: Ron Mahoney, Marie Therese Bartlett

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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 Joanne. The contact details are on the back to the Bulletin.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention November

Children Who Suffer

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

Sunday Mass 27 November 2022 First Sunday of ADVENT, Year A

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Isaiah 2:1-5

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills.

All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.'

He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles.

Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war

O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Second Reading Romans 13:11-14

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon - let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Vox Populi - Voice of the People

24 November 2022

This Sunday, 27 November marks the start of Advent. It is the beginning of the Church's liturgical year and encompasses the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas.

It is a time of reflection, anticipation and preparation when we can direct our minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time, and to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas.

The exact origin of the celebration is not known, although it was being practiced as early as the 5th century.

Saint Gregory of Tours wrote about his predecessor Saint Perpetuus decreeing a fast three times a week from the feast of Saint Martin (November 11) until Christmas.

It's unclear whether this was a new custom or the reinforcement of an existing custom.

Either way, the custom began to spread beyond the Diocese of Tours, and soon all of France was observing three days of fasting each week between the feast of Saint Martin and Christmas.

However the practice of fasting went beyond France, and many chose to fast every day of the Advent season, not just the three days prescribed.

By the 13th century, the fast of Advent was not being as commonly practiced, and so it was reformed, shortening it to a four-week cycle.

The liturgical season of Advent (which comes from the Latin *adventus*, meaning "coming") is now spread over four Sundays, with the readings and teachings focused on the preparation for the Second Coming and the Last Judgement.

People are often fascinated by Jesus' promise to "come again". But the scripture readings during Advent tell us not to waste our time with predictions. Advent is not about speculation. The Advent readings call us to be alert and ready, not weighted down and distracted by the cares of this world (Lk 21:34-36).

During the season of Advent, the liturgical colour is violet which represents penance, preparation and sacrifice.

It serves as a beautiful visual reminder to the faithful, that they should carry this spirit of repentance and penance throughout the season, remembering that Christ's birth was the beginning of his earthly mission, preaching the faith and eventually dying for our salvation. However on the 3rd Sunday of Advent, or Gaudete Sunday, priests wear rose-coloured vestments, just as it is during Lent, which represents the joyful reward that comes from offering sacrifice with patience.

During Advent there are four candles, one each week, followed by the white candle at Christmas. The first one, violet or light purple, represents God's People. It is the candle of Hope. The second, also violet, represents the Old Testament Prophets, and is the Candle of Peace. The third represents John the Baptist, and is the Candle of Hope. This is rose-coloured. The fourth, again violet, represents Mary the Mother of Jesus, and is the Candle of Joy.

Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day, We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.



Every gift makes a difference to someone in hospital, school, a parish or the wider community.

PASTORAL WORKS Broken Bay

Pastoral Works Broken Bay is the pastoral charity of the Catholic community in Broken Bay.

In supporting our pastoral works you are helping our dedicated catechists provide thousands of state school students with a Catholic education; and helping us provide comfort, care, a listening ear and the sacraments to those who are vulnerable or experiencing loneliness, illness and isolation through our hospital chaplaincy program.

Our pastoral works also assist students with disability achieve their dreams, and provides practical support for the deaf community.

Your gift does make a difference. It maybe young people in schools, someone in hospital, a parish or the wider community.

My prayer is that Pastoral Works Broken Bay enables us to reach further and wider in helping our community, and more deeply connects us to our vision and the mission of Jesus. I am deeply grateful for your support.

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD JCL,
Bishop of Broken Bay



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COME HELP DECORATE THE CHRISTMAS TREE

FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO COME AND HELP
DECORATE THE CHURCH CHRISTMAS TREE

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Parish Christmas Dinner

WYONG CATHOLIC
PARISH

St Cecilia's
St John Fisher
St Peter's

CELEBRATE THE END OF YEAR WITH US

- WHEN** Friday 16th December 2022
- WHERE** St John Fisher Hall Hicks Lane Tumbi Umbi
- TIME** 6pm
- COST** Donation
- RSVP** Monday 5th December Jo 0424 763 734

