

# 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*

**11TH FEBRUARY 2024 6TH 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 11.02.24**

### **SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

People afflicted with leprosy and similar skin diseases were regarded as untouchables in the Jewish society of Jesus' day. In keeping with the Law (see today's first reading), they had to proclaim their uncleanness publicly and keep their distance from all but their own kind. Today's Gospel story, narrated with an economy of detail, poignantly captures the pariah status of one such unfortunate man.

No onlookers are identified; there are only two characters - the leper in need of compassion and Jesus mercifully responsive to his need. In a sense, Jesus takes upon himself the uncleanness of the leper; for in touching him he renders himself, according to the Law, ritually impure. In our own day there are classes of people who are bracketed out by society - outcasts judged harshly as inferior beings by law-abiding citizens and condemned to lead lives of conspicuous misery. Even as we stand them in faith and love, we can make our own the leper's prayer: 'Lord, if you want to, you can cure me.'

**ON SALE—God’s Word—Daily Reflections Book 2024**

Books are now for sale \$20.00 each. Please come and see me in the office to purchase.

Margaret



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.



**Please Note:**

The Vinnies box will no longer be left in the Church unless we have a special drive. If you have donations, please take them donations straight to Vinnies – Howarth Street, Wyong.

Thank you.

**250 CLUB 2024**

The 250 club in 2024 will run for the whole year, with prize results in the Bulletin each week.

**Sign up notice information:** This sheet is available at the church doors for those parishioners who were not at weekend Masses when these sheets were handed out. The full detail of the 2024 Club is part of this sheet.

**Numbers Sale: Cost:**

\$60 upfront or a payment of \$10 by **20th** of March, April, June, July, September and October. (This equates to less than \$1.20 per week)

**Prizes:** Weekly \$50 and \$20; Monthly \$200 and \$50 Christmas \$500, \$250, \$150, and \$50

All prizes are contingent on the sale of all 250 numbers. Updates of sales numbers will be in each week’s bulletin.

Information contact persons are:

**Maureen Roast 0435 245 849**

**Anne Hooley 0428 149 793**

**Kerry Bugden 4388 2938**

Thank you for your support.

**SALE OF NUMBERS LAST WEEKEND**

**TOTALLED 92 TICKETS.**

**A GREAT RESPONSE TO START!**

**CATECHIST SUNDAY**

This year catechist Sunday will be held on Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup> of February. Our catechists will be commissioned for the year ahead at Parish Masses on the weekend of the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> February. SRE catechists, sacramental catechists, RCIA catechists, children’s liturgy of the word catechists and catholic school teachers, will be included in this commissioning.

Thank you to all who are involved in this very important work for our Parish.

May God continue to bless you all for your commitment and dedication.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING SUPPORT**

**250 NUMBERS SOLD**

Weekly Prizes are \$50 – 1<sup>st</sup> & \$20 – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Monthly Prizes are \$200 – 1<sup>st</sup> & \$50 – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
and will be last weekend of the month.

**250 Club Update**

DATE	Type	1 <sup>ST</sup>		2 <sup>nd</sup>	
10/11th February	weekly	237	Marie-Anne & Steve Johnson	144	Margaret Croke

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## PROPOSED PARISH CALENDAR DATES

Up until APRIL 2024

(Modification of some dates may be necessary)

### FEBRUARY

13<sup>th</sup> – Burning of the Ashes & BBQ

14<sup>th</sup> – Ash Wednesday

- Lent commences

-Charity collection for disadvantaged commences

20<sup>th</sup> – PPC Meeting

25<sup>th</sup> – Family Picnic at St Cecilia's Church

26<sup>th</sup> – Reconciliation Parent info night

### MARCH

12<sup>th</sup> – PPC Meeting

22<sup>nd</sup> – 250 Club final sales

24<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday

25<sup>th</sup> – Reconciliation Ceremony, St Cecilia's Church

27<sup>th</sup> – Reconciliation Ceremony, SJF

28<sup>th</sup> – Holy Thursday

29<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday

Holy Places collection

31<sup>st</sup> – Easter Sunday

### APRIL

6<sup>th</sup> / 7<sup>th</sup> – 2024 250 Club draw

- Charity collection for disadvantaged concludes

TBC – Official Opening, Windows Repair

## Palm Burning Ceremony

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024—6:00pm**

Palm Burning Ceremony followed by BBQ dinner (please bring dessert to share) to be held at St Cecilia's Church and Parish Hall/Verandah.

