

# 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*

**10th May 2026 – SIXTH 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 – Sixth Sunday of Easter



Jesus is preparing his disciples for the time when he will no longer be physically present among them. He promises that the Father will; send the Holy Spirit, 'another Advocate', to be with them forever. 'Advocate' is a legal term. An advocate is one who pleads our cause in court, who speaks on our behalf, who utters the words we cannot, who stands beside us in very difficult situations.

As we give thanks for the Holy Spirit who is our Advocate, we recognize that we in turn are called to be advocates for those people in our community who cannot speak for themselves. There are many organisations, often inspired by the Gospels, that are involved in advocacy— for refugees, for women and children being trafficked, for the mentally ill, the unborn and the aged, who are unable to plead their own cause. And as St Peter reminds us in today's second reading, we are also called to be advocates for Christ by having an answer ready for people who ask us the reason for the hope we have.

Let us remember that it is always the witness of our lives, and own personal stories, rather than complex theological doctrines, that attract people to Christ.

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### FORMATION DAY FOR EMHC'S & SERVERS A CALLING FOR CURRENT & NEW!

All current and new Altar Servers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are invited to attend an upcoming session. This gathering will provide an opportunity to refresh your understanding of your ministry, learn best practices, and ensure we continue to serve with reverence and unity.

Your presence is important as we grow together in service to the community. Please make every effort to attend only one of these sessions.

They will be held on **Sat 9th May 10am & Wed 13th May 6pm** at **St Cecilia's Church, Wyong.**

Should you be interested in partaking in these ministries please let the office know as soon as possible.

We look forward to seeing you there.

## HAPPY Mother's Day

Wishing all mothers, grandmothers, and those who lovingly care for others a very  
Happy Mother's Day.

We give thanks for your kindness, strength, and unwavering love, which reflect God's grace in our lives. May you be blessed abundantly today and always.  
Happy Mother's Day to all in our parish community.

### FREE TIMBER

There are some timber slates in St Cecilia's Car park if anyone would like them please help yourself to them. They are parts of the old fence. Thank you!

### PIETY STORE

We are pleased to announce our Piety Store has reopened on Sunday mornings after 7:30am and 9:30am Mass, located near the sacristy at Wyong.



All proceeds will go toward the running and upkeep of our Parish.

We are in need of *volunteers* to keep it open on weekends. If you are able to assist with this please contact the office on 02 4352 1011.

### 2026 Mass Attendance Count – May

The 2026 Diocesan Mass Attendance Count will take place across the first four weekends of May (commencing with the Vigil Mass). This year's count will follow a slightly expanded approach, as guided by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC), particularly in light of the national Census year.

### WHITE ELEPHANT STALL—THANK YOU

Thank you to all those who supported the White Elephant Stall over the last few weekends. \$810 was raised.

### WORKING BEE @ WYONG— SATURDAY 23rd May

We will be carrying out maintenance work focusing on two areas: clearing and replacing the gutters on the Parish office/Hall which will commence at 7am, and the erection of a new shed.



Thank you to anyone who can contribute their time and effort to help care for our Parish property.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY CALLING ALL CHILDREN !

⇒ Children's Liturgy is held every Sunday, and we warmly invite all children to join us for the **Liturgy of the Word** — a joyful space where kids meet Jesus through stories, prayer, and engaging faith activities designed just for them.

⇒ Each week, children take something beautiful home in their hearts: a sense of belonging, a Bible story they understand, a message from Jesus to guide their week, a new faith word like mercy, hope, or kindness, simple prayers and lessons on love and forgiveness, confidence to speak about God, the reminder that "Jesus is with me," ideas for kindness at home and school, a craft to remember the Gospel, and a heart ready to pray for others.

\*Children return to the church for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

\*(Children under 5yrs of age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times.)



**MOTHERS DAY PRAYER INTENTIONS**— We invite parishioners to fill out a prayer card located at the Church entry pews and place them in the basket provided at the front of the Church so they may be presented at the Altar during the Offertory.



### 200 Club 2026

The 200 Club in 2026 will run for 25 weeks with prize results in the Bulletin each week.

**Sign up notice:** the detailed information sheet for 2026 Club will be handed out next weekend 16/17 May.

**Numbers Sale:** These will commence on 23/24 May and conclude on 30 June.

**Cost:** \$60 upfront or a payment of \$20 by 20th of June, July & August.

**Prizes:** Weekly \$75 and \$25; Monthly \$125, \$50 and \$25 Christmas \$500, \$250, \$150, and \$100

All prizes are contingent on the sale of all 200 numbers.

Updates of sales numbers will be in each week's bulletin. For further information please contact Maureen Roast; Anne Hooley or Kerry Bugden (43882938).

### BAPTSIMS

We warmly welcome the children who are to be baptised into our parish community. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ bless them and their families.



### Sacramental Program

Our Sacramental Program for Reconciliation & Holy Communion will begin next week, please keep all the children participating in this program in your prayers. You will find some of their names at the front of your church over the coming weeks so please feel free to go up and choose at least one name of a student you would like to pray for while their on this beautiful spiritual journey.

