

# 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*

**13TH AUGUST 2023 NINETEENTH 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)**



## **TUESDAY 15TH AUGUST SOLEMNITY**

**Please see Mass times below**

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**8:00am Mass St Cecilia's Church**

**9:30am Mass St Cecilia's School Hall**

**11:40am Mass at St John Fisher School Hall**

All parishioners are welcome to join the  
**9.30am Mass at St Cecilia's School Hall** (please  
message or call Jo on 0424 763 734 so I can arrange  
seating) or the  
**11.40am Mass at St John Fisher School Hall.**

We encourage you to join the children for The  
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, as this is a  
wonderful opportunity for our parish community to  
come together on this Holy Day of Obligation.

## **Prayer to Our Lady, Assumed into Heaven**

Immaculate Virgin, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, we  
believe in your triumphant assumption into heaven where  
the angels and saints acclaim you as Queen. We join them  
in praising you and bless the Lord who raised you above all  
creatures. With them we offer you our devotion and love.  
We are confident that you watch over our daily efforts and  
needs, and we take comfort from the faith in the coming  
resurrection. We look to you, our life, our sweetness, and  
our hope. After this earthly life, show us Jesus, the blest  
fruit of your womb, O kind, O loving, O sweet virgin Mary.

[https://www.catholic.org/prayers/prayeroftheday/?select\\_date=2020-08-15](https://www.catholic.org/prayers/prayeroftheday/?select_date=2020-08-15)

## Pope Francis' Prayer

### Intention August

For World Youth Day

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

### New Parish Secretary

We are happy to announce that Margaret Vandenberg has been appointed as our new Parish Secretary. We ask you to please make her feel welcome as she takes on this new role.

### Emma McBride's Visit to Wyong Parish

The Parish has been given funding through the Australian Government Volunteers Grant through Emma McBride's initiation. This will be used to purchase petrol vouchers.

We thank and are very grateful for our volunteers. We appreciate all the time and effort they give to our Parish.

Emma will be visiting our Parish to see the great work being done and to speak to our volunteers.

A morning tea will be held on Monday 14th August at 9.45am in our Parish Centre.

For catering purposes would you please ring Kerry Bugden on 43 882938.



We welcome the children who are preparing for the Sacrament of First Eucharist and their families to our Masses over the coming weekends. 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.

We warmly welcome the children from St Cecilia's School who are to be baptized this weekend into our Parish Community.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus bless them and their Families.

## WE ARE LOOKING FOR Volunteer leaders

IF YOU ARE 18-30 YEARS OLD AND PASSIONATE  
ABOUT SHARING THE GOSPEL WITH YOUNG PEOPLE.  
THIS IS THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU.

COMMITMENT IS 7-9PM EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT  
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### 250 Club Update

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and will be last weekend of the month.

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# **Sunday Mass 13 August 2023**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **First Reading 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13**

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

### **Responsorial Psalm Ps 84:9-14**

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

### **Second Reading Romans 9:1-5**

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ - it is the truth - my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

### **Gospel Acclamation Ps 129:5**

Alleluia, alleluia! I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word. Alleluia!

### **Gospel Matthew 14:22-33**

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord', he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

### **Reflection 13.8.2023 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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*Had Elijah not first endured a mighty wind, an earthquake and fire he may not have recognized the presence of the lord in the gentle breeze. Similarly, the disciples battling a heavy sea, confused Jesus for a ghost, watched peter sinking as he tried to walk across the water and then saw Jesus put out his hand to hold him. And then the wind dropped. Without the storm we do not always appreciate the provider of calm. In the letter to the Romans Paul acknowledges that in following Christ he remained of Jewish 'flesh and blood' and affirmed his people's unique heritage, their special place in salvation history. Whenever the followers of Christ have forgotten the Jewish origins of their faith, prejudice, oppression and appalling atrocities towards Jews have followed. When our prayer is the same as Peter's, 'Lord, save me', we should remember that the hand that rescued Peter was a Jewish hand.*



