

# 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*

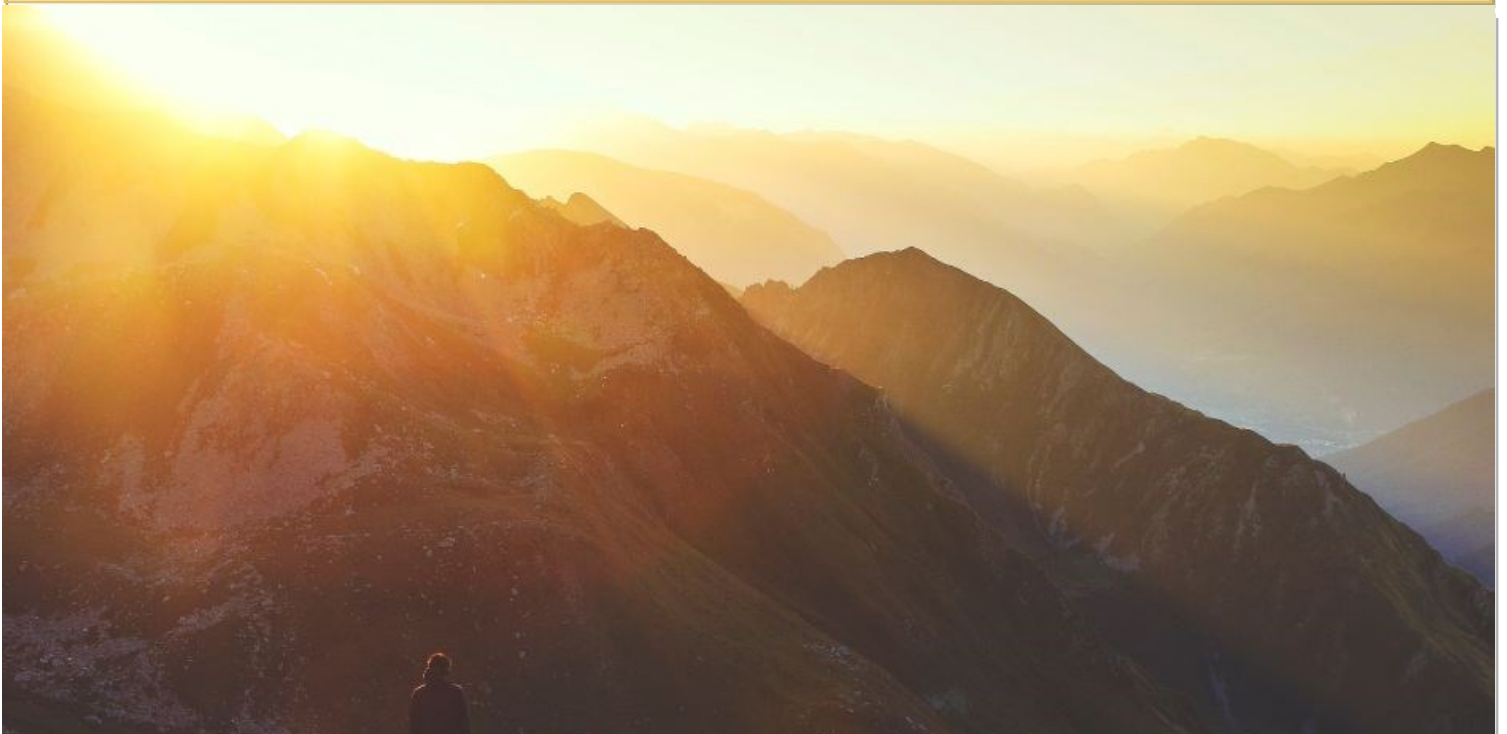
**16TH APRIL 2023 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

**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)**



## ***Reflection 16.4.2023 Second Sunday of Easter***

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On the occasion of the canonisation of St Faustina Kowalska on 30th April 2000, Pope John Paul 11 dedicated the Second Sunday of Easter to Divine Mercy. This feast reminds us that God's greatest act of mercy is finally available to us through his incarnate Son, Jesus.