With regards to Confirmation this year, the wonderful news of Archbishop Anthony's appointment to the Holy See, has meant that there may be some changes to dates for the Sacrament of Confirmation this year, we appreciate your patience and understanding for further correspondence with regards to the celebration.

Should you have any enquires about any Sacraments please feel free to contact the parish office, wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au

### PASTORAL WORKS—MAY APPEAL

Our Pastoral Works Appeal will be held over the next few weekends during the month of May.

The charitable works the Diocese supports are the Diocesan Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD), Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Practitioners and the disable and deaf community including St Lucy's and St Edmund's Schools.

The CCD campaign and support Catechists in Public Schools so they are able to spread the Word of God, Chaplains and Pastoral Care Practitioners visit and support those who are sick, dying or in need.

We acknowledge and thank parishioners for their generosity in these difficult financial times. Every donation makes a difference.

**All donations over \$2 are 100% tax deductible.**

**Invitation to celebrate Weekday Mass with the students from St Cecilia's Mondays 9.15am & St John Fisher Tuesdays 9.15am (School Term only)**

We encourage and extend a warm welcome to ALL parishioners to this beautiful half hour week day Mass.

\*Please Note—Mass at St Cecilia's may vary depending on weather conditions.

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## THANK YOU—MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE

Thank you to those who purchased raffle tickets. We raised \$814.35 towards our Parish. A great effort!  
Funds raised will go towards the outside safety updates at St Cecilia's and the erection of the outside covering at St John Fisher.

### CONGRATULATIONS:

2nd Prize: Noela Ahearn

1st Prize: Kate Galea

3rd Prize: Barbara Doggett



## PENTECOST SUNDAY: May 24, 2026

Join our CCD Team and become an assistant catechist today!

We cater to 6 state primary schools and are always looking for members to assist our catechists.

Are you available on TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS OR FRIDAYS to become an assistant catechist?

You don't need to be an expert, you just need to have a willing heart and love for children.

If you've been discerning a ministry to partake in and are interested in joining our team, contact Margaret Vandenberg on 02 4352 1011.



## COMMUNION BLESSING

You can still receive a blessing if you are not Catholic, have not yet received your Sacrament of First Eucharist/Holy Communion, or, if you are Catholic but are not in a state of grace.

To receive a blessing instead of communion during a Catholic Mass, simply approach the priest during the distribution of communion with your arms folded across your chest, and the priest will offer a blessing.

Please remember if you are receiving communion, the consecrated host must enter your mouth to be consumed before returning to your seat.



## UNABLE TO STAND IN LINE FOR COMMUNION? USE THE YELLOW BAND!

Please use the yellow bands located at the back of the Church (in a tub underneath the bulletin shelf) to indicate that you cannot stand in line to receive the Eucharist, by slipping it onto the side of the pew where you will be seated.

Our Priest or Eucharistic Minister will see this and will tend to you at the end of Communion.

## COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP

Every Monday 9:15am—10:15am  
All welcome—Meet in Parish Hall!



## BIBLE STUDIES EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

If there is anyone interested in attending a Bible Studies group on a Saturday afternoon or Thursday evening, Fortnightly or Monthly please use the QR Code provided or contact the parish office. This will be a space for questions, discussions and sharing information. Lets us support each others formation and share the light of Christ as we delve into his Word. "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." Mt 18:20

Bible Studies Expressions of Interest



## 5x New A/C Units Installed at St Cecilia's Church—Thank You!

A big thank you to Pam & Geoff Augustin for their very kind and generous donation of \$11,550 towards the 5 new A/C units that were installed in the Church on Friday 8th May.  
May God bless you both.



## YOUTH GROUP—FRI 1st MAY

Our next youth group gathering is on **Friday 15th May** in the Parish Hall @6pm till 8pm. Ages 13-18yrs are welcome. Parent/Guardian consent required, contact Parish office if required.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to our priests and parishioners who made the late Frank Dyer, always feel welcome in our parish community for the last 62.5years. Thank you to all who attended the Funeral on Tuesday and those who offered kinds words, prayers and condolences, Marie Dyer.



## PLANNED GIVING

Dear Parishioners, should you wish to donate electronically, please see details below or use the QR Code provided.

We appreciate all offerings and support gifted to our Parish!



## Serra Weekly Vocations Prayer Calendar.

Please pray for those in formation or already serving the Church



11/5	Fr Shansana Samarasinghe OSB
12/5	Fr Sam French
13/5	Fr David Ranson VG
14/5	Fr Anselam Lakra HGN
15/5	Fr Joey Frez
16/5	Fr Joshi Naduppura
17/5	Fr Biju Jose OSH

## Daily Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, we praise You for Your goodness and thank You for Your gifts. Help us respond to and live out our mission in the Church. Assist all Your people to know their vocation in life and help them to prepare for it. Call many to be priests, deacons and consecrated men and women for Your greater glory, and for the service of Your people. Give those whom You call the grace to respond generously and to persevere faithfully. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen



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### ST CECILIA'S CHURCH

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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: 0410 202 823

**PARISH OFFICE:** 23 Byron Street Wyong

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**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday -Wednesday & Friday 9.30am to 2.30pm

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Assistant Priest **Fr Teody Medina, SOLT Ph: 0410 202 823**