For catering purposes please **RSVP:**

**Kerry on 024388 2938**

## Ash Wednesday Mass Times—14th February 2024

St Cecilia's Church, Wyong—8am

St Cecilia's School, Wyong—9:30am

St John Fisher, Tumbi Umbi— 8am

CHOSEN: WYONG CATHOLIC PARISH'S

# FAMILY PICNIC

SUNDAY FEB 25TH 10:30AM

PLEASE JOIN US ON THE FIELD BEHIND ST CECILIAS CHURCH TO SHARE YUMMY FOOD, GOOD COMPANY AND PLAY SOME GAMES.  
BRING ALONG A PLATTER TO SHARE AND YOUR PICNIC RUGS.

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT PARISH OFFICE OR GABBI:  
GABBI.SCHERER@BBCATHOLIC.ORG.AU



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Thank you all for voting.

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

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### Children's Liturgy at the following Masses

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:** 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, Terence (Ted) Dafter, Finn McConnon, Christine, Jacqui Stacey, Josie Campbell, Dave, Rodney, Gwen Dwyer, Helen Waters, Rod & Pauline Cornwell, Marie Rheinberger, Hannah Hopwood, Joan Mabbutt, Irene Dainty, Eoin, Paula, Peter Meury, Jai Coleman, Danielle, Frank Farrugia, Betty McDermott, David Myers, Adam Smith, Frank Laoulach

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Richard Mahinay, Carol Dafter, Raymond (Ray) Baker, Fay King (Regina Preston's Aunt), Moira Grace, Maureen Murphy, Dorrie Betts

**ANNIVERSARY FEBRUARY:** Bill Cullinan, John Kiernan, Rosie Attard, Natividad Dieta, Rita Muscat, Rod McCarthy, Victor Gibbs., Frank Costa



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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 Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46**

A reading from the book of Leviticus

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean." As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 31:1-2, 5, 11**

**R.** I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

**Second Reading 1 Corinthians 10:31 - 11:1**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone - to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation Luke 7:16**

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;

God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

**Gospel Mark 1:40-45**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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



## LENTEN PENANCE

The Season of Lent is a most important time of preparation for the celebration of Easter. It is an annual pilgrimage of grace whereby we are drawn more deeply into the mystery of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

The Fathers of the Second Vatican Council taught that the Lenten liturgy has a twofold means of preparation. By remembering their own Baptism and undertaking penance, the liturgy assists in the renewal and ongoing formation of the *faithful* (cf. *Sacrosanctum Concilium* 109). The formation of *catechumens* via the various stages of the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is equally an important part of Lent (cf. GIRM 27).

For both the local community of the faithful and the elect, Lent is a time of grace and mercy whereby the Holy Spirit greets and renews those who seek to live as disciples of the Lord Jesus, who is our light and our salvation (cf. Psalm 27).

The Season of Lent commences on **Ash Wednesday**. Lent is a particularly useful time to reconnect with our brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ; to reflect upon our spiritual pilgrimage both as individuals and as one community of disciples.

In our Catholic tradition, Lent is commemorated as a time for conversion, repentance, and renewal. Marking our foreheads with ashes in the sign of the cross on Ash Wednesday is an outward sign of internal conversion. It is also an invitation to “*Turn away from sin and believe the good news*”. In this annual invitation, we acknowledge our human vulnerability, and we pray to be strengthened by God’s grace, mercy, and love.

In imitation of Jesus our teacher and master, we also fast (cf. Matthew 4:1-11). Like Our Lord, we will journey into the desert places of our life. Where the Lord has gone, we hope to follow, and so we must expect some challenges and temptations because the Gospel reminds us that this too was the plight of Jesus. Christians are people of hope, so during these moments of vulnerability, let us take shelter in God’s mercy and compassion.

## DAYS OF PENANCE

On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, abstinence from meat is to be observed by those who have completed their fourteenth year of age. Those who are aged between 18 and 60 are to fast on these days. Priests should encourage those under their pastoral care to embrace the spirit of abstinence and fasting. This Lenten practice is not to be a burden upon those who have health issues or special needs. Clergy as pastors of souls, are asked to be particularly vigilant in encouraging the faithful to undertake the disciplines of Lent with moderation and care.

On all other Fridays of Lent the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:

1. *Prayer* – for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying with Mary and the Saints, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, the Rosary, or in other ways;

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2. *Self-denial* – for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or desserts; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor in one's own country and elsewhere; limiting screen time on social media, or in other ways;
3. *Helping others* – for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened or feeling isolated from our Church community, or in other ways.

