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

17th August 2025— 20th 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)

REFLECTION—20th Sunday—Ordinary Time

The word 'radical' comes from the Latin *radix* meaning 'root'. In the true sense of the word, Jesus can be considered a 'radical' person. His words go straight to the heart, to the 'roots' of a person's being. He exposes the hypocrisy of those who want to appear righteous. Even his detractors admit that he is a truthful man who is not concerned with anyone's opinion (Mark 12:14). In today's Gospel, Jesus says that he has come to establish, not peace on earth, but division. He has come to set the earth on fire. The Word of God that he preaches is like a sword that cuts, a fire that burns and purifies. Before it, people must decide whether to accept the cost of discipleship. Jesus himself is ready to pay the cost of his total dedication to his mission. To obtain the highest good—the salvation of men and women—he will pay the highest price: his own life. He then asks his disciples the same price: their total dedication to him, even at the cost of division among family members. He calls them to be 'radical' and add to the fire of divine love in our world.

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PARISH CALENDAR—IMPORTANT DATES

13th Sept-Bunnings BBQ

10th Oct—Jubilee Multi-cultural Dinner 6pm at SJF school hall

(please bring a plate to share!)

15th Oct—Jubilee Pilgrimage Day 25th Oct—Marian Spirituality Day

5th Dec—Ecumenical Christmas Carols

19th Dec-Parish Christmas Dinner at SJF school hall

Jubilee Year Events: Eucharistic Adoration, Pilgrimage Day, Marian Spirituality Day & Multi-cultural Dinner.

With all of our wonderful Parish events coming up, they require many hands and lots of organization to keep them going. We would love your help! Should you wish to volunteer for any of these events, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible. Many Thanks.

Bunnings' Barbecue Fundraiser 2025

Wyong Parish has been allocated a fundraising sausage sizzle at Bunnings, Tuggerah on Saturday 13 September.

This is an opportunity to generate substantial fundraising. Parishioner help is essential with at least four people required for each one-hour shift.

A roster sheet is available at the back of both Churches, where volunteers can record their name in a time slot which suits them best.

Regulations and other guidelines must be strictly adhered to.

All volunteers will be advised of these regulations prior to the 13 September to ensure we meet all requirements.

Thank you to all who can offer your services. It is most appreciated.

JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise forever. Amen.

200 Club 2025

Prize change: First prizes have been lowered by \$50. Monthly Prizes: 1st \$250; 2nd \$150; 3rd \$100; 4th \$50 Major Prizes: 1st \$450; 2nd \$250; 3rd \$150; 4th \$100

1st Draw Results:

1st \$250 No 97 Maureen Dobb

2nd \$150 No 51 Lyn McMahon

3rd \$100 No 1 Frankie Mifsud

4th \$50 No 157 Peter Cesca

Next Month's draw is 9th September

GOD'S WORD

2026

We are now taking Pre-orders for God's Word 2026, \$20 a book.



Please contact the parish office to pre-order.

UNABLE TO STAND IN LINE FOR COMMUNION? USE THE YELLOW BAND!

Please use the yellow bands located at the back of the Church (in a tub underneath the bulletin shelf) to indicate that you cannot stand in line to receive the Eucharist, by slipping it onto the side of the pew where you will be seated. Our Priest or Eucharistic Minister will see this and will tend to you at the end of Communion.

LEGION of MARY

The Legion of Mary is a group of dedicated parishioners which meets every Wednesday at 9am to discuss and pray.

They have been running in our parish since 1974.

They visit the sick at home, in nursing or hospitals and give Communion to those who need it.

Over the years this group has become smaller and is on the verge of closing. We are calling to all those who having been thinking about it or want to give back and don't know how, here is your way.

The Legion of Mary is asking you to dedicate 2hrs a week. If you are interested of having any question please contact Irene on 02 4393 6033.



FENCE REPLACEMENT

We'd like to thank all volunteers including Nick, Vince, Brian, Steve, Joe & Peter who assisted in the replacement of the fence in the carpark due to wear and tear and wild weather. It was a job well done!



CHILDREN'S LITURGY—YOU'RE INVITED!

All children are invited to attend the children's Liturgy at our weekend masses. Children's Liturgy is when the children leave the congregation to celebrate and reflect on the Sunday Gospel reading in an age appropriate way.

The children are led through prayers, songs and readings that are adapted to their level of understanding.

(Please ensure there is a parent/guardian for children under 5yrs old; all parents/guardians welcome).

Attending Mass together is a part of being a Catholic Family, while Children's Liturgy allows children to enter the celebration more fully by catering to their needs.

Mass with Children's Liturgy: St Cecilia's Church, Wyong Sunday 9.30am St John Fisher Mass Centre, Tumbi Umbi—Sunday 5:00pm

Volunteers always needed & appreciated! Speak with office staff to find out more.

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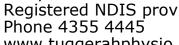




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Get Involved in the Social Justice & Vinnies Ministry

Would you like to make a difference in our local community – even in a small way? The Social Justice and Vinnies Ministry at our parish is a beautiful way to live out our faith in action. From helping with appeals to visiting those in need or supporting local initiatives, there are many ways to get involved – and no contribution is too small.

Our wonderful parishioner Kerry Bugden has been carrying this important work and would warmly welcome others to join her. The more people involved, the lighter the load becomes – and together we can make a lasting impact.

If you're a parent, this is also a powerful way to show your children what it means to live the Gospel through love and service.

Interested?

Thank you.

Pick up a Volunteer Interest Form after Mass at the back of the Church, or, email: wyongnarish@bhcatholic.org au to learn more

email: wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au to learn more. Your "yes" could be the hope someone else is waiting for.