Parish Secretaries: **Margaret Vandenberg & Christine Sassine**

SRE Catechist Co-Ordinator: **Margaret Vandenberg**

Youth Group Coordinator: **Christine Sassine**

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#### Children's Liturgy at Mass

St Cecilia's 5:00pm Mass Saturday

St Cecilia's 9.30am Mass Sunday

St John Fisher 5pm Mass Sunday

#### Youth Group

St Cecilia's Parish Hall

1st Fri Night of the Month (May vary- check bulletin for details)

#### 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

**St Cecilia's** Sat after 8am Mass

**St John Fisher** Wed 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, Wed 9.15am in Parish Hall.

#### Meetings

**St Cecilia's** Choir practice every Tues night 5pm to 6pm

#### Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

PPC Secretary: Kerry Bugden  
Ph: 02 4388 2938

**FOR SACRAMENTS PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE**



#### KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS

*Prayer: The most valuable gift you can give someone.*

**SICK:** Jeanine Doueih, Margaret McDermott, Dave Rodney, Danae Roe, Milva Kefu, Tahnia Ahuriri, Badwi Laoulach, Vince Bosco, Rik, Rita Kerr, Tony Sabat, Marie Dyer, Courtney, Michael Parry, Regina Preston, Brenda Hindmarsh

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Peter Meury, Susan Monk, Fr John McCall, Margaret Mahoney, Enid Kennedy, Norma O'Sullivan, Frank Dyer, Fr David Taylor

**ANNIVERSARY MAY:** Mark Bastick, Brian Myers, John Donnelly, Marie Murray, Vincent Zammit, Evelyn Ross, Deceased Members of Croke & Kenny Families

#### 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 on the contact details provided above; or, Anne Hooley: 0428 149 793 or, Maureen Roast: 0435 245 849.

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading Acts 8:5-8, 14-17**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20**

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

**Second Reading 1 Peter 3:15-18**

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong. Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation John 14:23**

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

**Gospel John 14:15-21**

Jesus said to his disciples:

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

And I will ask the Father,

and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always,  
the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept,  
because it neither sees nor knows him.

But you know him, because he remains with you,  
and will be in you.

I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

In a little while the world will no longer see me,  
but you will see me, because I live and you will live.

On that day you will realize that I am in my Father  
and you are in me and I in you.

Whoever has my commandments and observes them  
is the one who loves me.

And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father,  
and I will love him and reveal myself to him.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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



15 April 2026

## LETTER ON ARRANGEMENTS PRIOR TO MY DEPARTURE

Dear Fathers & Deacons, my dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

It has now been three weeks since my appointment by the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, as Prefect of the Dicastery for Legislative Texts. I am deeply grateful for the many good wishes that I have received on the announcement. They have meant a great deal to me.

Since that time, it has been a joy to celebrate the Easter mysteries with you, to baptise twelve people at the Easter Vigil, and once again to recount the joy of the Resurrection. I pray that the peace of the Risen Christ continues to enliven the hearts of all people.

Now, it is time for me to prepare for my departure for Rome. In recent days I have had the opportunity to consider how the next months might unfold, and it is opportune for me to share something of how the months ahead might look.

There are a number of pastoral encounters that had been scheduled in my diary prior to the news of my new appointment, which will now need to change, and my office will be in contact with those communities and persons who may be affected.

Notwithstanding, with great joy I am looking forward to the Ordinations to the Priesthood of Deacons Shayne D'Cunha, Tân Nguyễn and Huy Trần on Wednesday 29 April 2026 at 7:00pm in Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara and being with them in the days following as each celebrates his Mass of Thanksgiving. From 7-14 May 2026 I will participate in the Plenary Meeting of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and then travel for meetings in Rome until 22 May 2026, returning for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for Adults on Pentecost Sunday on 24 May 2026.

At the end of that week, we celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Diocese with Mass on the evening of Thursday 28 May 2026. This will also be my Mass of Thanksgiving with you, and we will have the opportunity to gather at The Light of Christ Centre following the Mass for me to express my gratitude. I am hopeful, however, that a number of us may still come together for our Anniversary Diocesan dinner on Friday 29 May 2026 at the Epping Club which will also be an occasion to celebrate our Catholic life and Christian discipleship through our annual presentation of awards.

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I will then have two other public occasions: the celebration of the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the parish of St Agatha's, Pennant Hills on Sunday 31 May 2026, and the patronal celebration of the Parish of St Ives on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi on Sunday 7 June 2026, at which time I shall install Fr Paul Durkin as the new Parish Priest.

I will depart for Rome on Wednesday 24 June 2026.

Through this period, the Holy Father has appointed me as Apostolic Administrator for the Diocese, and on my departure, it will be the duty of the College of Consultors to elect a Diocesan Administrator until such time as the Holy Father nominates a new Bishop for the Diocese.

During this time of Administration, the College of Consultors continues, as does the service of the Deans. I am grateful for the continuing service of Fr David Ranson as my Vicar General until the time of my departure, along with the Diocesan Chancellor, Mrs Kelly Paget and Vice Chancellor, Miss Ruth Moraes, whose roles endure throughout the period of Administration. The Council of Priests, however, ceases until such time as my successor is appointed. Regrettably, given that the See is vacant, our journey towards a Diocesan Synod now needs to be placed on hold until the Holy Father grants the Diocese a new Shepherd.

