

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B
PARISH BULLETIN, 14TH NOVEMBER 2021

*Be watchful and pray constantly, that you may be worthy
to stand before the Son of Man*

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*



REFLECTION 14TH NOVEMBER Mk 13:24-32

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Hope is a powerful motivating force for life, and both the first reading and the Gospel offer hope. In Daniel's day, the people were being persecuted and put to death for their beliefs. In Mark's time, those who chose Jesus were also being driven from the temple, persecuted and killed. Both readings offer hope to the people and to all who presently choose to follow God. Persecution of Christians continues, and we know that life can be tough: illness, violence, loneliness, etc. Wherein lives hope for us? Well, from Daniel, 'your own people (those whose names are recorded in the Book) will be spared', and from Mark: 'my words will not pass away', and that he, the Son of Man 'will send his angels to gather his chosen'. And even though there are frequent prophecies about the ending of all we know, Jesus says that 'nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; only the Father'. Hope reminds us that by being attentive to the signs of the times, we will recognise that 'he is near'- in the changing seasons, in the presence of those we love and in the wonder of all of creation.



Pastoral Discernment

Central Coast

As many of you would be aware following the formal launch on Sunday 31 October, this important project has commenced, and we now begin the consultation phase. If you haven't yet viewed the launch video please visit www.bbcatholic.org.au/pdcc

Briefing Circles registrations are now open!

The project Briefing Circles provide an opportunity for our community to come together to learn more about the project and the ways in which you can participate. Anyone who is interested in learning more about the project is welcome to attend.

Participants may choose to join any of the four identical Zoom Briefing Circle sessions. Each will run for approximately 75 minutes and will be hosted by Patti Beattie (Project Facilitator).

- 11 November, commencing 7pm
- 12 November, commencing 11am

Please register for one session at www.bbcatholic.org.au/pdcc Once you have registered, you will receive the zoom link for your chosen session.

November Month of Remembrance

It is customary for us to acknowledge All Souls in November.

“It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins.”
2 Maccabees 12.46

Our Book of Remembrance (Memorial) in the parish will be put up near the Sanctuary of St Cecilia's Church from All Souls Day and will remain throughout November.

NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS

There are envelopes available for you to write the names of your beloved deceased. Please put the envelopes into the special box near the sanctuary or into our weekend collection baskets. All Masses in November will be offered for our departed brothers and sisters.

PRAYER

WE PRAY FOR ALL THE STUDENTS SITTING THEIR HSC EXAMS

Heavenly Father, we bring before you our HSC students. Give them the gifts of wisdom, right judgement, knowledge and courage. Bless them with calm hearts and clarity of mind as they sit for their exams. May they be affirmed in their efforts and may they know that you are there with them. We pray that they will stay calm under pressure and work to the best of their ability. May they feel your loving presence in their lives, now and always, and may they be strengthened by the prayerful support of their families and communities. Amen.

Sisters of Charity Raffle to be held all Masses this weekend 13th & 14th at St John Fisher.

Proceeds go towards Missionary Sisters of Charity at Catherin, Alice Springs and Orange.
Tickets are \$2.00 each

PRAYER:

Prayer to St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Dear Saint Elizabeth, you were always poor in spirit, most generous toward the poor, faithful to your husband, and fully consecrated to your Divine Bridegroom. Grant your help to widows and widowers and keep them faithful to their heavenly Lord. Teach them to make use of their time in the service of our Lord and God. Amen

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Help needed at the Sunday 7.30am Mass St Cecilia's Church

For anyone wishing to join the roster as a Senior Server, Eucharist Minister or Reader at the 7.30 Sunday Mass to please call Maureen Roast on 0435 245 849! Help please! Thank you in advance Maureen

IMPORTANT

It is essential that anyone visiting our churches use the QR code to register their visit, sanitize, and always wear a mask.

From Monday 8 November until 15 December, or NSW reaches a 95% double vaccination rate, the following will apply:

- Density limits for places of worship will be **1 person per 2 square meters**.

