

# 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 SEPTEMBER 2023 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)**



## **THANK YOU**

### **White Elephant Stall**

\$384.50 was raised at the stall, while donations raised on the internet was \$218. A big thank you to all who were able to support our Pastoral Works appeal through this stall & a special thanks to Rae, Marie, Bidy and Christine.

We welcome the children who are preparing for the Sacrament of First Eucharist and their families into our Parish. This is a sacred time for them and we encourage you to support and pray for them as they deepen their experience of God's love for them.

### **Reflection 10.9.2023 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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*The theme for this Sunday's liturgy is that of personal and communal growth. Being a human community, the Church always needs to find ways of relating with those who do not adhere to the values and standards which define it. In the first reading from Ezekiel, we learn that the prophet is authorized by the Lord to warn and correct those behaving in a malicious way. In fact, if one is not provocative in this regard, he or she is accountable. In the Gospel, Matthew gives the New Testament context for altering any behavior that could be identified as unchristian. This process of correction, with the steps detailed by Matthew, is always to be done in a relational way and grounded in prayer. Such behavioral issues have always been a part of the church, a community of people on the way who seek forgiveness rather than perfection. Today this Gospel calls each of us to live authentically as we witness to what it means to be people who forgive and are forgiven.*



**SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT**  
**2023-2024**

**Listen, Love, Learn**

Australia's Catholic bishops have called on the nation to seek "a new engagement" with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in their annual Social Justice Statement.

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, chair of the Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service says, "We want Catholics to understand that Catholic social teaching and Catholic social action are not simply theoretical and academic exercises."

The theme for this year's statement was chosen in May 2022, well before the Voice was mooted. We ask the Church in Australia to make efforts to lead the way for our fellow Australians" in pursuing reconciliation." Bishop Long continues "Our attitudes and actions towards First Nations Peoples need to be grounded in justice, love and humility," We need to listen with deep respect and learn from them about what needs to be done to improve their situations. We need to walk with them, day by day, and work with them to bring about change for the better – for their people and for all of us.

Strengthening our relationship with our First Peoples is integral and indeed critical to the strengthening of the whole nation."

The complete Social Justice Statement 2023-2024 is available at: - <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/media/6475/2023-24-social-justice-statement-listen-learn-love-final.pdf>

**WOMENS GET TOGETHER GROUP**  
(Every 2nd Monday)

Next one: **11th Sept @ 10:30am** in the Parish Centre. Bring a plate, have a cuppa, have a chat and a laugh. All are welcome !

**BUNNINGS BARBECUE**

Wyong Catholic Parish will be holding its Annual Bunnings Barbecue on **Saturday 9 September** at Tuggerah.

Funds raised from this activity will be used to help disadvantaged of our local community through.

- Wyong Neighbor Centre
- We Care Collect
- St Lucy's School for Years K-12 children with disabilities
- St Edmunds School for Years 7-12 children with disabilities

Please visit us for a sausage (\$3.50) and cold drink (\$1.50) between 9:00am and 4:00pm.

Hope to see you there!!!!  
Your support would be most appreciated.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be held on **Tuesday, 12 September at 6:00pm in the Parish Centre**. Any parishioner whose has items which they would like considered at this meeting, please speak to one of our PPC members or contact Kerry Bugden by **phone** at 43882938 or by **email** at [kbugden@bigpond.com](mailto:kbugden@bigpond.com) by 10 September.

**250 Club Update**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING SUPPORT**

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Monthly Prizes are \$200 – 1<sup>st</sup> & \$50 – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
and will be last weekend of the month.

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9/10 Sept	Weekly	78	Margaret & Phil Bastick	192	Bryan Ratcliffe

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## **SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY**

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[www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday202](http://www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday202)

### **Sunday Mass 10 September 2023 THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

#### **First Reading Ezekiel 33:7-9**

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

#### **Responsorial Psalm Ps 94:1-2, 6-9**

**R.** O that today you would listen to his voice!  
Harden not your hearts.

#### **Second Reading Romans 13:8-10**

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

#### **Gospel Acclamation 2 Corinthians 5:19**

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;  
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.  
Alleluia!