*Please join us for Dinner
and Christmas Carols*

**16TH
FRIDAY
DEC 2022**



Christmas Eve Children Mass

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Wyong Catholic Parish

WELCOME TO THE CHRISTMAS
NOVENA MASSES 2022

Simbang Gabi Launch

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHEDRAL

10 December | 5:00 PM

27 Yardley Ave, Waitara

Hornsby

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

15-23 December | 7:00 PM

27 Yardley Ave, Waitara

Cynthia.alipalo@gmail.com

bbfc.hornsby@gmail.com

Dee Why

ST. KEVIN'S CHURCH

15-23 December | 7:30 PM

50 Oaks Ave, Dee Why

c/o Marlon Cabilao

Mobile no. 0430249450

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16-24 December | 5:30 AM

94 Archer st, Chatswood

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ST. CECILIA'S CHURCH

The Tridumm

21, 22, 23 December | 7:00 PM

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monette2905@gmail.com

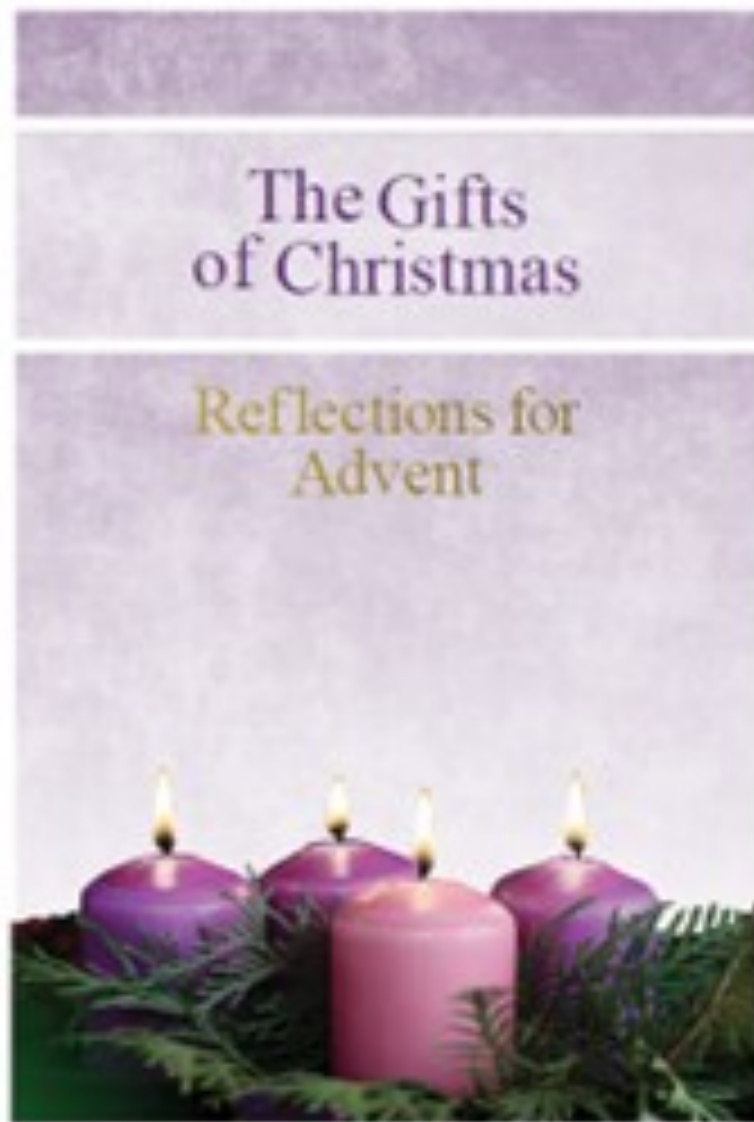
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Filipino Chaplaincy Broken Bay