- **Electronic sign-in is mandatory** by one of the following methods:

- o An individual using their device to check in with the venue's QR Code

- o Welcomers assist those without their own device by checking them in via the **Service NSW web-form**. This webform allows for;

- ✦ **manual sign-in by typing in the individual's details** or

- ✦ **scanning their COVID check-in card**.

- Singing and dancing by unvaccinated congregants is not allowed in indoor areas. Although singing and dancing by vaccinated congregants are now allowed, **we will continue to discourage congregational singing until the whole congregation can sing**.

- Face masks remain mandatory.

- We will continue to postpone face-to-face gatherings in parish facilities other than the Place of Worship until after 15 December, or we reach a 95% double vaccination rate.

FEAST: St. Elizabeth of Hungary – 17th November

We have saints in the Church from all walks of life, even some who were of royal stock. St. Elizabeth of Hungary was the daughter of the King, who married nobility and had three children. She was inspired by the life and example of St. Francis of Assisi and decided to become a lay member of the Franciscan Order, dedicating her life to the care of the poor and sick in a hospice which she founded until her death. She is one of the patron saints of the Secular Franciscan Order.

Safeguarding Message

Ageing and Disability Commission (ADC)

New data from the ADC shows a 55.3% increase in reports about older people and adults with disability experiencing abuse, neglect and exploitation in their family, home and community. Read the ADC annual report to find out more -

<https://www.ageingdisabilitycommission.nsw.gov.au/reports-and-submissions>

Learning Hub – Ageing and Disability Commission online training modules

These training resources are designed to improve the detection and response to abuse, neglect and exploitation of older people and adults with disability in their family, home and community. Click here to complete the training -

<https://www.ageingdisabilitycommission.nsw.gov.au/tools-and-resources/training>

Parish Fundraiser with Environmental Benefits

A very big **THANK YOU** to everyone bringing in your recycled cans and bottles.

From October 2019 when we started Recycling bottles we have raised \$2658.00 Please keep them coming.....

- Cans (e.g. soft drinks)
- Bottles (e.g. beer bottles)
- Cartons
- Juice boxes or poppers



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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

Fr Raul ph: 0450 115 099

Fr Alex ph: 0432 947 245

PARISH OFFICE 23 Byron Street Wyong

Phone: 4352 1011 Po Box 385 Wyong 2259

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

Fri 9.30am to 12pm

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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

St Barnabas, Yarramalong

1st Sun of month 11.15am

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

Fr Raul/Fr Alex and the Legion of Mary visit **Berkley Vale Nursing home** 3rd Wednesday of the Month

Children's Liturgy

St John Fisher 5pm Mass Sunday

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 Tuesday night 5pm to 6pm

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

PPC Secretary; Kerry Bugden
ph 4388 2938

Catechist Meeting

Liturgy Meeting

Sacramental Team Meeting

Social Justice Meeting

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS
PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE

KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS

Prayer: The most valuable gift you can give someone.

SICK: Len Miller, Harriet Powell, Danae Roe, Peter Ford, Harry Hall, Michael Briggs, Christine Heffernan, Jennese Thompson, Leeann Hazelton, Catherine Amey, Bernadette Kiely, Steve Durnford, Ann Durnford, Maureen Mulheron, Angela Watts, William Martin, Terence (Ted) Dafter, Finn McConnon, Margaret Hobbs, Christine, John Baxter, Jacqui Stacey, Josie Campbell, Carol Dafter, Dave Rodney, Gwen Dwyer, Helen Waters, Rove Varman, Rod & Pauline Cornwell.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Catherine Connely, Frank Costa, Maria Galea, Dennis Booth, Patrick Smyth, Gerard Byrne, Tony Pilay,

ANNIVERSARY NOVEMBER:

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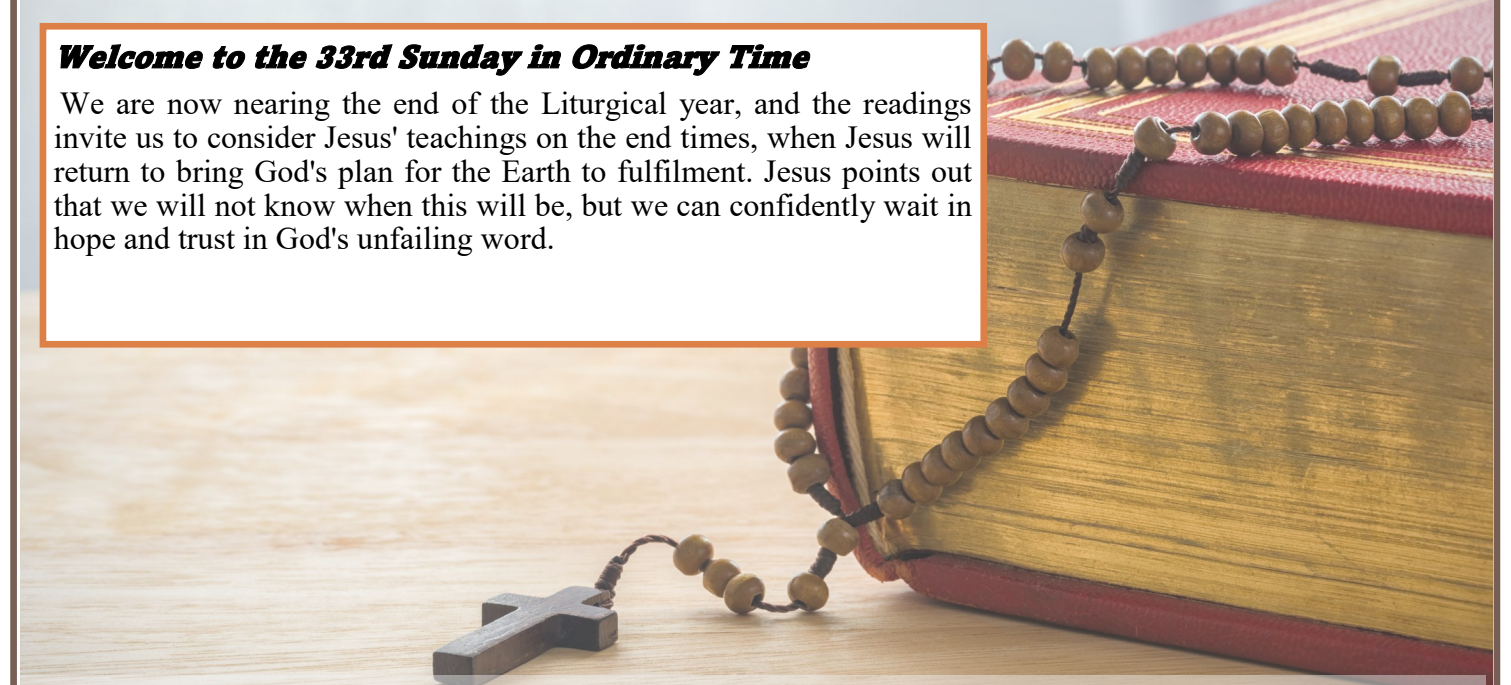
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Welcome to the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

We are now nearing the end of the Liturgical year, and the readings invite us to consider Jesus' teachings on the end times, when Jesus will return to bring God's plan for the Earth to fulfilment. Jesus points out that we will not know when this will be, but we can confidently wait in hope and trust in God's unfailing word.

A wooden rosary with a cross and a book with a red cover.

Sunday Mass 14th November 2021

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD *Reproduced from Liturgia*

FIRST READING DANIEL 12:1-3

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 15:5, 8-11

R. Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. R.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. R.

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever. R.

SECOND READING HEBREWS 10:11-14, 18

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION LUKE 21:36

Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man. Alleluia!

GOSPEL MARK 13:24-32

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

<https://brokenbay.goodgiving.com.au>



Parish Giving Broken Bay is a new digital App for the Catholic community in Broken Bay, which offers pastoral features and giving options to your local Parish.

With the dash towards digital and contactless engagement, the App is modern, straightforward and easy to use, and offers the ability to:

- **give** regular weekly offerings to your parish community
- **see** readings of the day;
- **find** Mass times and locations
- **discover** Catholic news highlights.

As you might know, collections are a major source of funds for Parish mission and ministry. With the ability to easily set up Giving to your Parish, the new App offer a fantastic way for parishioners to support at a time when envelopes and cash are increasingly less common.