Pope Francis recognises that reconciliation and forgiveness are ongoing tasks. In his homily on Divine Mercy Sunday on April 19, 2020, he answers the usual objection: 'But I keep falling!' He says, 'God never tires of reaching out to lift us up when we fall. He wants us to see him, not as a taskmaster with whom we have to settle accounts, but as our Father who always raises us up. In life we go forward tentatively, uncertainly, like a toddler who takes a few steps and falls; a few steps more and falls again, yet each time his father puts him back on his feet. The hand that always puts us back on our feet is mercy: God knows that without mercy we will remain on the ground, that in order to keep walking, we need to be put back on our feet.'

We thank Jesus for giving the human race complete and unmerited reconciliation. By confessing our sins and failings to God, we also confess our complete love and trust in Jesus, Divine Mercy, as we acclaim with Thomas, '***My Lord, and my God!***'

*A very warm welcome to any new families and visitors to our Parish. We hope you enjoy your stay.*

*I take this opportunity to sincerely thank all those involved in any way in preparing our Lenten and Easter liturgies. We value the time and effort all our volunteers generously give to our parish. The care you give to your ministry is evident in our celebrations.*

*On behalf of Fr Alex and our Parish Staff Jo and Helen, I wish you and your families a very Blessed and Happy Easter.*

*May you feel Christ's Love in your Heart and be filled with His Peace & Joy this Easter Season and always!*

*Fr Raul*

## **Congratulations**

We extend our Congratulations to **Claire Garth** who became a full member of the Catholic Church last weekend.

May God's Holy Spirit be your constant light.

## **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS**

The Parish Pastoral Council members for 2023 are:

Steve Johnson (Chairperson),  
Ray Romanos (Vice-chair),  
Kerry Bugden (Secretary),  
Georgina Mastroianni (Assistant Secretary),  
Anne Hooley, Christine Shilling, Milva Kefu, Maureen Roast, Barbie McBride, and Yvonne Pierman.

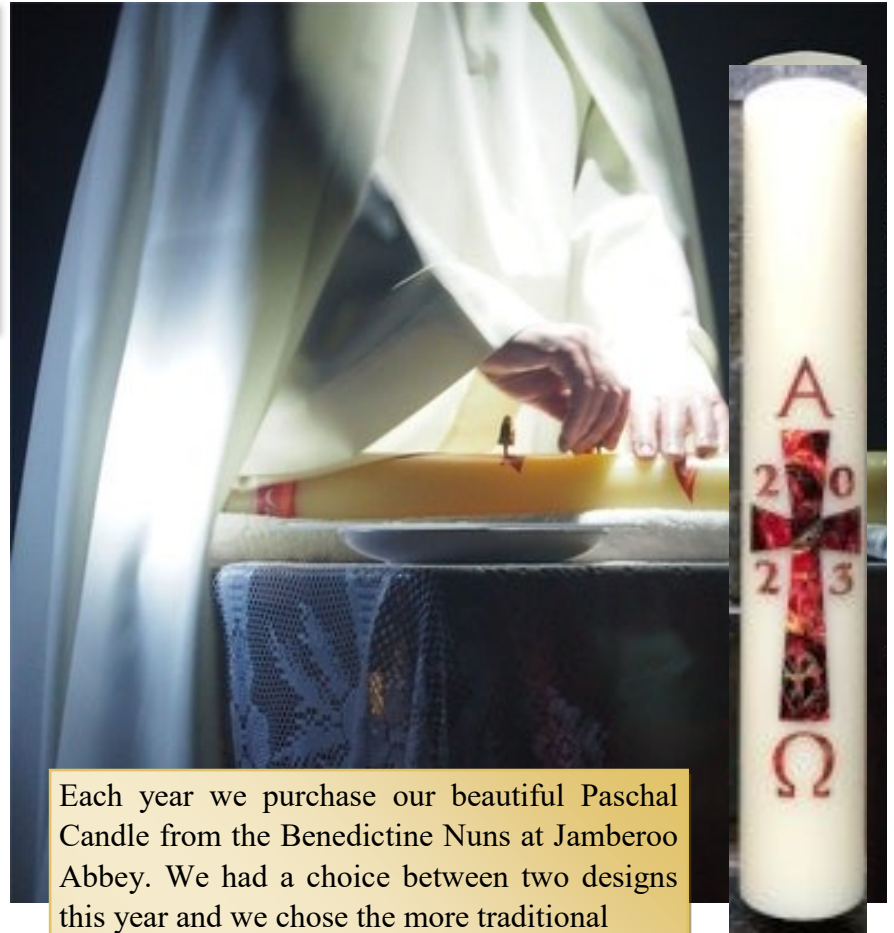
Special thank you to Anna Atayde and Phil Bastick for their service. Anna and Phil resigned at the end of 2022.