I am pleased to share that given the stage to which it has already developed, the Cathedral Precinct Project, which I have discussed with the Holy Father, may continue with its current momentum, and those processes related to its planning may progress - albeit, of course, in a way that is open to my successor to review.

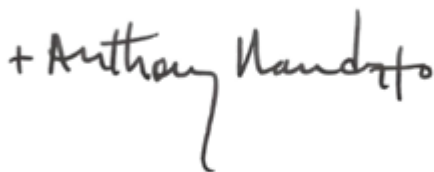
It will be for the one entrusted with governance subsequent to my departure to consider those events that are planned for the remainder of the current year.

Throughout, it is vital that the ordinary life of our parishes and communities continues under the pastoral care of our priests. Likewise, the mission of evangelisation throughout the Diocese continues to be supported by our faithful Chancery team. The Clergy/Parish Personnel Day on 22 April 2026 will be a very worthwhile occasion to ensure that the good work already undertaken continues to grow.

I will have several opportunities over the coming weeks to reflect with you more on our journey of faith together over these past six and a half years. However, with this letter I hope that the shape of the coming months may be a little clearer.

Please continue to keep me in your prayers, in the knowledge that the clergy and people of Broken Bay are very much in mine,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "+ Anthony Randazzo". The signature is written in a cursive style with a cross at the beginning.

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD JCL  
Prefect of the Dicastery for Legislative Texts  
Apostolic Administrator of Broken Bay



15 April 2026

Dear Fathers, Deacons, Sisters and Brothers,

### **CLERGY DEVELOPMENTS AND APPOINTMENTS IN THE DIOCESE**

I write to share various clergy developments and appointments that I have made and that are forthcoming in the next several weeks.

Firstly, I express my warm gratitude to Fr Biju Mathew who concludes his time with us in the Diocese on 21 April 2026, Fr Biju is returning to his Diocese of Maranthavady, Kerala in India after just over five years of service with us, most recently as Assistant Priest in the Parish of French's Forest. We pray that this new chapter in his priestly ministry will bring much blessing for him.

As I have shared earlier, Fr Paul Durkin has been appointed Parish Priest of the Parish of St Ives, effective 22 April 2026, along with Deacon Tân Nguyễn who, following his Priestly Ordination on 29 April, will be appointed Assistant Priest to the Parish of St Ives.

Fr Shiju Thomas OSH, who arrived in our Diocese early February 2026 and who has been on induction at the Parish of Epping-Carlingford since, will assume his first appointment as Assistant Priest in the Parish of French's Forest, effective 29 April 2026.

Upon their Priestly Ordinations on 29 April 2026, Deacon Huy Trần will be appointed as Assistant Priest to the Cathedral Parish of Hornsby and Deacon Shayne D'Cunha will be appointed as Assistant Priest to the Parish of Epping-Carlingford.

Given the continuing uncertainty of the grant of his new visa, Fr Aldrin Valdehueza, currently in the Philippines, will conclude his current appointment as Assistant Priest at the Parish of Epping-Carlingford on 29 April 2026 and receive a new appointment upon his return to us.

I have appointed Fr Anoop Davasia MS, currently Assistant Priest in the Cathedral Parish of Hornsby, Assistant Priest to the Parish of Epping-Carlingford, effective 27 May 2026.

Please keep our men who are making transitions in your prayer. I thank them greatly for the generosity of their service.

I will have some further developments to share in the coming months.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD JCL  
Prefect of the Dicastery for Legislative Texts  
Apostolic Administrator of Broken Bay



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**April Session: Discover Palms Online!** Scan this QR-

**Date:** Thursday 30 April 2026

**Time:** 7 pm – 8:30 pm AEST



**May Session: Live from Timor Leste!** Scan here-

**Date:** Thursday 21 May 2026

**Time:** 4 pm – 5:30 pm AEST



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## Holy Shroud of Turin Exhibition coming to Toukley—7th-14th of June

**St Mary's Parish Centre, 458 Main Rd Toukley.**

The Holy Shroud of Turin Exhibition will be held at St Mary's Parish Centre, from 7–14 June. This is a rare opportunity to encounter a life-size replica of the Holy Shroud and explore the mystery and significance of one of the world's most studied relics.

The exhibition week includes special presentations such as Decoding the Shroud with Francine Pirola at 3pm on the 8th of June and Devotion to the Shroud with Charbel Raish at the St Joseph's Men's BBQ on Friday 12 June for men aged 18+.

Register for Francine's talk by going to [www.trybooking.com/DLPJA](http://www.trybooking.com/DLPJA)

Opening times occur after every mass throughout the week, including weekend and evening sessions, making it easy for parishioners and visitors to attend. The Holy Shroud Exhibition is presented courtesy of Aid to the Church in Need.

