

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

PARISH BULLETIN, 11TH SEPTEMBER 2022

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

WYONG CATHOLIC PARISH

ST CECILIA'S CHURCH & ST JOHN FISHER MASS CTR

Under the Pastoral Care of the

Society of Our Lady of The Most Holy Trinity (SOLT)

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*



SAFEGUARDING MONTH *families*

SEPTEMBER 2022

The safeguarding of all people in our communities and beyond is part of who we are as disciples of Jesus.

We all share the responsibility of fostering a safe and supportive environment where everyone is encouraged to thrive but none more so than our children and the vulnerable.

That means a day to day priority, and ongoing commitment.

However one month every year we actively do all we can to promote raising awareness around safeguarding. That month is September.

The past has taught us how and when things have gone wrong, and that urges us to constantly refocus.

This year, our Diocese is focusing on the family.

Most people's life involves connection to family, immediate or extended. Our Safeguarding Office, along with Catholic Schools Broken Bay and CatholicCare, have combined to create a range of activities where families and loved ones can share their stories, photos and videos in the positive ways they are connecting with children.

See how you can get involved by visiting <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/about/diocesan-safeguarding/safeguarding-month-2022>

*Let us all resign ourselves into His hands, and pray that in all things He may guide us to do His Holy Will... When thoughts of this or that come I turn to Him and say: "Only what you will, my God. Use me as You will."
St. Mary MacKillop*

Parish Finance update for the year ending 30 June 2022

Total income for the year is steady at \$103,287 (from 101,574 last year). Total Expenses for the year have decreased slightly to \$128,260 (from \$136,923 last year). Whilst this should have left our Parish with an operating shortfall we were fortunate to receive government assistance of \$33,222. With property inspections now due we will have to fund part of this from reserves.

As always, new Parishioners are encouraged to join our planned giving programme. Please contact the Parish office for more information. Don't forget the Broken Bay Parish Giving app allows you to set up regular contributions to our parish first and second collections without the need for physical money (eg notes & coins).

As you know inflationary increases will burden us all and the Parish is not immune. Further increases in utility costs are already coming through. Whilst I encourage you to give more if you can, the answer for our Parish lies in an increase in patronage. Please encourage your families and friends to attend Mass. Our numbers have fallen for a number of reasons however now is the time to welcome people back to our Church.

Thank you for your continued support of our Parish.

Joe Cesca
Chairman of the Parish Finance Committee

CARD MAKING ALL WELCOME THIS COMING MONDAY

At this month's **WOMEN'S GET TOGETHER GROUP** you are invited to come and make beautified cards.

- We will have the materials for you to use to make your cards.
- You are also welcome to bring your own supplies to make your cards.

**Monday 12th August.
10.30am in our Parish Hall**

23 Byron Street Wyong

Join us for some scones jam and cream, companionship, chit chat and card making.



Bunnings BBQ Thank you, most sincerely, all the volunteers who gave of their time and energy, to help out at the Parish Sausage Sizzle, held at Bunnings, Tuggerah, on Saturday, 3th Sept.

From 8.00 am until 1.30 pm, a crew of men and women worked tirelessly, in shifts, cooking, making and selling sausage sandwiches and drinks. Because of their generous assistance, the day was a great success.

You were all amazing! \$830.00 was raised. Regrettably due to bad weather our BBQ was cut short. However we will be given an opportunity to have another BBQ before the end of the year.

Our thanks, also, go to Bunnings, Tuggerah, for giving us the opportunity to raise money for our future Parish projects and commitments.

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BRUNCH IS SERVED!!

Join us for Eggs, Bacon, Sausages,
Scones with jam and cream, Tea and
Coffee.

Combined Men's & Women's Brunch

10th October at 11am
On the Parish Veranda
23 Byron Street Wyong
Please RSVP by 5th Oct

to Jo on 0424 763 734

All welcome!!

"AN OPURTUNITY RETURNS"

Students at St Peter's College are once again offering to help parishioners with their electronic devices such as phones, laptop, iPad. If you need help working your electronic devices the students can help!!

The two sessions are
Wednesday 19th October &
Wednesday 9th November
From 9am to 12pm.

Morning tea will be provided
Please RSVP to Jo on 0424 763 734

Please meet at St Cecilia's Church at 8.30am.
A bus will take you to and from the college, no need to worry about parking.

