

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*

14TH MAY 2023 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

WYONG CATHOLIC PARISH

ST CECILIA'S CHURCH, ST JOHN FISHER MASS CTR & ST PETER'S CHAPEL

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The Month of May. Within the cycle of a year, the Church unfolds the whole of the mystery of Christ, from his incarnation and birth until his ascension, the day of Pentecost, and the expectation of blessed hope and of the Lord's return... In celebrating this annual cycle of Christ's mysteries, the Church honours with special love **Mary, the Mother of God**, who is joined by an inseparable bond to the saving work of her Son. In her, the Church holds up and admires the most excellent effect of the redemption and joyfully contemplates, as in a flawless image, that which the Church itself desires and hopes wholly to be. SC 102, 103

MOTHER MARY – Model of Humility, Love and Tenderness

“Whenever we look to Mary, we come to believe once again in the revolutionary nature of love and tenderness. In her we see that humility and tenderness are not virtues of the weak but of the strong who need not treat others poorly in order to feel important themselves.”

Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel, 288

Reflection 14.5.2023 Sixth Sunday of Easter

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There is a poignant image in John's Gospel where Jesus, speaking of his return and the promise of the gift of the Spirit, says 'I will not leave you orphans'. Orphans. To be orphaned is to be without a parent, to live life without the one who gave you life, to experience an 'aloneness' that touches the primal cell of human belonging. What a powerful image to describe the gut-wrenching, painful departure of Jesus, and in the same breath to be assured of his continuing presence in resurrection and glory. Thus, Easter is a complex season, as Scripture speaks to us of both absence and presence, of suffering and joy, of fulfilment and more to come'. While we celebrate Christ's victory over sin and the joy of salvation, it is also true that much of our daily lives are spent struggling with myriad tensions, troubling questions, and at times intense suffering. There is some reassurance in knowing that it was the same for those first fledgling communities of disciples. We can take heart that Jesus knows our needs as 'orphans'; he honours his promise to return and sends us the Spirit to be with us, now and forever.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention

May— For church movements and groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

Invitation to celebrate Weekday Mass with the students from

St Cecilia's & St John Fisher

Every week a different class from St Cecilia's School and St John Fisher School will join us in the celebration of the Mass. We encourage and extend a warm welcome to ALL parishioners to this beautiful half hour week day 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.

Year 5 Students St Cecilia's Church
Mon 8th May 9.15am Mass

Year 4 Students St John Fisher Mass
Ctr Tues 9th May 9.15am Mass

Blessings on Mother's Day

Today we offer all our mothers and those who love us like a mother, our deepest respect for the gift of love you bring to your family, this community and the world. The quality of who you are as a mother has profound consequences for the quality of life in the world, and we extend to you our support and love. We honour your commitment, we rejoice with you in all your achievements and we walk with you in your pain and loss.

We pray for you: May God's Holy Spirit fill you with a love that gives you strength to fulfil all that is asked of you.

Missionary Sisters of Charity Mother's Day Raffle

Congratulations to the following winners:

1st Olivia Stoly White 73
2nd Carolyn Yellow 43
3rd Maree Green 5
4th Luke Yellow 85

The sum of \$735 was raised for the Missionary Sisters of Charity of Orange, Alice Springs and Katherine. Thank you all for your kind support. Marie Dyer (Drawn by Fr Alex)

Secular Franciscans Central Coast

Everyone is warmly invited to the monthly meeting of the Central Coast Secular Franciscan Fraternity, after the 9:30 am Mass, in the Reynolds Room at The Entrance on Sunday 21st May.

Gerard Price ofs, Secretary
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250 Club Update

THANK YOU FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING SUPPORT 250 NUMBERS SOLD

Draws will be from 1/4/23 – 30/3/24 . Results will be published in the Parish Bulletin weekly.

Weekly Prizes are \$50 – 1st & \$20 – 2nd

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

The Christmas Draw will be at the Christmas Function in December. Anonymous prizes will be donated to the Youth Program.

Any questions, please call Maureen Roast 0435 245 849

Anne Hooley 0428 149 793 Kerry Bugden 4388 2938

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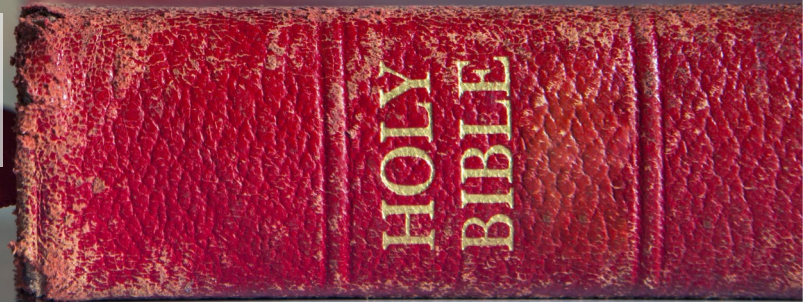
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Sunday 14th May 2023
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD (Year A)