#### **Gospel Matthew 18:15-20**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector. 'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven. 'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'



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## MASS TIMES

### ST CECILIA'S CHURCH

23 Byron St Wyong

Saturday Vigil / Sunday Mass Times

Sat Vigil 5.00pm Sun 7.30am & 9.30am

**Weekday Mass**

Mon-Sat: 8.00am, Monday 9.15am (School Term)

**Reconciliation/Confession** Saturday morning after the 8am Mass & Saturday at 4.30pm

### ST JOHN FISHER MASS CENTRE

Hicks Lane Tumbi Umbi

Saturday Vigil / Sunday Mass Times

Sat Vigil 5.00 pm Sun: 8.30am & 5pm

**Weekday Mass**

Mon, Wed, Thurs 8:00am Tue & Fri: 9.15am

**Reconciliation/Confession** Saturday at 4.30pm

### EMERGENCY PRIEST CONTACT

Fr Raul ph: 0450 115 099

Fr Alex ph: 0432 947 245

Fr Teody ph: 0414 494 823

**PARISH OFFICE** 23 Byron Street Wyong

Phone: 02 4352 1011 Po Box 385 Wyong 2259

**OFFICE HOURS:** Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 9.30am to 2.30pm

### PARISH CONTACTS

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email: [raul.balute@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:raul.balute@bbcatholic.org.au)

Assistant Priest **Fr Alex Barnedo, SOLT ph: 0432 947 245**

Assistant Priest **Fr Teody Medina, SOLT ph: 0414 494 823**

Parish Secretary **Margaret Vandenberg ph: 02 4352 1011**

**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 5pm 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* Sat St Cecilia's & Wed 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

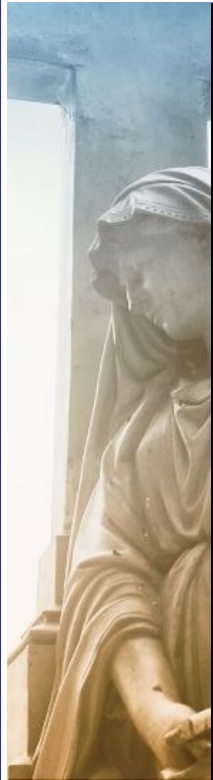
### KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

**SICK:** Harriet Powell, Danae Roe, Peter Ford, Harry Hall, Michael Briggs, Christine Heffernan, Jennese Thompson, Leeann Hazelton, Bernadette Kiely, Steve Durnford, Ann Durnford, Maureen Mulheron, Angela Watts, William Martin, Terence (Ted) Dafter, Finn McConnon, Christine, Jacqui Stacey, Josie Campbell, Dave, Rodney, Gwen Dwyer, Helen Waters, Rod & Pauline Cornwell, Marie Rheinberger, Hannah Hopwood, Fay King, Joan Mabbutt, Irene Dainty, Eoin, Paula, Peter Meury, Lyn Nash, Jai Coleman, Danielle, Frank Farrugia, Betty McDermott, Carmel Myers, Clara Banda, Marc Sabat

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Richard Mahinay, Carol Dafter, Raymond (Ray) Baker

**ANNIVERSARY SEPTEMBER:** Gerard Byrne, Peter Donnelly, Jack Harris, Helen Cole, Donald King



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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 Joanne. The contact details are on the back to the Bulletin.



# Supporting Safe Communities

**SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 2023**  
10 SEPTEMBER



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## Areté Missionary Leadership Course 2024 – Applications Now Open


Applications for the Foundations of Missionary Leadership Program are now open for 2024. The Foundations program equips people with the knowledge, skills, and values to become effective missionaries and leaders in their parishes and communities. Through an enriching curriculum and immersive experiences, students will gain a deeper understanding of their faith, the centrality of evangelisation, and leadership principles of ministry.

Subsidies are available from Evangelisation Broken Bay. Please contact Pina Bernard to discuss further on 0432 682 239 or [pina.bernard@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:pina.bernard@bbcatholic.org.au)

Visit [www.aretecentre.org](http://www.aretecentre.org) to download a free prospectus. Places are strictly limited, so please enquire early.

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Fr Rob Galea  
Executive Director  
FRG Ministry



Professor Renee Kohler-  
Ryan  
National Head of the  
School of Philosophy and  
Theology, University of  
Notre Dame



Emma Plant  
Communications  
Manager  
Evangelisation  
Brisbane



## WYONG PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2023

We are delighted that you are bringing your child to receive the Sacraments, we look forward to sharing with you and your child, this journey of faith as he/she prepares to receive this sacrament.