Reflection 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reproduced from God's Word 2022: Daily Reflections, published by St Pauls Publications, Strathfield

Our readings this Sunday are a handbook for learning about God. We read the words which, in the different contexts of the Old and New Testament stories, seem to say the same thing: God is merciful! Our reflection starts with a very well-known story about the people of Israel. Their action in replacing the Covenant of Love with worship of a golden calf shows both human weakness and the endless patience of God. Despite the chosen people disappointing their leader, Moses, by offending God, God is patient and does not bring on them any punishment.

Similarly, what we learn in the responsorial psalm is that God is kind and forgiving. He can purify our hearts and make them his own again.

There is even more reassurance about the extent of God's forgiveness for us, who have been sinners, in the letter of Saint Paul to Timothy. The parables in today's Gospel also highlight the mercy of God who searches for all who are lost until they are found. The focus in this story is not on how they came to be lost but on God who celebrates their return and shows even more clearly that his love is unconditional and endless.

What if the focus of our week to come will be to mirror in some small way God's attitude?

What if, this week, we try to find something good in every person we meet, despite our natural reaction to their wrongdoings?

What if, this week, we try to be a little bit more merciful to ourselves?

What if...?



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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

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

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PARISH OFFICE 23 Byron Street Wyong

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OFFICE HOURS: Mon to Thurs 9.30am to 2.30pm & Fri 9.30am to 12pm

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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 8.15 - 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

night 5pm to 6pm

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, Margaret Hobbs, Christine, Jacqui Stacey, Josie Campbell, Carol Dafter, Dave Rodney, Gwen Dwyer, Helen Waters, Rod & Pauline Cornwell, Marie & Peter Rheinberger, Hannah Hopwood, Fay King, Joan Mabbutt, Irene Dainty, John Cornwell, Eoin, Paula, Francis (Frank) Trinca, Peter Meury

RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARY SEPTEMBER: Gerard Byrne, Peter Donnelly, Jack Harris

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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.

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD *Reproduced from Liturgia*

FIRST READING EXODUS 32:7-11, 13-14

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!" The Lord said to Moses, 'I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.'

But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said, 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.' So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 50:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19

R. I will rise and go to my father.

SECOND READING 1 TIMOTHY 1:12-17

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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 LUKE 15:1-10

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them: 'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say, "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.

'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention

September -

Abolition of the Death Penalty

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country

SAFEGUARDING MONTH *families*

SEPTEMBER 2022



CATHOLIC
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BROKEN BAY

BUILDING MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS IN EVERY FAMILY

The Diocese of Broken Bay promotes awareness of
Safeguarding each September.

We invite all families to share with us your experiences of
how you connect as a family in the form of a story, a video or
a photo during Safeguarding Month of September.

Some suggestions might include exercising together,
bushwalking, baking or play a game.

Scan for
more
activity
ideas



bbcatholic.org.au/safeguarding/engaging-with-your-family

The most creative and inspirational
entries will be showcased on our
Diocesan Safeguarding Month webpage.



SCAN
TO
ENTER



Entries will be open September 1 to September 30.

*Submission of entries will be taken as consent to share

bbcatholic.org.au/safeguardingmonth2022



**Voice of the People
Vox Populi
7th September 2022**

Everyone has a birthday and for many it is a joyous time.

This week we celebrated the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary on its traditional fixed date of 8 September, nine months after the 8 December celebration of her immaculate conception as the child of Saints Joachim and Anne. The Church has celebrated this day since at least the sixth century.

The circumstances of the Virgin Mary's infancy and early life are not directly recorded in the Bible, but other documents and traditions describing the circumstances of her birth are cited by some of the earliest Christian writers from the first centuries of the Church. We are also told Mary was raised as a child of God, and when the angel Gabriel told Mary that she had been chosen to be the Mother of Jesus, she already had great faith and trust that allowed her to say “yes” to God’s plan.

Next week we celebrate another feast day of Our Lady, but can’t say this one is joyous. It is 15 September and is Our Lady of Sorrows. This title focuses on the intense suffering and grief during the passion and death of her Son and the seven dolours or sorrows.

In a unique way Mary suffered alongside her Divine Son as he gave His life for us. This devotion is particularly remembered this month.

We also acknowledge this month those children and vulnerable people we have not protected and cared for and who have been harmed by abuse, both directly and indirectly.

