

# 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*

**8TH SEPTEMBER 2024 TWENTY-THIRD 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 8.9.2024—23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

There are many stories about Jesus healing someone in need. Today a deaf man with a speech impediment is brought to Jesus. How blessed that man was to have friends who wanted the best for him! I am reminded of a cousin who was born unable to hear or speak but, because his parents understood the value of early childhood intervention, he was given the best possible start in life. He developed various forms of communication that in time enabled him to support himself through work, qualify as a sporting umpire and travel the world.

Sometimes we just need others to enable us to be the best we can be. Jesus gave the deaf man his full attention - he took him aside in private and by word and action opened him to a new way of living. Further he didn't want the deaf man to tell others about him because he wanted all the attention to be on the man's wellbeing rather than on himself. Jesus does all things well and gives the man hope for the future. Have there been moments in my life where I have led others to freedom because I have enabled them to see and feel the power of God? Or perhaps someone has led me? This could be a valuable reflection for today.

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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.



### Extra Mower's Required

If there is any person who would be kind enough to join us in the mowing and general maintenance of the Church (approx. 1 hr four times a year depending on the numbers we have) please contact Brian on 4388 2938.

We are especially looking for someone who would be available on weekends.

**To make life a little easier our equipment consists of 2 ride-on-mowers and 2 self-propelled mowers.**

**Thank you.**

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY—YOU'RE INVITED !

All children are invited to attend the children's Liturgy at our weekend masses. Children's Liturgy is when the children leave the congregation to celebrate and reflect on the Sunday Gospel reading in an age appropriate way. The children are led through prayers, songs and readings that are adapted to their level of understanding.

(Parents are always welcome to attend the Children's Liturgy).

Attending Mass together is a part of being a Catholic Family, while Children's Liturgy allows children to enter the celebration more fully by catering to their needs.

Please see below the weekend masses with Children's Liturgy:

**St Cecilia's Church, Wyong—Sunday 9.30am**

**St John Fisher Mass Centre, Tumbi Umbi—Sunday 5:00pm**



### Father's Day—Thank you

All fathers and father figures greatly appreciated the special cookies they received last weekend. It was a small but memorable gift.



### Upcoming Saint Feast Days: September

#### 7th September—Saturday Mass Nativity of the Virgin Mary

The Catholic Church celebrates today the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary on its traditional fixed date of September 8, nine months after the December 8 celebration of her Immaculate Conception as the child of Saints Joachim and Anne.

#### 9th September—St Peter Claver

The Memorial of St. Peter Claver, who ministered to enslaved Africans. St. Peter Claver was a Jesuit priest from Catalonia who served African slaves in Cartagena, Colombia for thirty-eight years, baptizing over 300,000.

#### 12th September –The Most Holy Name of Mary

The Most Holy Name of Mary feast day honors Mary, the Mother of God, as blessed. It takes place each year on **September 12th**, four days after the feast of the Birth of the Blessed Mother. The feast day encourages us all to pray for her intercession to deepen our love of Christ and our relationship with the Lord.

#### 14th September—The Exaltation of The Holy Cross

The liturgical Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross carries immense theological significance. It underscores the core teachings of the Catholic Church, encapsulating the mystery of the Cross as an instrument of God's boundless love, mercy, and redemption.

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## SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

8th September 2024

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You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: <https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Safeguarding-Sunday-2024>

### RELIC SNIPPETS

Preparation for the actual installation ceremony will be a focus for the next Liturgy Meeting. Members of this committee will be asked to prepare the Liturgy for the Mass on 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Suitable hymns and music will be needed also and will be determined by our choral group.

The lapel microphones currently used need to be updated to ensure voices of all involved in the Mass can be clearly heard and understood in the outside areas, as well as the Church itself.



A security camera will be placed in a position to focus on the Shrine. A diocesan requirement is that the security of the relic is a must and this will address this.

The local Rhema radio station will be contacted to ask for notification of the Installation is included in their Community News section.

The next relic meeting will be held on Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> September.