In Baptism, your child began a life-long journey and a way of life. At Confirmation, the graces received in Baptism were sealed with the reception of the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit. First Eucharist completes their reception of the Sacraments of Initiation into the Christian life.

The Family plays a central role in the faith formation of children, and as parents, you are your child's primary teacher as he/she develops a relationship with the person of Christ and his Church. We are also grateful to the grandparents, godparents, aunts and uncles, older siblings, other relatives, and family friends who undertake this role.

As family, friends, parish personnel, teachers, and volunteers work with the children in the activity of preparing them for the sacraments, the Holy Spirit inspires and draws them into the relationship with Christ. It is a sacred time and we encourage you to enter this process whole-heartedly with the children as they prepare to receive this sacrament.

Wyong Parish will be commencing their Sacramental Program for 2023 in February. Please contact the Parish Office on 0424 763 734 to make arrangements for your child to receive instruction for Confirmation, Reconciliation, and First Eucharist. We look forward to seeing you at the Parent information night.

### **RECONCILIATION FOR CHILDREN IN YEAR 4 AND ABOVE WHO HAVE COMPLETED CONFIRMATION**

**Parent Information night** 7 pm Monday 20th February St Cecilia's Church 23 Byron Street Wyong

Enrolment Presentation weekend at all weekend Masses 25th /26th February

Children will be asked to attend Mass for the 4 weeks leading up to the Reconciliation Ceremony.

Reconciliation Ceremony Tumbi Monday 20th March 4 pm

Reconciliation Ceremony Wyong Tuesday 21st March 4 pm

### **CONFIRMATION FOR CHILDREN IN YEAR 3 AND ABOVE WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTISED**

**Parent Information night** 7 pm Monday 29th May St Cecilia's Church 23 Byron Street Wyong

Enrolment Presentation weekend at all weekend Masses 3rd /4th June

Children will be asked to attend Mass for the 4 weeks leading up to the Confirmation Ceremony

Confirmation Ceremony St Peters College Saturday 15th July

### **FIRST EUCHARIST FOR CHILDREN IN YEAR 4 AND ABOVE WHO HAVE COMPLETED CONFIRMATION & RECONCILIATION**

**Parent Information night** 7 pm Monday 7th August St Cecilia's Church 23 Byron Street Wyong

Enrolment Presentation weekend at all weekend Masses 12th/13th August

Children will be asked to attend Mass for the 4 weeks leading up to the First Eucharist Ceremony

First Eucharist Ceremony Friday 8th September St John Fisher Mass Ctr 5 pm and 6.30 pm

First Eucharist Ceremony Friday 15th September St Cecilia's Church 5 pm and 6.30 pm

# **THANK YOU, ST. CECELIA & ST JOHN FISHER.**

In the last 40 years the Sisters of St Joseph have made up to \$500,000 from stamps. They are checked, collated, sorted and sold in auctions to collectors here and overseas. Our Parish has contributed much, by giving old stamps, stamp albums and forgotten collections. Before Christmas 2020 we sent in a large package and followed up with another one about Easter. All were very welcome! By continuing, we are helping the Sisters to make money for their Missions. Please continue to save and ask family, friends and neighbours to save as well. Old coins and postcards are welcome too. P.S. There are boxes in the back of both churches to receive your donations.

Patricia McCarthy



# CENTRAL COAST SECULAR FRANCISCANS

There is a special Franciscan Mass on **THURSDAY 14th September at Our Lady of the Rosary church at The Entrance, at 12 Noon.**

A Franciscan Friar, Fr Anthoni Selvaraj OFM, from Sydney will be celebrating Mass.

A warm invitation is extended to everyone to attend Mass and a light lunch afterwards.

This year is very special because Saint Francis established the Secular Franciscans (previously known as the Third Order of Franciscans) 800 years ago. Saint Francis had a close relationship with all God's creatures and the environment, but also set up the first CHRISTMAS CRIB at Greccio, Italy, in 1223.

Secretary: Gerard Price ofs Mob. 0439 519 018

For additional information about the Franciscan charism, please see the website: [ofsaustralia.org.au](http://ofsaustralia.org.au)

Thank you,

Gerard Price ofs

Secretary