# Exhibition Schedule

Date	Opening times
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	10am -12pm 7pm-8pm
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	9:00am-10:30am
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June</b> King's Birthday Public Holiday	3pm-5pm The World's Most Studied Relic: Decoding the Shroud with Francine Pirola
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June</b> Solemnity of the Sacred Heart	7pm-9pm St Joseph's Men's BBQ (men 18+ only) Devotion to the Shroud with Charbel Raish
<b>Saturday-Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Sat 9am-11am & 6pm-8pm Sun 7.30-11am

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# Mass



## Accessible Church Mass

**Holy Cross Church, South Kincumber | Sunday 10 May 2026**

A monthly Accessible Mass will be offered at Holy Cross Catholic Church, South Kincumber, designed to be welcoming and inclusive for people of all abilities, including individuals and families living with disability, neurodiversity, or additional needs.

Time: 10.30 am

**Date:** Sunday 10 May 2026 (Second Sunday of each month)

**Church:** Holy Cross Catholic Church, 9 Humphreys Rd, Kincumber South

A visual story is also available to help people prepare for their visit to Mass. Knowing what to expect can help reduce anxiety and stress, and this visual guide can assist individuals and families in becoming familiar with the experience.

[Accessible Mass Visual Story](#)

Families, carers, and support workers are warmly welcome. The church is accessible, with wheelchair-accessible toilets adjacent to the church, and efforts are being made to be sensory aware. For accessibility or support requests, please contact the Mission

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This part-time role involves sharing stories of the suffering Church and helping build prayerful support within parish communities.

If you are comfortable speaking in front of others and have a heart for this mission, we would love to hear from you.

For details:

[www.aidtochurch.org/work](http://www.aidtochurch.org/work)

### **Cecilia Figueroa**

National Outreach Coordinator

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To support our young people encountering Christ and community through this event, the Diocese of Broken Bay will offer subsidies for individual young participants to attend Ignite Conference with a group from their parish. If you would like to express interest in obtaining a Broken Bay subsidy, complete the Microsoft Form:

<https://forms.office.com/r/3kuxSFcZgQ> or use the QR code attached by **Monday 11 May 2026 at 5pm.**

Ignite Conference 2026- Catholic  
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Expression of Interest



## RESIDENTIAL RETREATS FOR 2026

Starts on Friday at 5:30pm &  
Ends on Sunday, 4:00pm

JAN	<b>BIBLE CONVENTION</b> (Led by Fr Antony) Jan 31st- 1st Feb) 9am-4pm
FEB	27Feb-1Mar, Lenten Retreat
MAR	20-22, Preparation for Holy Week Retreat
APR	17-19, Deliverance Retreat
MAY	15-17, Preparation For Pentecost Retreat
JUN	19-21, Inner Healing Retreat
JUL	10-12, Family Healing Retreat
AUG	14-16, Dei Verbum Retreat
SEP	11-13, Deliverance Retreat
OCT	2-4, Marian Retreat
NOV	13-15, Inner Healing Retreat
DEC	11-13, Advent Retreat

### PLEASE BOOK VIA OUR WEBSITE

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*If you would like to book for a private "SILENT GUIDED RETREAT", please email [drtsydney@gmail.com](mailto:drtsydney@gmail.com) and we will share information about the cost and what to bring, to help you prepare for a peaceful and meaningful experience.*

## OUTREACH MINISTRIES

### First Friday (Chatwood)

Healing Prayer Service, 6:30pm-8:30pm  
at Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church, CHATSWOOD

### Third Monday (Wallsend)

Healing Prayer Service, 7:00pm-9:00pm  
at St Patrick's Church, 11 Macquarie street, WALLSEND

### Third Friday (Epping)

Holy Mass & Adoration, 6:00pm-8:00pm  
at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, 31 Oxford St, EPPING

### Fourth Thursday (Adelaide)

Spiritual Healing Retreat, 7:00pm-9:00pm  
St Peter Claver Church, 8 Stuart Road, Dulwich,  
Adelaide, SA 5065

### Brisbane & Canberra (As advertised)

For other upcoming outreach ministries please refer  
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# What's On at the Sisters of Charity Heritage Centre

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**Exhibition | Give to Gain**

28 April and 12 May | 10:30 - 12:00  
**Event | You Can Ask That**

Ever wonder what it was like to be a religious sister, long ago or today? You're invited to join us for morning tea with two Sisters of Charity and ask them questions regarding things you're curious about.

You can tour our exhibitions, visit our beautiful historic chapel and take a walking tour too.

Call (02) 9138 0835 or email [heritagecentre@rscoffice.com](mailto:heritagecentre@rscoffice.com) to register  
Please register by 23 April or 7 May for the respective sessions.



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Dear Friends,

We have a retreat coming up at Jamberoo Abbey in the month of June. Below is a short description of it.

Go to [our website](#) for more information and how to register.

We would like to enable as many people to attend our retreats. If you require assistance with the registration cost, please don't hesitate to contact us at [onlineretreat@jamberooabbey.org.au](mailto:onlineretreat@jamberooabbey.org.au).

God bless.

Benedictine Nuns of Jamberoo Abbey

### [Praying Icons with Julian of Norwich](#)

**(Day Retreat) 27 June 2026**

Join us for a contemplative day exploring the rich intersection of iconography and Julian of Norwich's Revelations of Divine Love.

