

# 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*

**5TH JANUARY—EPIPHANY & 12TH JANUARY—BAPTISM OF OUR LORD 2025 YEAR C**

**WYONG CATHOLIC PARISH**

**ST CECILIA'S CHURCH, ST JOHN FISHER MASS CTR & ST PETER'S CHAPEL**

**Under the Pastoral Care of the  
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## Epiphany Reflection 5.1.25

The journey of the magi leads them to Jerusalem to pay homage to the king of the Jews. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (n.528) comments: 'This shows that they seek in Israel, in the messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be king of the nations. Their coming means that pagans can discover Jesus and worship him as Son of God and Saviour of the world only by turning towards the Jews and receiving from them the messianic promise as contained in the Old Testament.' What a fascinating statement! It impresses upon us that, in our path to God, there is no side-stepping the story of Israel. 'Salvation is from the Jews,' says John's Gospel (4:22). True, the early Church developed through communities comprised of disciples of Jesus who were Jews and Gentiles, from the people of Israel and from the nations. However, the God they embraced was not a pagan god of the nations, it was the God of Israel, here encountered in the presence of the Christ-child. The discovery of the magi at the manger is ours too, each time we turn to the Christmas story.

May the blessings fill your  
heart with faith, warmth, and  
endless grace.



## Baptism of Our Lord Reflection 12.1.25

On today's feast, we reflect upon the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan. This was not 'Christian' baptism as we understand it today. However, the scriptural images of water, Spirit and intimacy with God can lead us to remember our own baptism as a gift and calling of intimacy with the Father. While this remembrance applies to all the Christian faithful, in a special way it can hold significance for those whose vocation is marked solely by baptism, without the annual celebration of promises made in marriage, ordination or religious life. While baptism lies at the heart of all these wonderful life commitments, single people model baptismal commitment in its essentials, 'unadorned' by other foci (so to speak). Jesus himself lived life as a single lay man in the sense that he never married or had children and he was not a priest in the Jewish tradition. Today, we give thanks for the committed single people in our families, parishes, ministries and friendship circles—God's beloved sons and daughters. What can we learn from their baptismal witness?

**PARISH OFFICE  
HOLIDAY CLOSURE**

**Closed** 23rd December 2024

**Reopening** 14th January 2025



We warmly welcome the children who are to be baptized this fortnight into our Parish Community. May the grace of the Lord Jesus bless them and their families.

**St. Cecilia's Relic Installation Mass –**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> November 2024**

The video link of St. Cecilia's Relic Installation Mass will be available in the New Year.

Should you wish to obtain a copy of the video please contact the office when we reopen on the 14<sup>th</sup> of January 2025.

**RCIA**

Our Rite of Christian Initiation Program will return this year on Saturday 1st February 2025 at 3pm in the parish hall.

Please keep these candidates in your prayers as they prepare to receive their sacraments.

**EPHANY Prayer**

Lord Jesus, light of the world, guide us to You and enable us to follow your holy Word, as the wise men from the East followed the leading of a star. Help us to see Your light in our lives and follow Your example of humility and love. Teach us to share Your light with others, showing them the way to Your truth and grace. Grant us your Holy Spirit, that we may always seek you and your kingdom. Give us grace at all times and in all places to confess your holy name.

Amen.

**BAPTISM Prayer**

Lord, thank you for the precious gift of baptism, that we can publicly declare our love and passion for you. Lord, we ask for your goodness and blessings to be poured out on each one of us.

We pray that you would work deeply within our hearts and souls, to renew and refresh us each day. Guide our footsteps, give us hope and a vision for the future.

Amen.

**Main Liturgical Feasts: January**

**1st Jan:** SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

**2nd Jan:** Saint Basil and Gregory

**3rd Jan:** Most Holy Name of Jesus

**5th Jan:** THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

**7th Jan:** Saint Raymond of Penyafort

**12th Jan:** THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

**13th Jan:** Saint Hilary & Monday of the first week in Ordinary Time

**17th Jan:** Saint Anthony

**18th Jan:** Saturday Mass of the Virgin Mary

**20th Jan:** Saint Sebastian & Saint Fabian

**21st Jan:** Saint Agnes

**22nd Jan:** Saint Vincent

**24th Jan:** Saint Francis de Sales

**25th Jan:** The Conversion of Saint Paul

**26th Jan:** Australia Day

**27th Jan:** Saint Angela Merici & Saints Timothy and Titus

**28th Jan:** Thomas Aquinas

**31st Jan:** Saint John Bosco

**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)

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Filipino-Australian Senyor Santo Nino Devotees'