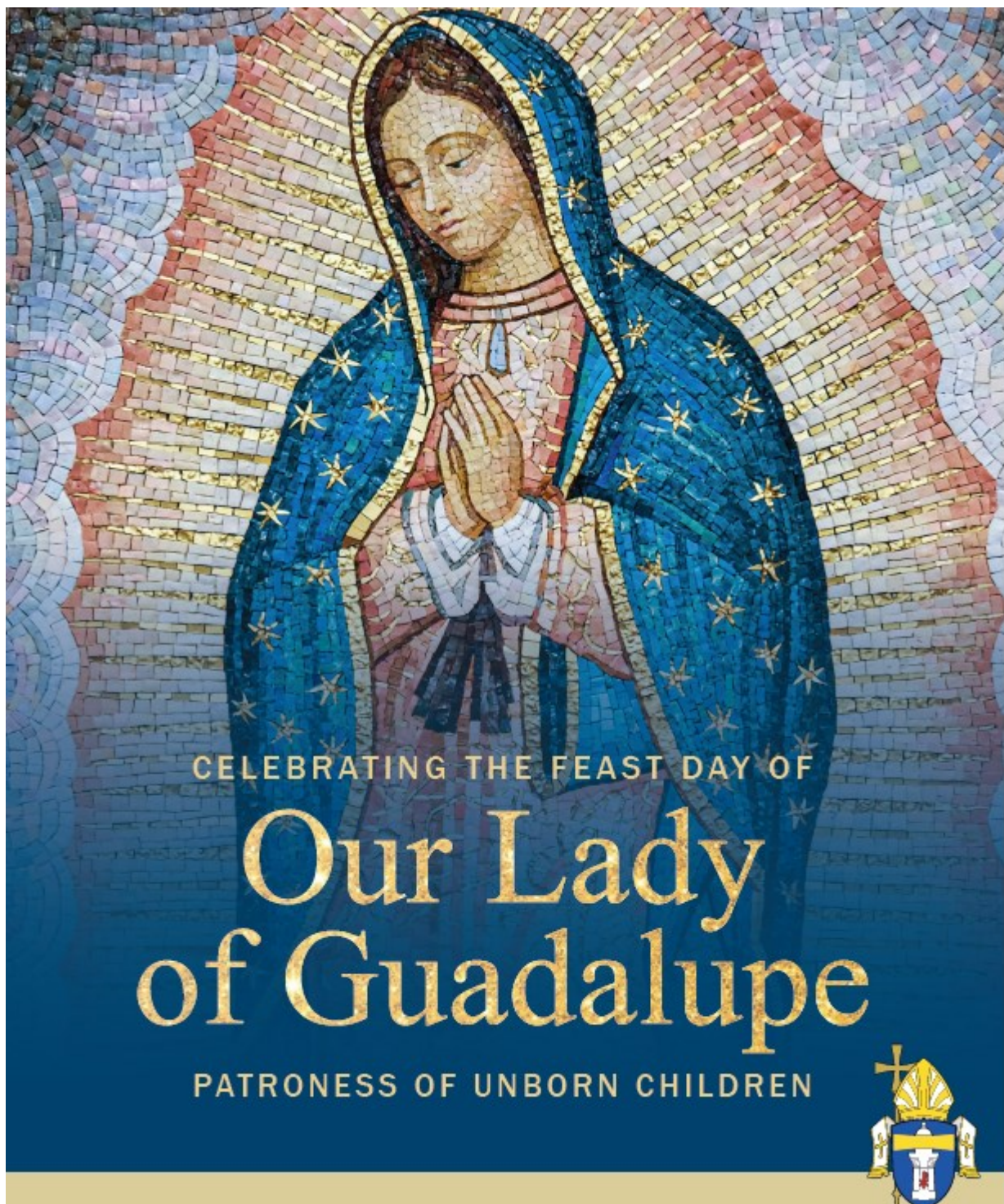
Our new Diocesan Advent resource is now available.

Written by Fr David Ranson, it offers reflections based on the Gifts of Christmas that are represented by the Advent candles, these being Hope, Faith, Joy, and Peace.

You may wish to use this resource for small groups during Advent, or it is also suitable for individual reflection.

The resource can be accessed on the [Diocesan webpage](#)

For further information or assistance, please contact Pina Bernard at pina.bernard@bbcatholic.org.au or 0432 682 239.



All are invited to celebrate the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of unborn children, at a Mass celebrated by Bishop Anthony Randazzo.

The Mass will include a special blessing for expectant mothers and those wishing to conceive a child. Details are as follows:

Date: Monday 12 December 2022

Time: 7:00pm Mass

Venue: Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church, 94 Archer St Chatswood

Following Mass, refreshments and entertainment will be offered in the church forecourt.