

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

28TH APRIL 2024 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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 28.04.24

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Viticulture or the production of grapes was as common in Israel in Jesus' time as it is today. The vines are usually planted on the slopes of hills, which were less suitable for the planting of crops. The ground is cleared of stones and terraced, the vineyard secured by an enclosing wall or hedge, and a watchtower is built for an additional protection. These steps are described in the Vineyard Song in Isaiah 5.

Metaphorically, Israel is compared with the vine (Psalm 80:9ff). It was brought out of Egypt (the Exodus story) and planted in the promised land. It was the peculiar object of the care of the Lord from which he expected much fruit. But the vine yielded only 'wild grapes', or, more precisely, grapes that rot before they are ripe. Israel did not produce the fruits expected by the divine grower because of its bloodshed and injustice.

At the Last Supper, when Jesus declares that he is the 'true vine', he proclaims that he is the new Israel who bears fruits pleasing to God. But he also focuses on his disciples whom he calls 'branches'. United with Jesus, they become the new Israel, the new people of God. But to bear fruit that is pleasing to the vine grower, they must abide with Jesus. They must stay attached to Jesus as if their life depended on it. Pope Francis says that to remain in Jesus means - 'To do good, to help others, to pray to the Father, to care for the sick, to help the poor, to have the joy of the Holy Spirit'.





RELIC SNIPPETS

The special celebratory morning tea held last Sunday the 21st of April was to thank our two governments, Federal and State who provided grant funding for the restoration of the windows in our church.

Emma McBride represented the Federal government and brought apologies from David Harris (State representative) who was unable to attend as his presence was needed in Sydney for other pressing matters.

The restoration of the windows has been very timely as we prepare for our shrine of St Cecilia. This will mean that this part of the Church is at its best for the official opening on the 23rd of November.

Interesting Facts:

-St Cecilia with her husband St Valerian and his brother Tibertius all worked tirelessly for the less fortunate of their time. They were all martyred under the Roman Emperor Alexander Severus.



SPECIAL MORNING TEA

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Anointing of the Sick—Friday: 3rd May

First Friday of the Month

St Cecilia's During 8.00am & 11.30am Mass

St John Fisher During 9.15am Mass

Thank You—Thank you to the parishioner who donated white lilies for the church decorations.



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.

MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE

Our Mother's Day raffle will be held over the next few weeks.

The tickets will be sold for **\$2 each**. Proceeds will be donated to the Mother Teresa Nuns, Missionaries of Charity and Church maintenance.

Your support will be very much appreciated.

Marie Dyer

St Barnabas Church, Yarramalong

First Sunday of the Month

Mass will be celebrated at St Barnabas Church, Yarramalong **Sunday 5th May 2024 at 11.15am**.

All are welcome to attend.

A Catholic Response to Domestic Violence

Last week the Diocese 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://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](#).

THANK YOU FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING SUPPORT

250 NUMBERS SOLD

Weekly Prizes are \$50 – 1st & \$20 – 2nd
Monthly Prizes are \$200 – 1st & \$50 – 2nd
and will be last weekend of the month.

250 Club Update 2024

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27th/28th April	weekly	63	Anne Hooley & Louis Sammut	57	Anonymous



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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

Parish Priest **Fr Raul Balute, SOLT** ph: 0450 115 099

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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

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, Frank Laoulach

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Maureen Murphy, Dorrie Betts, Maureen Martin, Fr Michael Kelly, Kathy Honor

ANNIVERSARY APRIL: Aaron Collins, Kay Taylor, Leanne Smith, Leslie Smith, Beryl Moloney, Roberta (Robbie) Jones, Dominga & Eutiquio Diaz, Jack Gill, deceased members of Croke & Kenny families, Margaret Hines, Jack Gill.

To add or remove names in our "Prayers" section of the bulletin, please contact the Parish office to advise. Thank you.