Retreat Cost: \$60 (*Limited space available*)

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### MAGI PILGRIMAGES

#### **FOOTSTEPS OF ST PAUL (5th - 20th May 2026)**

Fr. Sebastian A.M invites you to a journey in the footsteps of St. Paul, reliving the Acts of the Apostles and exploring the letters of the New Testament. Explore Greece and Turkey with a 3-night Greek Islands cruise in this 14-day pilgrimage for an all-inclusive price of \$9790+ tips (25+ pilgrims). The early bird price expires on January 30th.

#### **SAINTS OF ITALY (8th - 21st June 2026)**

Fr. Franco Filippetto invites you to a 14-day journey to Italy, visiting Milan, Padua, Siena, Assisi, Rotondo, Sorrento, and Rome, with an all-inclusive price of \$ 9,290 + tips (for 30+ pilgrims). The early bird price expires on January 30th.

The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in 4-star Premium Hotels, Meals + English speaking professional guides + Entrances as per itinerary and more. For inquiries & bookings call 03 8839 6615 or email us [pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au](mailto:pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au)

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Invites you to our Engaging Your Faith online presentations from \$25 per session.

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- \$25 per session: General audience
- \$40 per session: Teachers applying for Catholic school accreditation

See the next page for the list of topics and presenters.

These sessions are approved for teacher accreditation in some Catholic dioceses.  
For more information refer to our website.



To register, scan the QR code or  
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# May 2026

Registrations essential!

Please note that registrations close at 5pm two business days before each session.

Day	Title and Presenter
Monday 4 May 7pm - 8.30pm	<b>Can a Scientist Believe in God?</b> Rev. Dr Chris Mulherin
Tuesday 5 May 7.30pm - 8.30pm	<b>Interculturality and Its Relevance for the Church Today</b> Rev. Dr Jake Mudge
Wednesday 6 May 5.30pm - 7pm	<b>Democracy and Education</b> Prof. Jānis Ozoliņš
Thursday 7 May 7pm - 8.30pm	<b>Enriching Our Understanding of Being A Christian in Our World Today</b> Dr Frances Baker RSM
Tuesday 12 May 7.30pm - 9pm	<b>John 1: 19-51: Jesus' Baptism and the Call to Discipleship</b> Br Dr Paul Creevey FMS
Wednesday 13 May 5.30pm - 7pm	<b>Old Testament Law: Is It Still Relevant?</b> Rev. Dr Kris Sonek OP
Thursday 14 May 7pm - 8.30pm	<b>Community and Communion: A (Gentle) Introduction to Canon Law</b> Rev. Adi Indra
Monday 18 May 7pm - 8.30pm	<b>The Gospel According to Matthew: A Tapestry</b> Dr Rosemary Canavan
Tuesday 19 May 7pm - 8.30pm	<b>Religion and Ethics: Exploring Some Connections</b> Dr Frances Baker RSM
Wednesday 20 May 7pm - 8.30pm	<b>An Introduction to AI and Transhumanism ... for Christians</b> Rev. Dr Chris Mulherin
Thursday 21 May 7pm - 8.30pm	<b>After Death — What?</b> Rev. Dr Paul Connell
Tuesday 26 May 7pm - 8.30pm	<b>Why Study the Ancient Biblical Languages?</b> Rev. Dr Trevor Tibbertsma

Visit our [website](#) for a full description of the sessions.

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## ABOUT OUR HOST

### FR. CHRISTOPHER WATERHOUSE



The Rev'd Christopher Waterhouse is Rector of St James' King Street, Sydney. Prior to his appointment, he served as Precentor and Chaplain

for the Arts at St David's Cathedral, Hobart. Born in the United Kingdom and raised and educated in Tasmania, Christopher developed an early passion for the performing arts, particularly theatre and music. He appeared in numerous stage productions across Tasmania before relocating to Sydney to work with the Sydney Theatre Company, and later moving to London where he worked at the St James' Theatre.

He subsequently left the theatre industry to work at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, while undertaking ministry studies. Christopher returned to Australia in 2017 to become Director of the St James' Institute. He has more than 25 years' experience as a radio presenter in Hobart, London and Sydney, and has served on the boards of a range of philanthropic, church, education and arts organisations. These include the national board of the Anglican Board of Mission, the Council of St Andrew's College, and 2MBS Fine Music Sydney.

# Scandinavia Itinerary Overview

## Stockholm 5 nights

- Arrival in Stockholm with airport transfer.
- Guided city tour featuring City Hall, the Old Town (Gamla Stan), the Royal Palace and Parliament.
- Scenic boat cruise through the Stockholm Archipelago.
- Full-day guided excursion to Sigtuna and Uppsala, exploring Viking-era sites, the historic university precinct and Uppsala Cathedral.
- Free day to explore Stockholm independently, with the option to use the Stockholm Pass.
- Visits to ABBA The Museum and the Vasa Museum.

## Vadstena - 2 nights

- Travel south with a stop at Östanbäck Monastery.
- Guided walking tour of medieval Vadstena.
- Visits to Vadstena Abbey and Vadstena Castle.