### 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.

### 200 Club Update 2024

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7th/8th September	Weekly	52	Anonymous	11	Maureen & Terry Jones



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## MASS TIMES

### ST CECILIA'S CHURCH

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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 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](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 & Julia McDermott, Michele Bolton, Jeanine Doueihy, Lisa Glanville, Jackson Ticehurst, Margaret McDermott

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Sue Simmons, Tarcisio (Charlie) Carlo Maccari, Eddie Donnelly, Beth Kenny, Tom Kiernan, May Fagan, Dolores Barnedo

**ANNIVERSARY SEPTEMBER:** Gerard

Byrne, Peter Donnelly, Jack Harris, Helen Cole, Donald King, Benigno Bito-On, Monica Bito-On, Barry Austin, Deceased members of Croke & Kenny Families, Michael Maree



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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 Isaiah 35:4-7**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Say to all faint hearts,

'Courage! Do not be afraid.

'Look, your God is coming,

vengeance is coming,

the retribution of God;

he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,

the ears of the deaf unsealed,

then the lame shall leap like a deer

and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;

for water gushes in the desert,

streams in the wasteland,

the scorched earth becomes a lake,

the parched land springs of water.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 145:7-10**

**R.** Praise the Lord, my soul!

**Second Reading James 2:1-5**

A reading from the letter of St James

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats;' then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation Matthew 4:23**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom  
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

**Gospel Mark 7:31-37**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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## **Who Are The Catechists And What Do They Do?**

A catechist is a person who gifts an hour or more each week to the Catholic children who attend the public schools. We have 4 public primary schools in our parish. The schools are Ettalong PS, Woy Woy PS, Woy Woy South PS and Umina PS.

The catechists prepare and present lessons from the Walking With Jesus programme, to the children. These lessons are about what it means to be a Catholic Christian. They are based on the Holy Scriptures and the teaching of the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

If you wish to find out more about being a catechist, teaching the Catholic children in the public schools, come to the Catechist Meeting on Thursday, 27 June at 9:15 a.m. to meet the current catechists or contact Michael Tebbutt on 0437 440 169 for more information.

## **Why Do People Volunteer To Be Catechists?**

As a volunteer catechist, you will be talking the Good News that Jesus suffered death and rose to new life, conquering death and sin for all of us and to extend the invitation to the children to become disciples of Jesus.

As a catechist you learn more about yourself and your faith. It is an opportunity for you to give back a little of what you have been given. You will gain confidence, make a difference to the lives of the children they teach and to their families. You will meet interesting like-minded people and become an active member of the parish community as well as learning new skills and bringing new life to your faith.

Take on the challenge! Step out in faith and let the Holy Spirit lead you in this wonderful ministry. Have fun: Well, enjoy yourself to the fullest.

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## **How Do You Become A Catechist?**

- Pray about becoming a catechist
- Meet with the parish catechist co-ordinator and discuss the schools that need catechists and catechist assistants
- Meet with the parish priest and talk with him about being a catechist
- Set aside the time and the day of the week for which you are available to attend the school or schools.
- Apply for a Working With Children Check
- Complete some paperwork
- Complete some training which will equip you with knowledge of the ministry, inform you of the programme, Walking with Jesus, which is used to teach the Catholic children of the parish attending the public schools in your parish
- Begin working in the ministry of taking the Good News of Jesus to the children in the schools as an assistant catechist, or if you have had experience of teaching children previously, as a catechist.
- Catechist contact details
- Parish contact details

## **As a Catechist, What Support Is There For Me?**

- Begin your ministry by assisting an experienced catechist in the class she or he teaches and let the catechists mentor you to develop teaching skills.
- Arrange a visit to the CCD Regional Resource Centre to meet the CCD staff who will be able to show you the resources that are available for you.
- Get a copy of the Walking With Jesus teacher's manual and student workbook.
- Attend further training which will give you more skills to become an effective teacher. Training is done via zoom so you can participate in the comfort of your own home. If you do not have a computer, your co-ordinator could arrange for you to access one in the parish or CCD can accommodate you at the resource centre at The Entrance.
- Catechist contact details
- Parish contact details

# 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  
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- 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
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### 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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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.

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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
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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

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- 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**