It is hoped work on St Cecilia's Church windows will commence in May. The payment from the Government is expected in the next couple of weeks.

The next Council Meeting will be on **Tuesday 9 May** at 6:00pm. Any parishioners who have ideas, suggestions or concerns they would like raised are asked to speak to one of the Council members or our priests.

Contact can also be made by phone with PPC Secretary on 43882938 or by email at [kbbugden@bigpond.com](mailto:kbbugden@bigpond.com)

Kerry Bugden  
PPC Secretary.



Each year we purchase our beautiful Paschal Candle from the Benedictine Nuns at Jamberoo Abbey. We had a choice between two designs this year and we chose the more traditional Design.

### **PASCHAL CANDLE 2023**

The Paschal candle is the first candle to be lit with a flame from the sacred fire, representing the light of Christ coming into the world. The cross is a sign of Jesus' resurrection and triumph over death, and is our symbol of hope and new life.

The letters alpha and omega, the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, symbolize the belief that God is eternal.

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## CONDOLENCES

John Ferris a long time pioneer parishioner of Wyong passed away recently.

The Parish extends our condolences to his family.

May he rest in peace. Amen

## CONDOLENCES

The Parish extends our deepest condolences to the family of Margaret Hines who passed away recently.

Margaret was a dearly loved member of our Parish Community and she will be sadly missed.

Her funeral will be held on Wednesday 19th April at 10am here in St Cecilia's Church Wyong.

May she rest in peace.

## St Cecilia's Church 9.15am Monday Morning Mass

There will be **NO** Monday 9.15am Mass at St Cecilia's church for the following Mondays 17th & 24th April.

The next 9.15am Mass will be Monday 1st May.

## DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

In preparation for the Feast of Divine Mercy on 16th April, the Lord asked St Faustina to make known a novena of prayer from Good Friday to the following Saturday 15th April. These nine days of prayer in the upper room before the Feast of Mercy are like the nine days of prayer in the upper room before the day of Pentecost. For each of the nine days our Lord gave St Faustina a different intention.

Copies of this Divine Mercy Novena which commences on Good Friday are available in both Churches.

Divine Mercy Sunday 16th April

We will be having Benediction, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet at St Cecilia's Church 2-3pm

## 250 Club Update

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING SUPPORT

#### 250 NUMBERS SOLD!

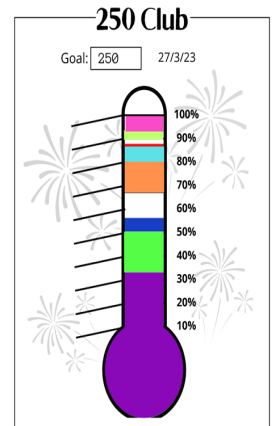
Although short of 250 when sales were finalised, generous parishioners have offered to purchase the remaining 10 tickets. The person wishes to remain anonymous.