First Reading Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Second Reading 1 Peter 3:15-18

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Gospel Acclamation John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Gospel John 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave your orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'



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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

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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

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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

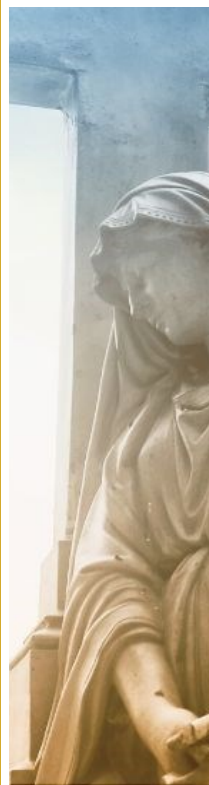
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Prayer: The most valuable gift you can give someone.

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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.



Every gift makes a difference to someone in hospital, school, a parish or the wider community.

PASTORAL WORKS Broken Bay

Pastoral Works Broken Bay is the pastoral charity of the Catholic community in Broken Bay.

In supporting our pastoral works you are helping our dedicated catechists provide thousands of state school students with a Catholic education; and helping us provide comfort, care, a listening ear and the sacraments to those who are vulnerable or experiencing loneliness, illness and isolation through our hospital chaplaincy program.

Our pastoral works also assist students with disabilities achieve their dreams, and provides practical support for the deaf community.

Your gift does make a difference. It might be young people in schools, someone in hospital, a parish or the wider community.

My prayer is that Pastoral Works Broken Bay enables us to reach further and wider in helping our community, and more deeply connects us to our vision and the mission of Jesus. I am deeply grateful for your support.

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD JCL,
Bishop of Broken Bay



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Thank you for your generosity

Your generosity means the Church can be there during times of great need, renewing and rebuilding their lives. Your donations support two diocesan ministries:



Confraternity of Christian Doctrine

Catechists taking the gospel to State school students.



Hospital Chaplaincy & Pastoral Care Practitioners

Helping those who are vulnerable, experiencing loneliness or are sick in hospital.



St Lucy's School

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Month of Mary

Office of the Bishop

Vox Populi

This month is the launch of our Diocesan-wide Pastoral Works Broken Bay (PWBB) May Appeal.

PWBB supports two key charitable works in the Diocese – the Confraternity of Christine Doctrine or CCD and our Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Program. PWBB also supports children with disabilities at St Lucy's School and St Edmund's College in our Diocese, and the Ephpheta Centre for the deaf community.

It is not an easy time to be asking for donations when everyone is facing economic challenges, and what seems like daily cost of living increases. However parishioners have been extremely generous in the past, something never to be taken for granted.

The mission of the Diocese is community-centred where every gift or donation adds to the happiness of someone else, brings comfort and friendship or opens the doorway to a faith-filled life.

From this weekend there will be new donation envelopes or a QR code will take you directly to a donation page on our website where donations can be made at any time. However this PWBB May appeal is the last one for the financial year 2022/2023 and all donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

The short video below is a message from Bishop Anthony Randazzo talking about the pastoral charity of our Catholic community and thanking you for your ongoing generosity and support.

<https://youtu.be/ExFoV7a67lc>

Diocesan Pastoral Discernment Project Facilitator - looking for the ideal candidate

As part of the 35th anniversary of the Diocese of Broken Bay, in August 2021, Bishop Anthony Randazzo invited the Diocesan region of the Central Coast to participate in a project of pastoral discernment. The Central Coast region was identified as the first of the three geographic regions to undertake this project which was undertaken in 2022. As part of this discernment, now completed for the Central coast and envisaged for the Northern Beaches and North Shore of the Diocese, of paramount importance is to recognise the each of the local region's particular pastoral circumstances, opportunities, and challenges.

The process of pastoral discernment envisages a sustained and prayerful study of the various factors which give our three geographic regions (Central Coast, Northern Beaches and North Shore) its unique character. The aim of this initiative is to renew the life of the Church in each of these regions of the Diocese, ensuring a sustainable and thriving ecclesial community.

You may be aware that in December 2022 the Central Coast pastoral discernment was completed with the Final Report and Executive Summary publicly available. Having considered the findings of the Central Coast project, Bishop Anthony has appointed a Task Group to consider the Central Coast Report and to make recommendations to him with respect to the implementation of the findings of the Report. The work of the Task Group will be undertaken throughout 2023.

