

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

4TH AUGUST 2024 EIGHTEENTH 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 4.8.2024

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

All the sacred readings today have one goal – that we give up our old way of living, which hems us in with creaturely needs and desires, and live only for God. And this is especially true in our Gospel. Today and for the next three Sundays we get a continuous reading of the Gospel of John, chapter 6. It is an extended discourse on what it means to believe in Jesus and follows the feeding miracle and Jesus' walking on water. We begin with the sign of the manna from heaven, retold in the reading of the Exodus and reinterpreted by Jesus in the Gospel. Jesus wants us to 'work for food that endures to eternal life'. What is this food? It is certainly not the manna! As the Exodus passage tells us, it is enough only for the day and, we will have hungry stomachs again tomorrow. We are invited to feast on the Bread of Life, Jesus himself, who will not only fulfil our physical hunger, but feed our souls as well. Only Jesus can fill us abundantly and eternally to overflowing with blessing, and our belief in him is the only requirement to feast at his table of joy. All are welcome - come, see, believe!

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SAINT MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP—FEAST DAY 8TH OF AUGUST

Mary MacKillop was a trail-blazer in her lifetime, leaving a culture of exemplary living for her followers to emulate. Mary paved the way for education of poor children and a variety of ministries which addressed the needs of 19th century Australia. Mary MacKillop's legacy holds more for the Sisters of Saint Joseph and followers than the way we minister. She encourages us to be women of justice and ecumenism. Mary inspires us to be courageous and hopeful and to have a deep faith in our God who provides. Mary MacKillop has shown us how to forgive and how to be compassionate; she teaches us about sanctity and is a saint for all of us today. Mary MacKillop Place and the Sisters of Saint Joseph extend a warm invitation to celebrate the Feast Day of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop on Tuesday, 8 August 2023. "Mary MacKillop Place is a site unlike any other because Mary lived, died and is buried there."



VOLUNTEER'S NEEDED FOR CLEANING & COUNTING

We are in need of volunteers to help in our Parish, specifically in the areas of cleaning (days to be confirmed) & counting on Tuesdays. If these roles interest you and you're able to help, please contact us as soon as possible at wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au or 4352 1011. If there is currently anyone on the roster who is unable to continue, please advise the Parish office.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Congratulations and thank you to all Year 11 students and their teachers for their hard work. Please know that we deeply appreciate all the time and effort that went into making this a lovely afternoon. You can all be very proud of your work.

Thank you to the staff at St Peter's Catholic College for allowing this opportunity to create community bonds between Parish and School.

Raffle donations totalled to \$450. Thank you to all who contributed.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024

It is with great pleasure that we begin to prepare students to receive their Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

We invite all parents who would like their children to

receive their Sacrament of First Holy Communion to register using this QR code.

If you are interested or have any questions, please attend the **Parent Information Night** on Monday **12th August at 7pm** in the Parish Hall.

We ask for the continued prayers of the community for all the families preparing or contemplating during this time.



SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY
COMMUNION ENROLMENT FORM
2024



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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RCIA—ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO BECOME A CATHOLIC?

This is Clint Warren-Davey,

Religious Education teacher at St. Peter's Catholic College. With the support of Fr Raul, Fr Alex , Fr Teody I will be running **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)** through Wyong Parish in 2024-2025. This is for people who are curious about becoming Catholic, or Catholics who want to delve deeper into their faith.

I will be explaining the core doctrines of Catholicism along with rational arguments for why we believe them.

If you have any questions about the Faith, this is the place to ask them!

The first session will be held in August 2024.

If anyone is curious about this, please contact myself or the Parish office.

Clint: clint.warrendavey@dbb.catholic.edu.au

FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE & STALL

Father's Day raffle and stall will commence from the following weekends:

- 17th/18th August – SJF, Tumbi Umbi
- 24th/25th August – St Cecilia's, Wyong

Rae will be selling all things Brick a Brack, Odds and Ends & Jewellery - Nothing over \$5! Raffle tickets selling at \$2 each.

RELIC SNIPPETS



St Cecilia
PRAY FOR US



Meeting Report. From the meeting on 22 July there is little change to the information reported from the June meeting. The reliquary itself still has not yet arrived from overseas. An additional quote has also to be obtained for the reliquary box. Investigation into the purchase of suitable and reasonably priced memorabilia is proving a challenge. Australian sites are limited and have very few suitable products. There are several overseas sites available but conversion of the cost to the Australian dollar makes the item quite expensive. If any parishioner is aware of places where suitable purchases could be made, please give this information to a member of the relic committee. Any suggestions will be most appreciated.

Student lessons. The first of these classes was held on Monday last after the school Mass. The students were excellent. They were very interested in the message being given and their enthusiasm was infectious. Next Monday, year 4 students will attend the school Mass. I am sure Year 5 will have already brought the message back to school and these young

students will be eager for the opportunity to see the relic itself as well as learn about St Cecilia and the celebration on 23 November.