#### Points to Note

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

Weekly Prizes are \$50 – 1<sup>st</sup> & \$20 – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Monthly Prizes are \$200 – 1<sup>st</sup> & \$50 – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



DATE	Type	1 <sup>ST</sup>		2 <sup>nd</sup>	
1/4/23	Weekly	188	J Bentick	66	J Roche
8/4/23	Weekly	205	D Hanrahan	196	Not for publication
15/5/23	Weekly	38	S Hodges	32	P Mooney
22/5/23	Monthly				

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

## COMMUNITY COLLECTIONS

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

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



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## MASS TIMES

### ST CECILIA'S CHURCH

23 Byron St Wyong

Saturday Vigil / Sunday Mass Times

Sat Vigil 5.00pm Sun 7.30am & 9.30am

**Weekday Mass**

Mon-Sat: 8.00am,

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

### ST JOHN FISHER MASS CENTRE

Hicks Lane Tumbi Umbi

Saturday Vigil / Sunday Mass Times

Sat Vigil 5.00 pm Sun: 8.30am & 5pm

**Weekday Mass**

Mon, Wed, Thurs 8:00am Tue & Fri: 9.15am

**Reconciliation/Confession** Saturday at 4.30pm

### EMERGENCY PRIEST CONTACT

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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email: [jo.helm@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:jo.helm@bbcatholic.org.au)

Parish Secretary **Helen Bath** ph:02 4352 1011 (Wed & Thurs)

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

**FACEBOOK:** [www.facebook.com/wyongcatholicparish](http://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 8.45 - 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

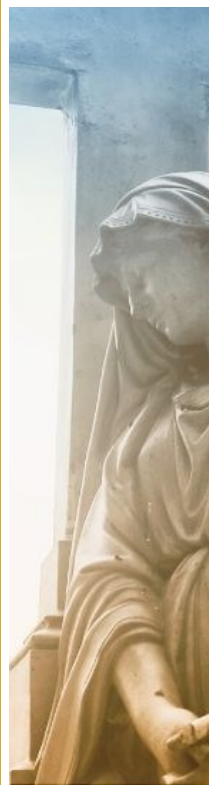
### KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS

*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, 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:** Margaret Hines, John Ferris, Tom O'Brien, Sr Clare Keating, Kathleen Pidgeon,

**ANNIVERSARY APRIL:** Aaron Collins, Kay Taylor, Leanne Smith, Leslie Smith, Beryl Moloney, Roberta (Robbie) Jones, Dominga & Eutiquio Diaz



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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 16th April 2023 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD (Year A)

### **First Reading Acts 2:42-47**

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

### **Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24**

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

### **Second Reading 1 Peter 1:3-9**

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which had been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold - only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire - and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

### **Gospel Acclamation John 20:29**

Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

### **Gospel John 20:19-31**

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me, Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book.

These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

*Invitation*

# Central Coast Thank You Morning Tea

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



*invites you and your family to join him for Morning Tea at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Terrigal, to thank you for your ongoing support and celebrate the Pastoral Works of the Diocese.*

**When**

Saturday 22 April 2023  
Time: 10.15am - 11.30am

**Where**

Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Parish, Terrigal  
165 Serpentine Road; Terrigal NSW (Parish Hall)

**RSVP** Please let your Parish Office know how many in your family will be attending or email [events@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:events@bbcatholic.org.au)

## 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

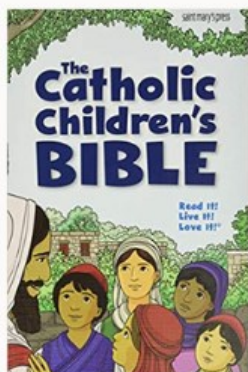
First Eucharist Ceremony Friday 8th September St John Fisher Mass Ctr 5 pm and 6.30 pm

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

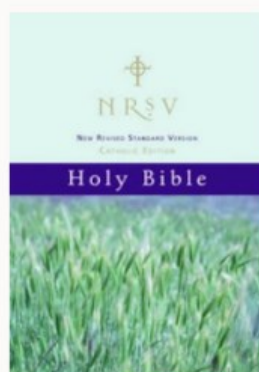
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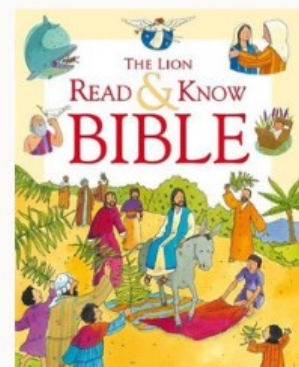
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