

# 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 OCTOBER 2024 THIRTIETH 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 27.10.2024—30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The healing of Bartimaeus from blindness can be interpreted both literally and metaphorically. There is another healing of blindness in Mark's Gospel at 8:22-26. In that instance, the man is brought to Jesus and healing takes place progressively. The man 'began' to see things clearly. He is sent home, instructed to avoid the village - as though urging him not to draw attention to himself. Bartimaeus has no intermediaries. He approaches Jesus directly and after being healed becomes a follower of Jesus. He knows who Jesus is and understands what it means to become his follower. Jesus affirms him: 'Your faith has made you well.' This is a pivotal point in Mark's Gospel. Bartimaeus comes to full sight - physically and spiritually – then Jesus progresses to Jerusalem where he will encounter great spiritual blindness and faithlessness. Bartimaeus challenges us to ask for healing from our own particular blindness.

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St Cecilia's Relic Installation Mass—Invitation RSVP slip

Name : ..... Contact Number:.....

Number of People attending:.....

## RELIC SNIPPETS



- The first choir practice was held on Tuesday with a total of 9 singers. Thank you to all who have joined the choir for the Installation of the relic. We are particularly short of male voices if you are able to volunteer, please do so.
- Suitable memorabilia at a reasonable cost have proven difficult to purchase. Overseas postage is costly and to cover all the costs means the price becomes quite expensive.
- A special brochure to honour St Cecilia is being prepared and will be available by installation day.
- A notice board advertising the 23rd November will be erected on the grass area in the front of the presbytery.

A big **thank you** from the Sisters of St Joseph for the latest stamp donations collected from St Cecilia's & St John Fisher. With Christmas coming, please remember to ask your family, friends & neighbours if they'd like to donate any stamps.

## SPECIAL TABLE LOAN

Beneath the reliquary box in the Shrine of St Cecilia, there is the need for a table on which to place the authenticity documents, flowers and candles. It is planned that this table will be specially built, but will not be available for the 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Any parishioner, who has a table with dimensions close to **100 x 40 x 60 cm.** and is prepared to loan it for this purpose, could you please phone the parish office on: **4352 1011** with this Information. Thank you, your help will be most appreciated.

## BUNNINGS BARBECUE—THANK YOU

A special thank you must go Firstly to **Bunnings Tuggerah**, for the use of their facilities and equipment and to **Mars Food & Nutrition Australia** for their sauces which were provided at no cost. Secondly, to all **volunteers** who helped to make Bunnings Barbecue a huge success last Saturday, without you the event could not have been held. Your help was most appreciated. A total of **\$2100** was raised.



## WORKING BEE

A working bee will be held on **Saturday 9th November** commencing at **9:00 am**. This will ensure everything is 'spick and span' for the Relic Celebration and Christmas.

### Areas included are:

- Outside** -- General clean up, garden tidy up, wall washing, driveway update, window clean & painting. A check also of outdoor furniture, gazebos etc
- Inside**-- (church and meeting room) Floor, walls, windows, kneelers and pews clean.

For organisational purposes, please R.S.V.P. the parish office on 43521011 if you can help.

Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.



## The Pope's Prayer Intention for the month of November For Anyone Who Has Lost A Child

We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

## Liturgy Ministry

If you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic minister (EMHC), Altar server or reader at any of our Parish Masses then please contact the office on: 4352 1011 or [wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au). Thank you.

## Parish Calendar

- 27<sup>th</sup> October** – Infant Loss Memorial Masses. St Cecilia's 9:30am & St John Fisher 8:30am
- 29<sup>th</sup> October** – Choir Practice 5pm
- 1<sup>st</sup> November** – All Saints Day & 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month
- 2<sup>nd</sup> November** – All Souls Day
- 2<sup>nd</sup> /3<sup>rd</sup> November** – Deceased Spouses Remembrance at all Masses.
- 5<sup>th</sup> November** – Choir Practice 5pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> November** – Working Bee 9am St Cecilia's
- 11<sup>th</sup> November** – Remembrance Day
- 12<sup>th</sup> November** – Final Choir Practice 5pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> November** – PPC meeting
- 22<sup>nd</sup> November** – Feast of St Cecilia
- 23<sup>rd</sup> November** – St Cecilia's Relic Installation