## Malmö - 3 nights

- Travel to Malmö.
- Visit Malmö Castle and key churches. Church service.
- Excursion to Skanörs Church and final sightseeing in Malmö.
- Full-day excursion along the Skåne coast. Visits to Ystad and Simrishamn.
- Stop at the Kivik Grave and visits to historic churches including St Nicolai Church and St Olof's Church.

## Copenhagen - 5 nights

- Travel to Denmark via ferry. Visit Kronborg Castle (Hamlet's Castle).
- Scenic coastal drive along the Strandvej to Copenhagen.
- Guided city tour including Nyhavn, Amalienborg Palace, Christiansborg Palace and The Little Mermaid.
- Canal cruise and visit to the Church of Our Lady. Excursion to Roskilde, including the Viking Ship Museum and Roskilde Cathedral.
- Full-day excursion to Odense, visiting H.C. Andersen's House and Odense Cathedral.

## Inclusions & Important Information

- Depart Australia: 24 September 2026
- Full breakfast daily. 7 dinners included, featuring both a welcome dinner and a farewell dinner.
- Single supplement available on request.
- Ask about extending your journey to Norway — we offer tailored packages to make this a reality.
- All listed activities are subject to change at any time due to operational requirements.
- Flights are with Air China, offering Economy, Premium Economy and Business Class options.
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RUAH**

"He breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit'. In 20:22 The Ruah (breath) of God renews each soul that receives its power. Embrace the gift of the Holy Spirit through fellowship, inputs, prayer and practical workshops and help renew the face of the earth  
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**OCT  
16-18**

**Hand Made  
Creative Healing Retreat**

"In his hand is the life of every creature." Job 12:10  
Come away for a weekend of reflection on how carefully God has made and upheld your life through different creative prayer experiences.  
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**JUNE  
27**

**GARDENS  
Day Retreat**

"Grieve not as those who have no hope." 1 Thess 4:13.  
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**NOV  
14**

**ALIVE  
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Retreat Day**

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**AUG  
28-30**

**HOMECOMING  
Silent Retreat**

"His father saw him, ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him." Lk 15: 20  
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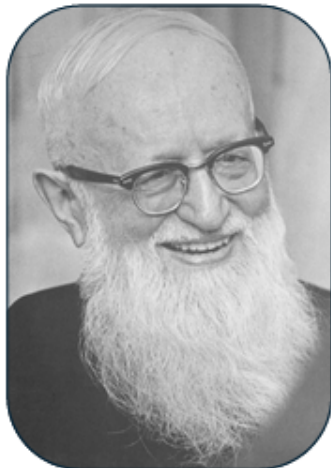
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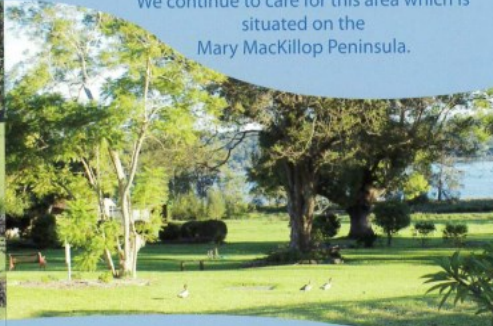
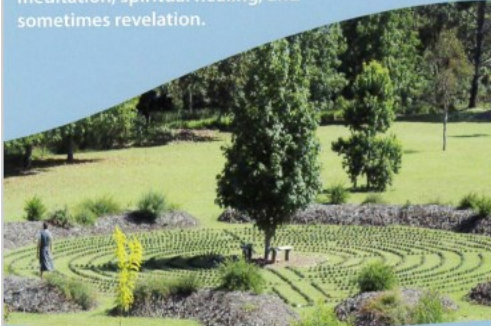
# St Joseph's Spirituality and Education Centre Kincumber South

The abundance of natural beauty which surrounds the Centre will ensure your stay is unforgettable, enjoyable and restful.

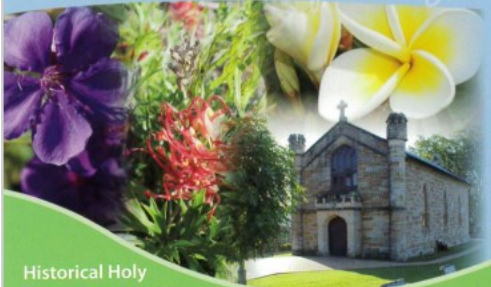
The labyrinth is a place for prayer, meditation, spiritual healing, and sometimes revelation.


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*St Joseph's Spirituality and Education Centre offers the opportunity for individuals and groups to experience spiritual enrichment and personal development in a peaceful and spacious setting. The facilities are available to those whose purpose is in harmony with the spirit and philosophy of the Sisters of St Joseph.*

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## St Joseph's Spirituality & Education Centre

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Web: [www.stjosephskincumber.org.au](http://www.stjosephskincumber.org.au)



## Location

St Joseph's Spirituality and Education Centre is located at Kincumber South, in a natural bushland setting, in a quiet corner of the beautiful Central Coast of NSW.

The spacious grounds front the Kincumber Broadwater, creating an atmosphere of tranquility and peace that enhances the spiritual and reflective nature of the Centre.