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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, Monday 9.15am (School Term)

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

### ST JOHN FISHER MASS CENTRE

Hicks Lane Tumby 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

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**OFFICE HOURS:** Mon to Thurs 9.30am to 2.30pm

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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 8.45 - 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 night 5pm to 6pm

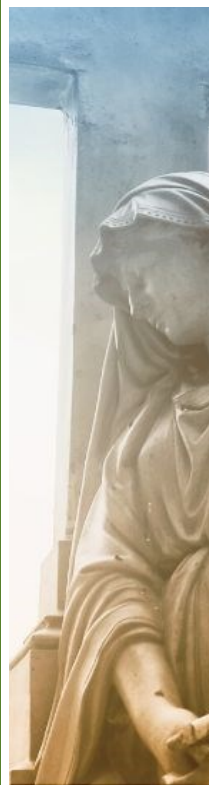
### KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS

**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, 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

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**ANNIVERSARY AUGUST:** Lucy Smith, Ruth & Cecil Booth



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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.



### **Vox Populi 02 August 2023**

Our Broken Bay pilgrims are now all in Lisbon, Portugal where they have joined hundreds of thousands of other young people from nearly 200 countries for World Youth Day '23.

On Monday the 169 students, young adults, teachers, leaders and coordinators, seminarians, priests and Bishop Anthony attended the opening WYD Mass in a huge park near the waterfront along with around 400,000 other pilgrims - and the crowds keep growing. The opening Mass was celebrated by Cardinal Manuel Clemente, the patriarch of Lisbon who wished all pilgrims a "happy and inspiring World Youth Day". Bishop Anthony was one of the 700 concelebrating bishops from around the world which he said was a spiritually powerful experience.

Prior to the Mass, most of the 3,000 pilgrims from around Australia gathered for the traditional Australian prayer, reflection and musical celebration. Broken Bay was asked to lead one of the segments with the Broken Bay pilgrimage song 'Magnify' a highlight.

However the week really moved up a notch when the Holy Father, Pope Francis flew in on Wednesday. Pope Francis met with Portugal's President Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa but his first message was to all European leaders - invest in young people rather than weapons.

He said the fact that hundreds of thousands of young people have come from around the globe this week to encounter each other offers an antidote to today's societal ills.

As the Pope was driven into the city, a number of our excited pilgrims saw the official motorcade and Pope Francis who smiled and returned their waves.

Tomorrow will be the Welcome Mass with the Holy Father followed the next day with Stations of the Cross. The Vigil on Saturday with Pope Francis includes Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament followed by the pilgrim sleep-out. Organisers believe around one million people could attend the Missioning Mass on Sunday morning with Pope Francis. This marks the end of WYD23 and is when the city that will hold the next World Youth Day in three years is announced.

Following the arrival of Pope Francis in Lisbon, Bishop Anthony said the Holy Spirit is clearly alive and active in the swelling crowd of people gathering from all parts of the world.

"These next few days will engage us in catechisms, prayer, reconciliation, adoration, evangelisation, convivium, and worship," Bishop Anthony said.

"I have already been overwhelmed by our young pilgrims. Their ability and capacity to ponder life questions in the context of their faith is inspirational.

"Please continue to pray for them as we walk together this pilgrimage of faith."

## Vocations

### Annual Seminarian Benefit Dinner

Calling all #BrokenBay faithful! Come join us for an amazing evening Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023. Enjoy delicious food, friendly company and musical performances put on by our very own seminarians. Most importantly, support our diocese's commitment to inspiring vocations! Seats are limited. Tickets are \$60pp, all are welcome! Secure yours now at the [link](#).

**Date:** Saturday, September 2, 2023, at

**Time:** 6:30pm, after the 5pm Vigil Mass.

**Venue:** Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood Parish – Harrington Hall, 94 Archer Street, Chatswood 206

**Tickets:** \$60 per person

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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)

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## 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 Tumby 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