Lent is from **Ash Wednesday** (14 February 2024) until the **Mass of the Lord's Supper** (28 March 2024) inclusive. Fasting is also observed on **Good Friday** and if possible, on **Holy Saturday** until the Easter Vigil.

### **PASCHAL PRECEPT**

Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is done between **Ash Wednesday** and **Trinity Sunday** (26 May 2023), unless for a good reason it is done at another time during the year.

All the faithful who have reached the age of discretion (seven years old) are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year. Priests in the Diocese of Broken Bay are encouraged to make available to the faithful not only the first form of the Rite of Penance, but also the second form.

I encourage you to read the Scriptures in your homes, individually and as a family. Likewise, you may take the opportunity to be part of a Lenten prayer or discussion group, face to face or online. For this purpose, I offer to you the 2024 Diocesan Lenten resource; ***Participating in the Mission of Christ***, as prepared by Mission Broken Bay.

The Paschal mystery is the heart of the Eucharist. Personal private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament is a wonderful way to probe the mystery of faith. Our churches are regularly open outside of Mass times to assist the faithful in making a visit for prayer, contemplation, and adoration. This year in a particular way I invite all the People of God to participate in the **24 Hours for the Lord**. This initiative of prayer and reconciliation introduced by Pope Francis will be celebrated around the world on the eve of the Fourth Sunday of Lent. Chatswood Parish will be hosting our Diocesan event from Friday 8 to Saturday 9 March, with the focus being "Walking in a new life".

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ, I pray in these weeks ahead that our community of the Church of Broken Bay will be open to encounter new life in Christ. This Lent, may we humbly confess our sins, prayerfully perform our penance, and joyfully proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ through words and deeds of charity, mercy, and compassion.

+ Anthony Randazzo

**Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD JCL**  
Bishop of Broken Bay  
7 February 2024

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Go to BruceDownes.org for more information.

Please pass this invitation on to your parishioners, families and friends and we pray this will be a time of great renewal for you personally and in the people whom you lead.

Kind Regards

Sandra Purcell

The Catholic Guy Ministry

# SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

The monthly meetings of the Fraternity have been changed:

The meetings will be held in the Reynolds Room on the SECOND FRIDAY of each month, beginning on 9th February at 1:00 pm - straight after the 11:45 am Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, The Entrance,

A warm invitation is extended to everyone.

For additional information about the Franciscan charism, please see the website:

<http://www.ofsaustralia.org.au>

Secretary: Gerard Price ofs , Mob. 0439 519 018."

Thank you,

I do appreciate your help,

Gerard Price

Secretary

## Installation Process for the St Cecilia Reliquary



### Timeline

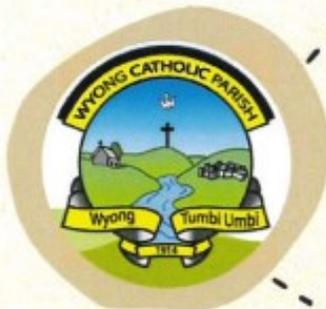
<b><u>1 May 2023</u></b>	Father Raul approached Bishop Anthony to determine the authenticity of the relic.
<b><u>17 May 2023</u></b>	Bishop Anthony decreed the relic is authentic and would be installed.
<b><u>September 2023</u></b>	A committee was formed to begin the liturgical processes required
<b><u>October 2023</u></b>	The committee determined the date for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the official launch,</li> <li>• preparation of banner and</li> <li>• prayer cards.</li> </ul>
<b><i>OFFICIAL LAUNCH</i></b>	9:30 am Mass on Sunday, <b>26 November 2023</b> , followed by a celebratory morning tea.
<b><u>December 2023</u></b>	Committee will visit the Shrine of St John Paul at Gosford. Father Skulski will provide information on the process for the development of our Shrine and many other considerations.
<b><u>2024</u></b>	Throughout 2024, the committee will investigate and determine the best ways to meet all liturgical and other requirements. These include Safety, Presentation (incl memorabilia), Location and Security Measures for the relic itself, as well as infrastructure and policy changes necessary to ensure these can be met.
<b><u>November 2024</u></b>	INSTALLATION OF THE RELIC
<b><u>Ongoing Activities</u></b>	Pastoral Activities e.g., Pilgrimages, Faith Formation, Workshops Shrine Activities e.g., Special Masses, Healing Evenings.

# 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**