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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 Acts 9:26-31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus. The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 21:26-28, 30-32

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

Second Reading 1 John 3:18-24

A reading from the first letter of St John

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ

and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation John 15:4-5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 15:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away - he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSFORD PARISH | SHRINE OF JP II

OUR LADY OF FATIMA NIGHT

11TH MAY, SATURDAY VIGIL

@ 5:00 PM

MAIN CELEBRANT:

**MOST REV ANTHONY RANDAZZO,
BISHOP OF BROKEN BAY DIOCESE**

**AFTER MASS MULTI-LINGUAL
ROSARY & CANDLE PROCESSION**



CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL NSW CELEBRATING
PENTECOST EVE " ANOINTING "

Please join the Catholic Charismatic Renewal NSW in celebrating Pentecost Eve "Anointing" on Saturday 18th May at Servants of Jesus Centre 15 Park Road Seven Hills for an afternoon of Praise & Worship, Testimonies and Prayer Ministry from 4-7pm hosted by youth from different streams. Booking is essential, register with link. <https://www.trybooking.com/CPMXQ?qr=true> .

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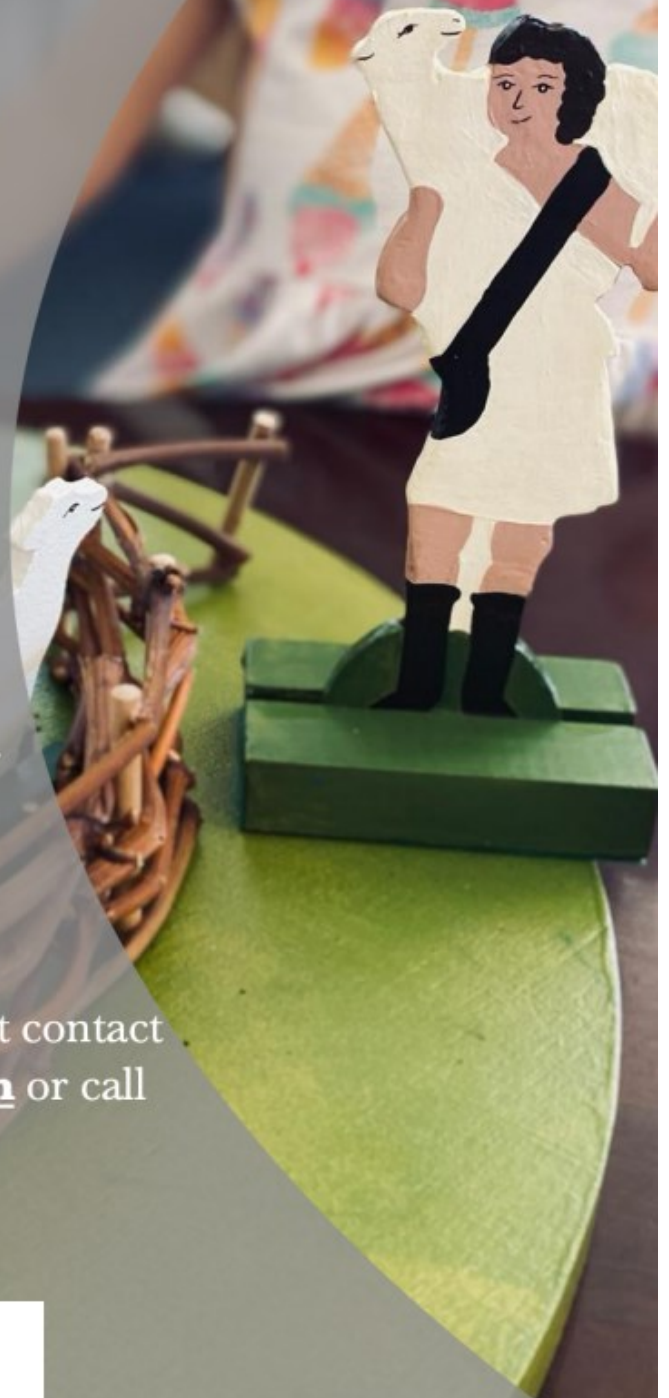
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SAFEGUARDING is everyone's responsibility



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**