

# 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*

**12TH MARCH 2023 3RD SUNDAY in LENT Year A**

**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)**

## **Parish Lenten Preparation**

St Cecilia's Church

Friday evenings in Lent 6.30pm

Stations of the Cross. Please join us, as we prayerfully walk the Way of the Cross (Pope John Paul 11 version)

## **Reflection 12.3.2023 3rd Sunday in Lent, Year A**

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On the surface, today's Gospel seems to be the story of two people drawing water at the well. However, careful examination reveals a complex of meanings and levels of reality. A conversation develops between Jesus and a Samaritan woman about water, but things are not as they seem. Jesus asks for a drink, but is this what he really wants? The woman is interested in the water which will quench all thirst, but is this what she really wants? It is not a coincidence that Jesus meets her. He is at the well for her sake. It is not water but her soul that he wants. He speaks to her heart, opening her to new and more profound possibilities. As he speaks she begins to change, though she does not understand what is happening. A changed woman, she runs to the town where Jesus now stays for two days. By the end of the story she and many Samaritans believe in Jesus. As the story unfolds the woman comes to realise that water and the things of this world are not what she really desires. Her heart desires God. Jesus moves the place of worship from a physical reality, Jerusalem or this Mountain, to the inner space of the soul, where we pray in Spirit and Truth.

## PARISH RETREAT –FRIDAY, FRIDAY 31 MARCH.

A parish retreat (reflection) day will be held on **Friday 31 March** at St Cecilia's Wyong, given by Fr Roni George, Director of Divine Retreat Centre, Somersby.

Each session will have three parts- Meet and Greet; Formal Church Liturgy; and Retreat (Reflection). All parishioners are invited to attend **one** or **both** of the listed sessions.

All formal arrangements for the retreat will be handed out at mass this weekend.

Please mark 31 March in your calendar so you are free to attend.

## Wyong Catholic Parish Youth Coordinator

The Wyong Catholic Parish invites you to join their team as a casual **Youth Coordinator** working up to 4 hours per week. The role does allow for flexibility with the working schedule, however you'll need to have availability for weekends and evenings.

This is an exciting role where you will build and maintain a parish youth group, encouraging young people to engage and participate in parish youth activities, ensuring a sense of fun, community, belonging and faith for the youth and young adults in the parish. The role works with the Parish team to build a strong youth network, encouraging, supporting and assisting volunteers to assist in the youth ministry.

Please apply by sending a CV and brief cover letter addressing role requirements via email to

[wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au)

Applications close **Friday 17 March**.

## COMMUNITY COLLECTIONS

Each year as a parish we have three donated item collections supporting the disadvantaged members of the community. These collections are in March/April (Wyong Neighbourhood ctr and We "Care Connect both local charities), June (Vinnies Winter collection) and December (Vinnies Christmas collection).

This years Community Collection drive will run till the end of Lent.

**We Care Connect (Children's Charity)** is currently out of baby toiletries, baby body and hair wash, nappy cream, body lotion, and size 5 and 6 nappies and baby wipes.

**Wyong Neighbourhood Centre** are needing items such as: canned food, breakfast cereal, pasta, pasta sauces, soups, 2 min noodles, long life milk, tea, coffee muesli bars, & biscuits.

Please place your items into the collection baskets at both St Cecilia's and St John Fisher.

More information on each charity can be found at the web addresses listed:

Wyong Neighbour Centre Inc <https://www.wnci.org.au>

We Care Connect <https://wecareconnect.org.au>

Thank you for your generous donations. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

### WELCOME

The children in our Parish are preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We welcome them and their families to our weekend Masses over the coming weeks.

We pray that God's love and grace will grow in their hearts.



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## Invitation to morning Mass

We will be having an additional weekday Mass, every week on Monday at 9.15am at St Cecilia's Church Wyong.

Every week a different class from St Cecilia's Primary School will join us in the celebration of the Mass. We encourage and extend a warm welcome to ALL parishioners to this Mass to pray and celebrate as one family.

We are aiming at building a stronger relationship with Parish and School through our prayers. Please come along and get to know our children and teachers.

## The WOMEN'S GET TOGETHER GROUP Monday 13th March 10.30am in our Parish Hall.

All Welcome

- ◆ Cake Coffee,
- ◆ Companionship,
- ◆ Chit Chat, Craft

## Project Compassion

Zimbabwe is experiencing an intense drought, exacerbated by climate change. With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla learnt conservation farming skills to grow drought-resistant crops and started poultry farming to support her family during the current food crisis.

### Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *For All Future Generations*.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.

## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention March—For Victims of Abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church themselves, a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

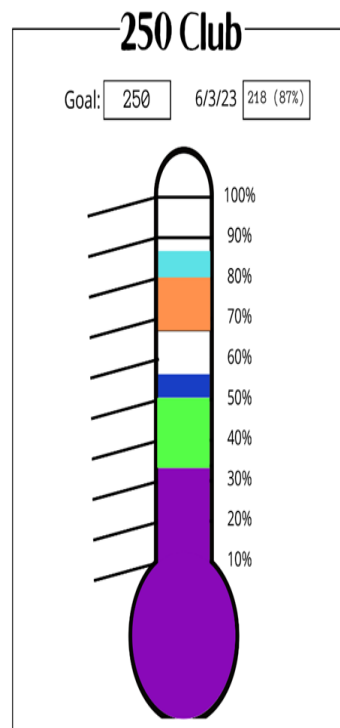
## 250 Club Update

**WE HAVE SOLD 218 NUMBERS, THANK YOU EVERYONE.**

32 numbers left and only 2 weeks to go.

Numbers 1-205 have been allocated. Sales since last update will have numbers allocated after 19 March 2023 once sales have been finalised. If your number has been allocated and you are not sure what it is, please see one of our sellers after Mass this weekend.

Any questions, please call  
Maureen Roast 0435 245 849  
Anne Hooley 0428 149 793  
Kerry Bugden 4388 2938



" There is a special Franciscan event on SUNDAY 19th March at Penrose Park Monastery, 120 Hanging Rock Road, Sutton Forest, from 10:30 am to 3:00 pm. Please RSVP by 12th March to [leellen.lewis@gmail.com](mailto:leellen.lewis@gmail.com) or 0411 800 526 .

A Franciscan Friar, Fr Anthoni Selvaraj OFM, from Sydney will be celebrating Mass on Thursday 23rd March at 11:30 am at Our Lady of the Rosary church at The Entrance. This will be the anniversary of the Profession of the Secular Franciscans on the Central Coast.

A warm invitation is extended to everyone to attend both these events.

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)"



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## MASS TIMES

### ST CECILIA'S CHURCH

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Saturday Vigil / Sunday Mass Times

Sat Vigil 5.00pm Sun 7.30am & 9.30am

**Weekday Mass**

Mon-Sat: 8.00am, Mon 9.15am

**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

**PARISH OFFICE** 23 Byron Street Wyong

Phone: 02 4352 1011 Po Box 385 Wyong 2259

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

### PARISH CONTACTS

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**PARISH WEBSITE:** <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/wyong/>

**FACEBOOK:** [www.facebook.com/wyongcatholicparish](https://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 8.15 - 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

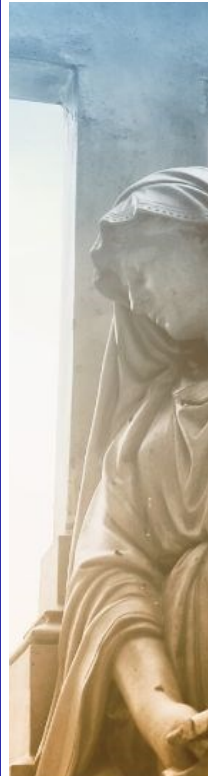
### KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS

**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 Rheinberger, Hannah Hopwood, Fay King, Joan Mabbutt, Irene Dainty, Eoin, Paula, Peter Meury, Lyn Nash, Jai Coleman, Danielle.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Kathleen Pidgeon,

**ANNIVERSARY MARCH:** Myrtle & James Murphy, Reg Preston, Fr Tito Ayo, SOLT, Kevin Barry



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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.

# Sunday 12th March 2023 3rd Sunday in Lent

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD (Year A)

### First Reading Exodus 17:3-7

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

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

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

### Second Reading Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

### Gospel Acclamation cf John 4:42, 15

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

### Gospel John 4:5-15, 19-26, 39-42

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' - Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you:

Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?'

Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come - in fact it is here already -when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah - that is, Christ - is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'



## **Office for the Bishop**

**Vox Episcopi  
02 March 2023**

During the first week of Lent I saw a meme on social media which said, "you're fasting during Lent but not praying? I think that's called dieting."

It is very easy to take our eye off the mission, which is to begin and end with Jesus Christ. The negative consequence is that the season of Lent, with its three sure fast patterns of penance: alms giving, prayer, and fasting, tend to become all about us.

Jesus teaches us that to follow him as a disciple, we need to be vigilant in our relationships – with others, with God, and with ourselves.

This time of penance is not a call to scrupulosity or rigid practices of religion. It is an invitation to eternal life, which begins with small acts of selflessness, carried out with humility and simplicity. I repeat what I said on Ash Wednesday when we began our Lenten journey, “what we do in Lent will hopefully impact upon who we are for the rest of the year”.

Last weekend I had the pleasure of admitting Richard Houwing and Hien Vu as Candidates for Sacred Orders. Richard has been journeying along the pathway to the Diaconate and Hien is on the way to Priesthood. Both men have been preparing well and I am confident that they will make a great contribution to the mission in the Church of Broken Bay.

I am grateful to those who have accompanied them in their formation thus far, and invite you to continue to support and encourage Richard and Hien as they are called to Sacred Orders.

+Anthony

# WE URGENTLY NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY VISITORS SCHEME

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## **URGENT CALL OUT – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

CatholicCare Diocese of Broken Bay is seeking volunteers on the Central Coast for our federally funded Community Visitors Scheme.