## Catholic Mission Parish Appeal

We would like to thank you for your generosity supporting the Church in Mongolia and House of Mercy. Thanks to your kindness, people like Chuluunbaatar will have access to the support they need to help them get back on their feet. Your gift will also support a variety of Church programs around the world. To learn more about the impact your support is making, please visit [catholicmission.org.au/our-work](http://catholicmission.org.au/our-work). Here, you can also sign up to our regular newsletter to keep up to date with the latest news. If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please do so at [catholicmission.org.au/mongolia](http://catholicmission.org.au/mongolia). Your action will make a profound change on people's lives.



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# 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 [wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au)



## THIS WEEK'S Special MASSES

### All Saints Day

FRIDAY 1ST NOV  
ST CECILIA'S: 8AM

ST JOHN FISHER'S 9.15AM

HEALING MASS AT 11.30AM AT ST CECILIA'S

### All Souls Day

SAT 2ND NOV  
ST CECILIA'S: 8AM

ST JOHN FISHER'S : 5PM

### Deceased Spouses Mass

WEEKEND OF 2ND & 3RD NOV  
ALL MASSES AT BOTH ST CECILIA'S  
& ST JOHN FISHER'S  
(SEE BACK OF BULLETIN FOR MASS TIMES)



### THANK YOU FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING SUPPORT

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.

## CRH - Catholics Returning Home

### An Open Door for Returning Catholics

Welcome...

- Were you raised Catholic but do not come or seldom come to Church anymore?
- Are you a Catholic who know feels separated from the Church?
- Would you like to know more about the Catholic Church as it is today?
- Would you like to feel at home in the Catholic Church again?

No matter how long you have been away and no matter what reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church.

Hi, my name is Candice Little,

I am the Director of Wellbeing at St Peter's Catholic College. I have been commissioned with the ministry of Catholics Returning Home. This program seeks to listen to lapsed Catholics wishing to return to the Church but may hold anger, disillusionment or resentment towards past experiences or teachings that have caused them to distance themselves from their faith. This is a program of compassion, kindness and understanding, I too was a non-practicing Catholic for many years. The program will run for six weeks on Monday evening 6pm-7:30pm, starting on the 11th November 2024 at St Peter's Catholic College. Refreshments will be available. If you know someone who may want to reconnect with their faith community please take this invitation to pass on.

**Date:** Monday 11th November

**Time:** 6pm-7:30pm

**Place:** St Peter's Catholic College

**Contact:** [candice.little@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:candice.little@dbb.catholic.edu.au)



### 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.



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.



### 200 Club Update 2024

DATE	Type	1 <sup>ST</sup>		2 <sup>nd</sup>	
26th/27th October	Weekly	156	Candice Little	181	Lyn McMahon



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## 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

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

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

Parish Secretaries **Margaret Vandenberg & Christine Sassine**

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 McDermott, Michele Bolton, Jeanine Doueihy, Lisa Glanville, Jackson Ticehurst, Margaret McDermott

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Eddie Donnelly, Beth Kenny, Tom Kiernan, May Fagan, Dolores Barnedo, Fr Len Helm, Julia McDermott, Nelly De Guzman Eco, Hondrio Aguila

### ANNIVERSARY OCTOBER:

Margaret Donnelly, Frank Costa, Kerry (Andrew) Baldwin, Eileen Preston, James Smith, Agnes Myers, Fay King, Deceased members of Croke & Kenny Families



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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 - Jeremiah 31:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The Lord says this: Shout with joy for Jacob! Hail the chief of nations! Proclaim! Praise! Shout! 'The Lord has saved his people, the remnant of Israel!' See, I will bring them back from the land of the North and gather them from the far ends of earth; all of them: the blind and the lame, women with child, women in labour: a great company returning here. They had left in tears, I will comfort them as I lead them back; I will guide them to streams of water, by a smooth path where they will not stumble. For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born son.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm - Ps 125

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

### Second Reading - Hebrews 5:1-6

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation - 2 Timothy 1:10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!