This Sunday, 11 September is Safeguarding Sunday, however in the Diocese of Broken Bay we are particularly remembering safeguarding awareness for the entire month, and encouraging families to build meaningful connections with their children and young people around them.

For a range of activities, resources and support visit <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/about/diocesan-safeguarding/safeguarding-month-2022>



On Monday, Joseph House hosted its second monthly Young Men's Lectio Divina night. Joseph House – a residential house of discernment for young men run by the Diocese of Broken Bay – it has been opening its doors on the first Monday of each month for these Lectio Divina Nights, where men have gathered to learn to hear God in the scriptures and journey with brothers in the faith. This month's guest was Alex Leach from CYBB, who unpacked how Psalm 91 has impacted his life, and the group prayed through the psalm before finishing with supper and night prayer.

The next Lectio Divina Night will be in October, with a possible date change to accommodate Labour Day. Follow [Catholic Youth Broken Bay](#) on Facebook for updates.



Men's & Women's Lectio Divina

Looking for a community of prayer? Catholic Youth Broken Bay is offering a space for young adults to come together, as men and women, to pray by Lectio Divina while enjoying the warmth of fellowship!

Lectio Divina is a popular spirituality exercise and an easy form of prayer to do with others or by oneself. It's a practice of reading the Scriptures and letting God speak to you through the Word. Both groups will meet regularly on the 1st Monday of each month.

The next one will be held on **MONDAY, 5th SEPTEMBER, 7:30pm – 9:00pm**. The **men** will be gathering at **Joseph House** and the **women** will be gathering at **St. Bernard's Church, Ku-Ring-Gai Chase Parish**.



WYD 2023 Registrations are NOW OPEN!

Thinking about coming to World Youth Day? Registrations are **NOW OPEN!**

Pilgrims from Broken Bay will be embarking on a 3-week pilgrimage, beginning in Rome and journeying through various Italian cities and towns including Assisi, Siena, Florence, Bologna, Padua, and Venice, before flying over to Lisbon, Portugal for the World Youth Day week with Pope Francis. Following World Youth Day, pilgrims will travel to Fatima for a retreat before returning home.

There is a direct option available for those who can only attend for the week of World Youth Day in Lisbon.

If you are wanting more information, check out the live stream recording of WYD Information Nights here: <https://fb.watch/fmpQBmPvRZ/>

To register:

- 1 Visit: <https://bbwyd.org.au/>
1. Select the pilgrim description that best suits you:
2. Pilgrims under 18 years – CSBB students
3. Pilgrims under 18 years– non-CSBB students
4. Pilgrims over 18 years
- 5.

Follow the instructions for filling out the form



The Burning Bush

Ex 3:1-12

Listen to the Voice of Creation

SEASON OF CREATION 2022

1 September was the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, established by Pope Francis in 2015. This day began the 'Season of Creation' which runs until 4 October, the Feast of St Francis, and is an ecumenical season calling all Christians around the world to pray and take action for our common home. The theme for 2022 is "Listen to the Voice of Creation." In his message for World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, Pope Francis said, "If we learn how to listen, we can hear in the voice of creation a kind of dissonance. On the one hand, we can hear a sweet song in praise of our beloved Creator; on the other, an anguished plea, lamenting our mistreatment of this our common home."

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HOLY HOUR &
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Pray, Discern
& Act

Journey of Discernment

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 23
6PM

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20-22 OCTOBER 2022

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MISSION

An excellent formation opportunity for your parish is being offered through the 'Evangelise' conference this October.

The Australian Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry will host a national online conference from October 20-22. The conference will promote understanding and explore practices of evangelisation in Australia through *encounters* with Christ, formation in *discipleship*, and *mission* in the world.

A wide variety of topics will be offered, including areas of evangelisation, leadership, ministry, liturgy and sacraments, social justice, youth, and marriage and family.

Please promote to parishioners, in particular to parish and ministry leaders and teams. Parishes are encouraged to attend as a group, and to subsidise registration where possible to enable participation.

Cost is \$25 per person, \$20 for 5 or more registrations.

Further information and registration details: <https://nce.catholic.org.au/bcelm-conference/events/bcelm-conference>

This is a great follow-up to the recent Laying a Missionary Foundation course that many parishes participated in. To discuss how this Conference could be part of a wider parish strategy towards parish renewal, and to receive support in implementing outcomes, please contact Pina Bernard on 0432 682 239 or pina.bernard@bbcatholic.org.au