The App is available on desktops or mobile phones from www.bbcatholic.org.au/parishgiving. Alternatively, search for “Parish Giving Broken Bay” where the App can be download from your mobile store.

Please do take a few moments to check out and download today!

PASTORAL WORKS Broken Bay



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November 2021 Appeal

St Edmund's College is one of the five beneficiaries of Pastoral Works Broken Bay.



The College supports 120 students with disabilities such as intellectual, sensory impairment or autism, providing skills and experience for them to fully engage in life.

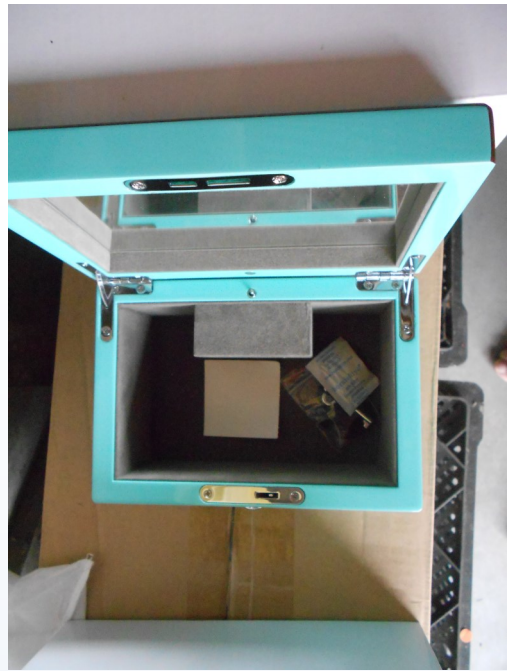
Your generous donations help with vital fee assistance to families in our Catholic community so that their children can access the services offered by St Edmund's.

Watch the attached short film to see the amazing impact your donations support <https://youtu.be/3r5BE26o2H4>.

To donate, complete the collection envelope in your parish, or visit www.bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks.

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.





PARISH FUNDRAISING

Rae has been very busy during lockdown and has made these beautiful coat hangers -- they are in packs of two for \$10 -- presented in cellophane. She also has some singles for \$5 each.

Rae also has quantity of these musical jewellery boxes - four colours -- fraction of the original price selling for \$5 each

PARISH COLLECTIONS

1st Collection (PRIESTS) The financial support for Fr Raul and Fr Alex comes solely from our Parish first collection and this goes towards their upkeep and living expenses. Our Parish Priests are not financially supported by the Diocese.

2nd Collection (PARISH) goes towards all the pastoral and operating expenses of the Parish: phones/photo copier, electricity, insurance, rates, priests vehicles, staff wages, Presbytery, Church and ground maintenance just to name a few.

- Many parishioners assist us by donating to our plan giving program via automatic credit card donations weekly or monthly.
- As we are becoming a more cashless society we ask you to please consider this option. If you wish to donate by credit card, please complete the attached credit card form or call Jo in the parish office on 0424 763 734. You can also give **by credit card** over the phone.
- For parishioners who would like to continue using plan giving envelopes, for your convenience, you are welcome to use the credit card option on the back of the plan giving envelopes.

Or you can make your **donation directly into our bank account:**

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I have called you to renew and rebuild.

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Donate to help families and parish communities in Broken Bay.

Pastoral Works Broken Bay is the new name for CWF. www.bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks

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CatholicCare Psychologist available now

CatholicCare is our social services agency in the Diocese. Psychologist Mary McMullen has capacity to take on new clients, and is available for Medicare rebates, Victims Services (VOC) and NDIS. She also can bulk bill depending on circumstance. Mary has a particular interest in working with clients living with anxiety and depression, PTSD and a range of mental health disorders relating to trauma. Mary is experienced in working with both adolescents and adults having worked in child protection, community mental health, parenting programs as well as in private practice. Right now Mary is providing telehealth sessions during lockdown, moving back to face-to-face appointments when safe to do so. For more information or to book an appointment call 1800 324 924 or visit www.catholiccaredbb.org.au.