# The Feast of Sto Nino 2025



SUNDAY | **19** | AT 11:00AM

JAN

ST PETER'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE  
84 Gavenlock Road TUGGERAH



## Details

- 11:00AM Mass
- 12:00NN Procession
- 12:30PM Sinulog dance with all the devotees
- 12:45PM Lunch will be served buffet style (water will be available for purchase)

## Contact

- Peps Burlat 0403 211 643  
(For volunteering)
- Lennie Sebing 0403 765 598  
(Financial donations/pledges)
- Manny Dangca 0420 603 743  
(Liturgy/Novena)
- Mona Santos 0406 998 422  
(General enquiry)

Anyone who would like to give pledges, bank deposit can be made to details below:  
BSB 637 000 Account #: 721209601 Ref "your name"

## St Barnabas Church Yarramalong

Mass will be celebrated at St Barnabas Church, Yarramalong

**Sunday 5th January at 11.15am.**

All are welcome.

## 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.

## Welcome New Parishioners

Welcome to anyone who is joining us for the first time today, or has just begun to come to Mass here recently. It's great to have you. Please pick up a "Welcome Pack" from the back of the church and thank you for building your spiritual home with us.

## Fun Fact about Our Lady of Guadalupe

Juan Diego found dozens of roses growing out of the frozen ground. Mary instructed him to fill his cloak with roses and bring them back to the Bishop. Once he was back before the bishop, he opened his cloak, letting the roses fall to the ground. Imprinted on his cloak was the image of the Virgin Mary.

## God's Word—Daily Reflections Book 2025— FOR SALE \$22

Books are now available for purchase.  
Please see Parish Priest celebrating Mass after Mass has ended should you wish to buy a copy.

## Parish Bulletin

E-BULLETIN If you would like to have the bulletin emailed to you, please send an email with "e-bulletin" as the subject to: [wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au)

## 200 CLUB UPDATE

**THANK YOU** for you outstanding support throughout the year! We look forward to seeing what this next year brings. For results from 28th/29th December 2024 please see either the notice board, or the next bulletin on the 19th January 2025.



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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**

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Parish Secretaries **Margaret Vandenberg & Christine Sassine**

**PARISH EMAIL:** [wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au)

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

**FACEBOOK:** [www.facebook.com/wyongcatholicparish](http://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 McDermott, Michele Bolton, Jeanine Doueihy, Lisa Glanville, Jackson Ticehurst, Margaret McDermott, Dave Rodney, Danae Roe

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Hondrio Aguila, Maria Esther Attard, Fr Michael O'Toole, Peter Vaughan, Manfred Merl

**ANNIVERSARY DECEMBER:** Sophie Roe, Peter White, Patricia Unger, Bill Martin, Tony Kerr,

Armida Bito-on, Kevin Booth



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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.

# Sunday Mass - 5 January 2025

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading - Isaiah 60:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Arise, shine out Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full, since the riches of the sea will flow to you;

the wealth of the nation's come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense, and singing the praise of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 72.1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (R. see 11b+Ps 98.3c)

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

### Second Reading - Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation - Matthew 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia!

### Gospel - Matthew 2:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah  
you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah,  
for out of you will come a leader  
who will shepherd my people, Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod and returned to their own country by a different way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

# Sunday Mass - 12 January 2025

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading - Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 (Year C)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

'Console my people, console them,' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.' A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm - Ps 28:1-4, 9-10 (Year A)

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

### Second Reading - Acts 10:34-38 (Year A)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ - but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation - cf Luke 3:16 (Year C)

Alleluia, alleluia!

John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Alleluia!

### Gospel - Luke 3:15-16, 21-22 (Year C)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'

Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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- 12:45PM** Lunch will be served buffet style (water will be available for purchase)

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(For volunteering)
- Lennie Sebing** 0403 765 598  
(Financial donations/pledges)
- Manny Dangca** 0420 603 743  
(Liturgy/Novena)
- Mona Santos** 0406 998 422  
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# Are you experiencing violence or abuse?

## You can make it stop

Everyone has a right to live in a respectful and safe environment. Some people do not feel safe. They may experience violence or abuse from a partner, another family member or other person who lives in their home or residential facility.

They may experience abuse from a neighbour, or a carer who is meant to be looking after them.

There are things you can do to protect yourself from violence or abuse.