Facts about St Cecilia

- lived in the 3rd Century
- converted over 400 people and gave her belongings to the poor
- martyred for her love of Jesus
- her incorrupt body is found in St Cecilia's church in Trastevere, Rome under the high altar
- Patroness of music & musicians
- her feast day is 22nd November

THANK YOU FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING SUPPORT

Weekly Prizes are \$50 – 1st & \$20 – 2nd

Monthly Prizes are \$150 – 1st & \$50 – 2nd

200 Club Update 2024

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10th/11th August	Weekly	59	Maureen Roast	104	Ros Maccari



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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

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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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PARISH WEBSITE: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/wyong/>

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, Irene Dainty, Rod & Pauline Cornwell, Michael & Julia McDermott, Michele Bolton, Jeanine Doueih, Lisa Glanville, Jackson Ticehurst

RECENTLY DECEASED: Maureen Martin, Fr Michael Kelly, Kathy Honor, Marie Malouf, Sue Simmons, Tarcisio (Charlie) Carlo Maccari, Eddie Donnelly

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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 Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15**

A reading from the book of Exodus

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our heart's content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them in this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.'

'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your heart's content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God.'" And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 77:3-4, 23-25, 54

R. The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Second Reading Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 6:24-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.'

Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'

Jesus answered:

'I tell you solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.'

'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered:

'I am the bread of life.

He who comes to me will never be hungry;
he who believes in me will never thirst.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Spirituality in the Pub (SIP)

Meeting 7.30-9.00pm 6th August at the Grange Hotel, Wyoming (cnr. Renwick St & Pacific Hwy).

The guest speakers are **Adrian & Margie Cohen**: Adrian and Margie have been Christians for most of their lives. Adrian, as a general surgeon, has seen the wonders of the Creator's hand in his work, and Margie, as a high school teacher and counsellor, has experienced God's grace and healing in relationships she has worked with. They have lived and worked on the Central Coast for over 35 years, having also had the privilege of regularly working in the Western Province of PNG over a period of 12 years. Adrian also worked for a time with Mercy Ships in Senegal

Tell anyone else who may be interested. Bistro opens at 5.30pm.

SIP enquiries: 0415 129250 or 0439 678608.

Many thanks in anticipation,

Tony

Tony Voller

for SIP Committee

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National Vocations Awareness Week 4 - 11 August 2024



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MARY MACKILLOP PLACE

ST MARY MACKILLOP FEAST DAY CELEBRATION 2024 8th August

We invite you to a day of celebration,
prayer, pilgrimage and thanksgiving
for
SAINT MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP
FEAST DAY - 8TH AUGUST 2024
at
Mary MacKillop Place,
80 William St, North Sydney

Mass times

8.00am in the Chapel
10am and 1pm on Glen Roy Green (bring a hat)
6.00pm in the Chapel

10.00am Mass will be livestreamed free
via our website: www.marymackillopplace.org.au

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/embed/lppmamzmOb0>

Pray at the Tomb of St Mary MacKillop.
Write your prayers of Petition.
Reflect in the Chapel.
Spend time in Alma Cottage – the place of St Mary's death.

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**Invitation to Santa Maria festa (Our Lady of Mary)
at St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Church, Warnervale 18th of August
2024**

The Santa Maria Central Coast Association invites you to join them for Mass at 3pm with Fr Carmelo Sciberas followed by a procession around the Church at 4pm.

More than 300 people, including many Maltese, travel from all over Sydney and the Central Coast for this joyous occasion.

Everyone is welcome. Come and enjoy traditional sweets and pastizzi.

Fireworks at 6pm!

For more information Charlie Scicluna 0404194020 or Glenn Dcruz 0413291129

UPCOMING FAMILY PICNIC DATES:

4TH AUGUST

8TH SEPTEMBER

13TH OCTOBER

10TH NOVEMBER

8TH DECEMBER

FROM 10:30AM AT ST CECILIA'S CATHOLIC
CHURCH



CHOSEN TERM 3 DATES:

28TH JULY

11TH AUGUST

25TH AUGUST

9TH SEPTEMBER

22ND SEPTEMBER

**5-6:30PM AT ST CECILIAS CATHOLIC
CHURCH**



TUNE IN & CHILL OUT

THURSDAY 15, 22 & 29 AUGUST 2024
6.00 – 8.00PM

Central Coast Family Centre
10/10 Pioneer Avenue, Tuggerah Business Park

This 3 week group program is for people who wish to manage their emotions in healthier ways. Participants will learn and use mindfulness techniques to gain greater awareness and understanding of their emotions, such as anger, and express them in ways which are not harmful to themselves or others. The program consists of three sessions, conducted over three consecutive weeks.

Each session goes for two hours.
Light refreshments will be provided.

\$25 concession and \$65 full fee per session.
Package for 3 three week program: \$50 concession and \$130 full fee (payable prior to group commencement).

MORE INFO & BOOKINGS

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ACTS 3:6-7



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!

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.

Inspired by this nation, its people, and our own catholic faith, we are organising a pilgrimage tour to the Philippines, centred on visiting renowned places, churches and Minor Basilicas:

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

***Note: Itinerary may be subject to change

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Exclusions:

- Plane fares from Sydney to Manila and back

Optional tours before and after the pilgrimage tour

For inquiries:

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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



Our Community is **SAFE**