As a volunteer, you will visit seniors in a local aged care facility or in their home and help improve their quality of life. Affectionately referred to as CatholicCare's 'friendship program', you will build new connections and positive relationships with someone who will greatly appreciate your company. Our volunteers have flexibility to choose a day and time that suits them, we just ask for a commitment of at least one hour per fortnight.

If you can help, please contact Nicki on 0418 435 304 or visit [www.catholiccaredbb.org.au/volunteer](http://www.catholiccaredbb.org.au/volunteer). The majority of our volunteers are parishioners, and they love supporting this program!



## 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**. Given the continued challenges of the past few years, Lent 2023 will once again be 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 the year 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 the Rosary; or in other ways;
2. *Self-denial* – for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or deserts; 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** (22 February 2023) until the **Mass of the Lord's Supper** (6 April 2023) 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** (4 June 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 2023 Diocesan Lenten resource; **Jesus, Our Light and Our Life. Becoming One in Christ**, as prepared by Evangelisation 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. Stations of the Cross are also a splendid spiritual devotion in our tradition, providing us with the occasion to walk the way to Calvary with Christ. While individuals can follow the *Via Crucis* on any day of Lent, the Stations are particularly meaningful on the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. The Stations of the Cross resources developed by Evangelisation Broken Bay in 2022, are a wonderful way of engaging with this meaningful prayer tradition.

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.

**Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD JCL**  
Bishop of Broken Bay

15 February 2023

## 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

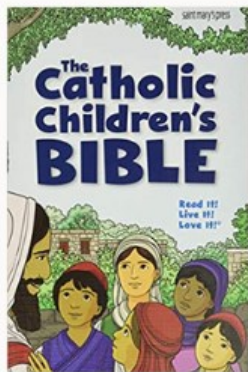
First Eucharist Ceremony Friday 8th September St John Fisher Mass Ctr 5 pm and 6.30 pm

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

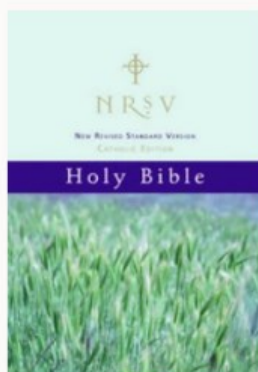
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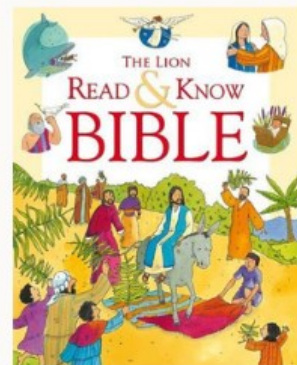
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## RETREAT SCHEDULE FOR 2023

### SPECIAL RETREATS

7th, 8th January- DRC volunteers Retreat  
9th-13th January- Greek Orthodox Community Retreat  
16th-21st January- Greek Orthodox Community Retreat  
10th-12th February- Greek Orthodox Community Retreat  
10th-12th March- Zimbabwean Women Group Retreat

### RESIDENTIAL RETREATS

STARTS ON FRIDAY, 5:30PM ENDS ON SUNDAY, 4:00PM

**13th-15th January**

Inner Healing Retreat,

**17th-19th February**

Inner Healing Growth Retreat,

**17th-19th March**

Lenten Growth Retreat,

**14th-16th April**

Divine Mercy Growth Retreat,

**12th-14th May**

Couples Growth Retreat,

**16th-18th June**

Spiritual Growth Retreat,

**14th-16th July**

Family Growth Retreat,

**18th-20th August**

Inner Healing Growth Retreat,

**15th-17th September**

Youth Retreat,

**13th-15th October**

Marian Growth Retreat,

**10th-12th November**

Inner Healing Growth Retreat,

**8th-10th December**

Advent Retreat,

For more info & bookings please contact: 02 4372 1598 or email: [drcretreatrego@gmail.com](mailto:drcretreatrego@gmail.com)

Special  
Dates to  
remember

**DIVINE MERCY FEAST** April 16th, 9:00am to 4:00pm.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL FEAST** September 24th, 9:00am to 4:00pm.

**ST FAUSTINA KOWALSKA FEAST** October 5th, 2:00pm to 4:30pm.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE** 31st Dec, 8:00pm- Confession 10:00pm- Praise and worship, Rosary, 11:00pm- Holy Mass

## MINISTRIES AT THE DIVINE

**ONE DAY WORSHIP PILGRIMAGE:** A one day retreat with a healing service is held on **the last Sunday of every month** Time: 9:00am - 4:00pm Admission FREE. Just walk right in. (BYO LUNCH)

**MALAYALAM RETREAT:** Every First Saturday of Month 10:00 am to 2:30 pm.

**YOUTH MINISTRY:** First Saturday of March, June, November Age 18+, 5:00 pm to 7:30pm

**CHILDREN'S RETREAT:** Making children enjoy their time with Jesus, we hold regular retreats for kids, children and Teenagers. (During the First Saturday- Malayalam Retreat and on Last Sunday during the One Day Worship)



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