A perfect place where people can be recharged, re-energized and spend precious time connecting with God, each other and nature.

## Services

Dedicated staff are on hand to advise and to ensure the smooth running of your group's activities.

You can be certain of our personalised & professional service from start to finish for your conference, meeting or seminar.

The Centre is open to people of all faiths and beliefs and is a warm and welcoming place respecting cultural and religious differences.

Meals are prepared on site, catering for special dietary requirements.

Morning and afternoon tea are all homemade.

## Facilities

St Joseph's is a smoke free environment.

The quality and presentation of the accommodation add to the overall ambience of the Centre.

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Retreats  
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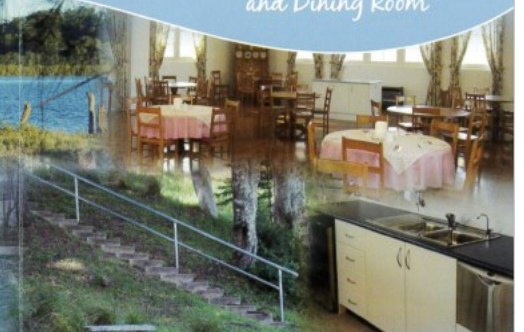
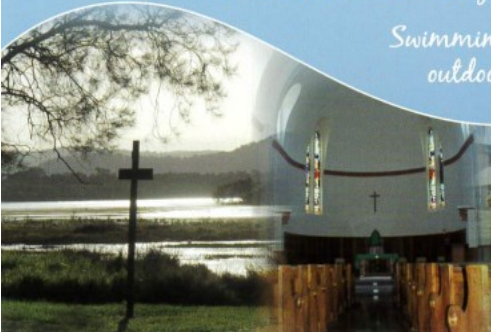
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### Conference Rooms

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# WE ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE OUR NEW ACCREDITATION FOR HOME CARE PACKAGES

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We understand many seniors prefer to stay at home as they age. The Government's funding for Home Care Packages can help you live independently at home for longer.

We want to know if our Home Care Packages are of interest to you, or a loved one and want to prioritise the needs of our parishioners before we promote to the general public. As a Catholic organisation we want the seniors we support to know they are truly cherished and valued and we're confident our services will be very well received.

*There's no obligation to partner with CatholicCare. We may contact you to discuss your needs, but you're welcome to opt-out at anytime.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Suburb \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Do you currently have Home Care Package funding from the Government?

Yes       No       Unsure

Do you need help applying for a Home Care Package?

Yes       No       Maybe

Is there any other feedback you'd like to provide?

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When feelings become overwhelming or confusing, counselling can be very helpful. We work with you to overcome challenges and stress.

We work with you, assisting you to face challenges and stressors, coming up with sugges-

tions to tackle or resolve these challenges. We listen, talk through experiences and help you think about ways forward. Common issues addressed in counselling include family transitions, communication issues, work/life balance, conflict, parenting after separation, grief and loss and decision making. We offer a welcoming, inclusive environment and a safe space for all ages. CatholicCare offers Government funded, fee for service and NDIS approved therapy options for yourself, your children and as a family unit.

To access this service please call 1800 324 924 or visit [www.catholiccaredbb.org.au](http://www.catholiccaredbb.org.au).



# Key Telephone Numbers

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### **POLICE: 000**

Call the Police for immediate assistance.

### **1800 RESPECT: 1800 737 732**

A national 24-hour 7 day a week service, for advice or support in relation to sexual assault and domestic violence. The service also connects victims to the nearest help according to their location.

### **FOR NON-ENGLISH SPEAKERS**

Call 131 450 for an interpreter. Ask them to ring 1800 RESPECT for you.

### **CATHOLIC CARE BROKEN BAY**

CatholicCare provides a range of services to assist women and children experiencing domestic violence

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**

A national 24-hour 7 day a week anonymous and confidential counselling, information and referral service to help men stop using violent and controlling behaviour.

## FOR FEMALE MIGRANTS UNDER A TEMPORARY VISA

Migrants are especially vulnerable to abuse because they are in unfamiliar territory without knowledge of the laws and emergency services they can access.

If you are experiencing domestic violence, you can take out an Apprehended Violence Order (AVO) against your partner.

Under the Migration Act you can apply for permanent residency due to domestic violence.

Ring any of the following numbers:

<b>Immigration Advice and Rights Centre</b>	<b>02 8234 0777</b>
<b>Immigrant Women's SpeakOut Association</b>	<b>1800 656 463</b>
<b>Legal Aid NSW</b>	<b>1300 888 529</b> (business hours)

**PHYSICAL AND SEXUAL ABUSE ARE SERIOUS INDICTABLE OFFENCES UNDER THE NSW CRIMES ACT 1900.** It is an offence to fail to report knowledge or belief of a serious indictable offence. If in doubt, call 000.

This parish resource has been developed by the Diocese of Broken Bay's Catholic Life & Faith Formation Team in consultation with the Safeguarding Office (Chancery) and CatholicCare Broken Bay. This booklet is part of a Parish Kit which assists parishes to respond to those experiencing domestic violence or those who are seeking help for their violent behaviour. The kit is available for download [www.bbcatholic.org.au](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au)

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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**