Concurrently to discerning the recommendations of the Central Coast Pastoral Discernment Project, the Diocese is now also turning its focus to implementing the discernment project and process for the Northern Beaches region.

In respect of both the work of the Central Coast Implementation Task Group and launching the discernment project for the Northern Beaches region, we are recruiting for a **Diocesan Pastoral Discernment Project Facilitator**.

The appointment of the **Diocesan Pastoral Discernment Project Facilitator** will:

1. act as an **Executive Officer**, assisting the newly appointed **Pastoral Discernment Central Coast Implementation Task Group** in the formulation and implementation of the recommendations from the Central Coast Discernment Project; and
2. coordinate and facilitate strategic planning in preparation for the **Northern Beaches Pastoral Discernment Project**.

This is a **full-time position** for a **maximum term of two years**.

The role requires a candidate with tertiary qualifications in theology, ministry, social science or a related discipline, supported by at least five years in pastoral planning and/or project management in a Church context and experience in planning of evangelisation practices in diocesan and parish contexts. You will have an understanding that this is integral to ministry in a Catholic setting and experience working in close collaboration with parishes and agencies of the Catholic Church, notably clergy and community consultation and the facilitation of large and small groups. Your proven record in project-based research and business case methodology will speak to your high-level organisational skills and the ability to collate and distil large volumes of complex information.

With consideration of the unique characteristics of the Northern Beaches region it is important that the successful candidate has a strong familiarity, identification or presence from within the northern beaches area.

For more information please contact recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au for an **Information Pack** including for details on how to apply.

Applications close **Thursday, 18 May 2023**



Tuesday 2 May 2023

Dear Fathers, Deacons, my sisters and brothers of the Diocese of Broken Bay,

In June last year I shared with you my hopes to begin a conversation about the life and culture of our Cathedral.

As I stated at the time, the Cathedral is at the heart of our Diocese, and a most important symbol of our identity. It is here that our local Church is brought together under the unity of your Bishop, together with my clergy, and the entire people of God entrusted to my care. It is the first Church amongst others, the one from which the Diocese radiates and returns.

Since that time, we have begun to articulate how we might best develop our identity as the Cathedral Precinct in the years to come. It is important we take our time to consider the needs of not only our Cathedral parish, but also the needs of the broader community, the Precinct, and its potential for mission, ministry, and life. As I had hoped, the journey which we have begun, has enabled and encouraged a great deal of creative thinking. Through a series of consultations we have begun to unlock many hope-filled ideas and innovative and collaborative conversations. Beginning with our Parish community we have also engaged with our Catholic Schools and CatholicCare services which are also located on the site.

Consultations have included the staff of the Chancery, Catholic Schools Broken Bay, teachers and parents, and CatholicCare to see how we might all best utilise current and new on-site resources, always with our focus on the mission which has been entrusted to us.

We now reach a new phase of our journey. I am inviting all the people of God in the Diocese of Broken Bay to join the conversation.

The Diocesan-wide consultation will begin with Mass as we celebrate our Patronal feast, Mary Star of the Sea.

I encourage you to join me at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral for Vigil Mass at 5.30pm on Tuesday, 30 May 2023 before we move to The Light of Christ Centre for a light supper and conversation as we continue our Cathedral Precinct journey together. A formal invitation will be sent out in the coming days and will detail further how clergy and parishioners are able to confirm their attendance.

I ask that you pray for this journey as it continues to unfold and for which I am sure, will be the source of many new blessings for our Diocese.

Mary Star of the Sea, pray for us.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Anthony Randazzo*

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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 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

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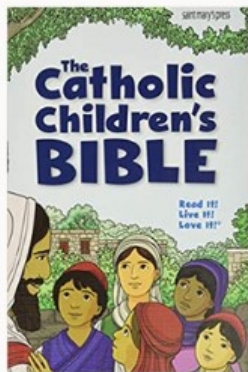
First Eucharist Ceremony Friday 8th September St John Fisher Mass Ctr 5 pm and 6.30 pm

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

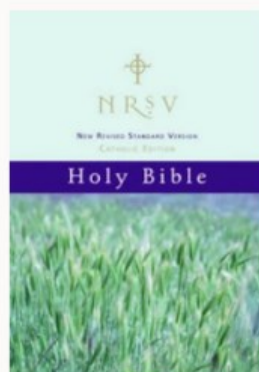
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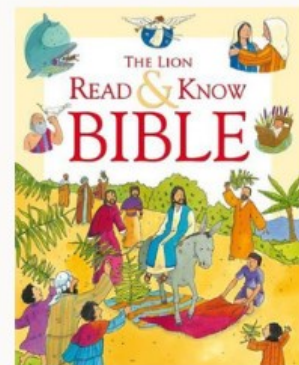
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