## **A true story...**

**Harriette, a widow, is 85.**

**Her daughter, Mona, has lived in the family home all her life. Mona is unemployed and has an alcohol problem. She doesn't pay rent or contribute financially to the household.**

**When Mona is drunk she is violent and verbally abusive to her mother. She threatens her with violence, yells and swears at her and pushes and hits her. She also pressures Harriette to give her money. She has debts and threatens Harriette if she doesn't help her pay off her debts.**

**Harriette is unable to sleep at night and feels depressed. She does whatever she can to stay out of Mona's way. She feels powerless to know what to do.**



## What is abuse?

Abuse is often physical – when someone hurts you physically by slapping, hitting, pushing, sexually abusing or restraining you. However it can also be abuse if someone:

- Calls you names, threatens you, intimidates you, swears and shouts at you or humiliates you
- Pressures you to give them money, takes control of your money or property, or forces you to sign things you don't understand
- Refuses to let you go out and do things or have contact with your friends, family members or support services
- Is meant to take care of you but doesn't give you proper food, clothing or personal care. This can be intentional or unintentional.

## You don't have to deal with it alone

It can be difficult to talk about these things if they are happening to you. You may feel shame that it is happening, or you may fear that things will be worse if you try to do anything about it. You may also love the person who is mistreating you and don't want to get them into trouble.

There are many services that can support and help you to find ways to change the situation and address your concerns. These services are free and confidential. Their contact details are listed at the end of this brochure.

## The law can protect you

Some abusive behaviour, such as physical or sexual assault, is a crime. That type of behaviour can be reported to the police and the person who is violent towards you can be charged with a criminal offence.

Also, Apprehended Violence Orders (AVOs) are orders made by a Court that prohibit or restrict the behaviour of the person who is abusing you. If you are successful in getting an AVO, the person can sometimes be made to move out of the residence you share if that is what you want. Or if they stay they will have to change their behaviour towards you or they can be charged with breaching the AVO, which is a criminal offence.

Some types of behaviour, such as taking money from your bank account or forging your signature on a document, are also crimes and the person can be charged with theft or fraud. Other behaviours, such as insisting on having access to your identity documents or the certificate of title to your property, can put you at risk of losing money or even your home.

The services listed at the end of this brochure can talk to you about your options and help you decide what steps you want to take. They can also put you in touch with a lawyer or other person who can help you apply for an AVO if you decide to do that.

## You may be entitled to counselling and/or financial assistance

If you have suffered a physical or psychological injury as a result of an act of violence you may be entitled to counselling and/or financial assistance from Victims Services.

You usually have 2 years from the date of the act of violence to apply, but this time limit can be extended in certain cases. You should get legal advice about whether you are eligible for financial support from Victims Services.

## Where can I get more help?

### Women's Domestic Court Advocacy Service (WDVCAS)

Your local WDVCAS can help you apply for an AVO to protect you from further violence and abuse, or help you find out what options are available to you. It can also help you with any other needs you may have, such as housing, financial assistance, counselling and any related legal issues.

Tel: **1800 WDVCAS (1800 938 227)** to find the service closest to you.

### LawAccess NSW

Provides free telephone legal information, advice and referrals to other services, including to your nearest Legal Aid NSW office, Community Legal Centres, private lawyers and other organisations that can help.

Tel: **1300 888 529** (cost of a local call)

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[www.lawaccess.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lawaccess.nsw.gov.au)

### Victims Services

Provides support services, including free counselling and financial assistance to victims of crime.

Victims Access Line: **1800 633 063**

[www.victimsservices.justice.nsw.gov.au](http://www.victimsservices.justice.nsw.gov.au)

### Seniors Rights Service

Provides free legal advice and assistance for older people in a range of areas of law.

Tel: **1800 424 079**

[www.seniorsrightsservice.org.au](http://www.seniorsrightsservice.org.au)

### Domestic Violence Hotline

Provides free counselling, information, advice and assistance.

Tel: **1800 656 463**

This publication is a general guide to the law. You should not rely on it as legal advice, and we recommend that you talk to a lawyer about your situation.

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- Marie, university student ”

## 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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The team will serve as your local support and point of contact for any queries about the program. They will also be present to assist with any needs during the course.

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION



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- **Cost:** \$1900 AUD
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# 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

**Price:** AU\$3,500 (subject to change depending on number of participants)  
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Reference: Philippine Pilgrimage

## Inclusions:

- Domestic flights
- Land and water transportation

Hotels with breakfast

## 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

## **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**