***Vox Populi* - The Voice of the People**

This week's *Vox Populi* comes from Charline Harb

She attended school in the Broken Bay Diocese and is currently working in the operations department for a Children's charity in Westmead.

"Carrying out my call to love & serve at home"

By Charline Harb

I've always been taught of the importance in serving others. A spirit of service is such a valuable quality. Therefore, I have felt compelled to find my place in the world through some type of work of service (whether my immediate intention be selfish or not). I've always felt that unless I am serving others that I would not find true happiness/fulfilment. As a result, I embarked on my first service project in 2012 when I got the opportunity to go to the Philippines through school. This was an absolutely incredible experience which propelled my desire to take part in more service projects. I was blessed with the opportunity to go to Samoa in 2015, Jamaica in 2017 and Kenya and Uganda in 2019. Each of these experiences was invaluable and each experience definitely gave me the sense of fulfilment that I had been searching for. And at the risk of sounding cliché, I was always met with more love and generosity towards me from those that I was there to serve, than I could give them.

I was also blessed with the opportunity to find joy in service here in Australia through my day job at a children's charity (which I absolutely love).

But in my search for joy/fulfilment through service, I missed something so important. I have always looked for opportunities to serve beyond my home. I have been blind to the fact that service isn't just required to those who are visibly in need, but to those who may have all of their basic human needs met too. Service isn't just required to those outside of our family but sometimes the ones in need of greatest service are our families. I think I always knew this in the back of my mind, but I always chose to ignore it because it is easier to serve those who are visibly in need, those who are far from us, those who are not related to us. I have lost emotional sensitivity to the needs of those closest to me. It is easier to leave my home and embark on an idealistic tropic adventure in search of someone in need of service, rather than wake up in the morning and serve my family (where no one will see the good that I have done and where my acts of service may go unrecognised).

During the last few months, I have been forced to stop running away from the different needs within my home amongst the members of my family and to come face to face with them instead. I have no more excuses and no more opportunity to volunteer outside of home. As much as I want to run and not face the fact that I do not know how to serve my family, I can't.....I am trapped in my home with the reality that I need to love my family before I can give true and genuine love to those outside my family. This is where I am being called to serve in the church right now. It is difficult and I don't know how to swallow my pride and do it, but this is where I feel that God wants me to exercise true love right now.

Mother Teresa was right..... "It is easy to love the people far away. It is not always easy to love those close to us. Bring love into your home, for this is where our love for each other must start."

Charline Harb attended school in the Broken Bay Diocese and is currently working in the operations department for a Children's charity in Westmead

DIVINE RENOVATION AUSTRALASIA VIRTUAL CONFERENCE 2021

*Called to
Discipleship*

SATURDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2021 | 9:00AM - 12.30PM AEDT



Divine Renovation Australasia Virtual Conference 2021

Join the team from Divine Renovation Australasia for a time of prayer, live keynotes, inspiring panel sessions and more in this online Conference.

Moving from a model of maintenance to one of mission can be a challenging venture, and change does not take place overnight. Hear live keynotes from **Fr James Mallon** and **Dr Ralph Martin**, as well as stories of parishes on the Divine Renovation journey and the amazing ways the Holy Spirit moves and impacts the lives of priests, parishioners and the communities around us. Come and be inspired and equipped for the work of parish renewal, along with many others from parishes and dioceses around Australia and New Zealand.

All Clergy, PPC members, ministry leaders and interested parishioners are encouraged to attend. The conference will be relevant to all, whether or not you may be familiar with the Divine Renovation Ministry.

Date: **Saturday 20 November 2021**

Time: 9:00am – 12:30pm

Free registration at: <https://www.divinerenovation.org/dr-aus-called-to-discipleship-conference>

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WORLD YOUTH DAY

This year World Youth Day will be held on Sunday 21st November! Previously celebrated each year on Palm Sunday, the Holy Father has changed the annual celebration to the last Sunday of the liturgical year, being the feast of Christ the King. Watch this space and Catholic Youth Broken Bay for more information relating to World Youth Day this year and in the future!

“He is our king. He desires ardently to rule our hearts, because we are children of God.” – St. Josemaria Escriva