### Gospel - Mark 10:46-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

# UPCOMING FAMILY PICNIC DATES:

**4TH AUGUST**

**8TH SEPTEMBER**

**13TH OCTOBER**

**10TH NOVEMBER**

**8TH DECEMBER**

FROM 10:30AM AT ST CECILIA'S CATHOLIC  
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# NIGHT of Light

THURSDAY  
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239-243 The Entrance Rd, The Entrance

**RSVP:**

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by 27 Oct



Halloween ('All Hallows Eve'), is the evening before the feast of All Saints - the feast in which we celebrate the glory of God in His Saints. We will be celebrating the victory of light over darkness and Jesus's victory over death!

**Make this a memorable night for your children - encourage them to dress as their favourite Saint or in white. Everyone else attending please wear something white as a reminder that this is a Night of Light!!**

Making the Light shine on Halloween again!!! Go to this link to learn more about Night of Light:  
<https://youtu.be/MCemOgw0QQ0>



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## *All Souls' Mass*

*We are commemorating all of the faithful departed during our All Souls' Day service.*

*We pray for all our dearly departed loved ones at this time of remembrance.  
Join us for the commemoration of all the faithful departed.*

**WHERE:** Hillside Chapel, Palmdale Lawn Cemetery and Memorial Park

**57 Palmdale Road, Palmdale NSW 2258**

**WHEN:** 2nd November 2024      **TIME:** 10am


**Conducted by Rev Fr Anthony Peter de Souza**

**Our Lady of the Rosary Wyoming Parish**

**Light refreshments will be provided and all are welcome.**

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**28<sup>TH</sup> Oct - 12<sup>TH</sup> Nov 2024**

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## HIGHLIGHTS

- 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
- Visit Lisieux, the home of St Therese
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# Wyong Catholic Parish

Invites you to



## St Cecilia's Relic Installation Mass



On

Saturday, 23rd November 2024

At 11:00am

Celebrated by Very Rev Dr David Ranson VG

At St Cecilia's Church

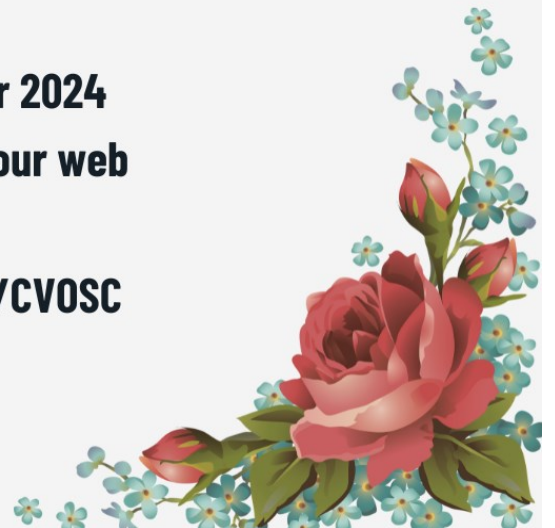
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This special Mass will be followed by light refreshments  
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## Meet your Instructors and Team:

### 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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### REGISTRATION INFORMATION



### EARLY EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

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- **Inclusion:** Immersion Course with all materials, five nights (twin shared room) accommodation and meals.
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The Philippines was under the Spanish Regime for 333 years, a period that greatly influenced the culture and religion of the Filipino people. The Philippines has the biggest population of Catholics in Asia, with 79%, according to the Philippine Statistics Authority's 2020 Census.

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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

Batac: Sites of Batac

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## Exclusions:

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# POLAND & ITALY

## IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. JOHN PAUL II

DATE:	<b>16 – 31 MAY 2025</b>
PRICE:	<b>8350 AUD/person + TIPS</b> (GROUP 21 PERSONS)
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ROUTE:	<b>WARSAW - ZELAZOWA WOLA (CHOPIN) - JASNA GORA (CZESTOCHOWA) - AUSCHWITZ - KRAKOW - WIELICZKA SALT MINE - LAGIEWNIKI (SHRINE FAUSTYNA &amp; JOHN PAUL II) - ZAKOPANE - WADOWICE - ROME - VATICAN - BOLSENA - ORVIETO - ASSISI</b>



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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:**

- 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**