• WORKING BEE SATURDAY 30TH AUGUST

BUNNINGS BBQ

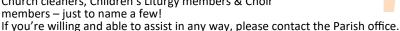
SATURDAY 13[™] SEPTEMBER

Volunteers will be needed and much appreciated for both of these events.

Please contact the office and advise if you're able and willing to assist on these dates on 02 4352 1011 or wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN OUR PARISH

Heard the saying "many hands make light work"? There are plenty of areas where your Parish could use a hand. We're in need of Church cleaners, Children's Liturgy members & Choir members — just to name a fow!





During the month of August, Pope Leo invites us to pray that societies, where coexistence seems more difficult, might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

Wyong / Tumbi Parish Pilgrimage Wednesday 15th October

A reminder that parishioners interested in this trip need to inform the Parish Office. Itinerary available at both St Cecilia's church, St John Fisher mass center and the Parish office. Numbers are limited – 10 people per bus.

FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE & WHITE ELEPHANT STALL

Father's Day raffle and stall will commence from the following weekends:

• 23rd & 24th August at SJF, Tumbi Umbi St & St Cecilia's, Wyong.
Rae will be selling all things Brick a Brack, Odds and Ends & Jewellery!
Raffle tickets selling at \$2 each and will be drawn on Sunday the 31st August.

Main Liturgical Feasts: August

21st—Saint Pius X, 22nd—The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary , 23rd—St Rose of Lima, 25th—St Joseph Calasanz & St Louis, 27th—St Monica, 28th—St Augustine, 29th—The Passion of St John the Baptist.

PLANNED GIVING—Dear Parishioners, should you wish to donate electronically, please see details below.

We appreciate all offerings and support gifted to our Parish!

To support the Priests (1st Collection):

Acc name: SOLT Australia Inc

BSB: 062 195 **Acc no:** 1022 9389

To the support the running & upkeep of the Parish (2nd Collection):

TICKET

Acc name: Wyong Catholic Parish BSB: 062 784

Acc no: 100 001 943

COMMUNION BLESSING



 You can still receive a blessing if you are not Catholic, have not yet received your Sacrament of First Eucharist/Holy Communion, or, if you are Catholic but are not in a state of grace.

To receive a blessing instead of communion during a Catholic Mass, simply approach the priest during the distribution of communion with your arms folded across your chest, and the priest will offer a blessing.

 Please remember if you are receiving communion, the consecrated host must enter your mouth to be consumed before returning to your seat.



CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is a sacrament of Christian initiation, building upon Baptism, and involves a renewal of baptismal promises, an anointing



with chrism by the Bishop (or a priest delegated by him), and a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Confirmation is a public commitment to the Catholic faith and a recognition of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Completes Baptism: Confirmation perfects the grace of Baptism, strengthening the individual's bond with the Church and their commitment to living a Christian life.

Outpouring of the Holy Spirit: It is a sacrament of empowerment, where individuals receive a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit, with gifts like wisdom, understanding, and courage.

Witness to Christ: Confirmation calls Catholics to be active witnesses to their faith, both in word and deed.

Strengthens commitment: It strengthens the individual's commitment to Jesus Christ and the Church.

Preparation and Celebration:

Preparation Programs: Parishes offer programs to help children and adults understand the sacrament and their responsibilities as Catholics.

Sponsor: Candidates typically have a sponsor (a practicing Catholic, usually not a parent) who supports them through the preparation process and at the ceremony.

Laying on of Hands and Anointing: The essential rite of Confirmation involves the Bishop (or delegated priest) laying hands on the candidate and anointing them with chrism (holy oil) while saying, "Be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit". Renewal of Baptismal Promises: Candidates publicly renew their baptismal promises before the Bishop.

Celebration with the Bishop: Confirmation is typically celebrated by the Bishop of the diocese, though a priest may be delegated in certain circumstances.

Baptism: Candidates must be baptised Catholics.
Permanent Mark: Like Baptism, Confirmation leaves an indelible mark on the soul and cannot be repeated.
Increased Gifts of the Holy Spirit: It strengthens the individual's capacity to live a Christian life and fulfill their

baptismal promises. **Full Membership:** Confirmation is a step in becoming a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church, leading to the reception of First Holy Communion.

Prayer: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Guide these candidates as they prepare for Confirmation this weekend, and help them to grow in faith, hope, and love. Amen.

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MASS TIMES

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23 Byron St Wyong 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 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 Fr Teody Ph: 0414 494 823

PARISH OFFICE 23 Byron Street Wyong Phone: 02 4352 1011 Po Box 385 Wyong 2259

OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 9.30am to 2.30pm

PARISH CONTACTS

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Assistant Priest Fr Alex Barnedo, SOLT Ph: 0432 947 245
Assistant Priest Fr Teody Medina, SOLT Ph: 0414 494 823
Parish Secretaries Margaret Vandenberg & Christine Sassine

PARISH EMAIL: wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au
PARISH WEBSITE: https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/wyong/
FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/wyongcatholicparish

Children's Liturgy at the following Masses St Cecilia's 5:00pm Mass Saturday

St Cecilia's 5:00pm 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 Saturday—St Cecilia's & Wednesday—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

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting PPC Secretary: Kerry Bugden Ph: 02 4388 2938

KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS

Prayer: The most valuable gift you can give someone.

SICK: Irene Dainty, Michael McDermott, Michele Bolton, Jeanine Doueihi, Lisa Glanville, Margaret McDermott, Dave Rodney, Danae Roe, Milva Kefu, Georgina Mastroianni, Baby Vinnie, Tahnia Ahuriri, Mary Anne Xuereb

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Asuncion Medina

Anniversary August: Lucy Smith, Ruth & Cecil Booth, Martin Milroy, Ian Smith, Phill Housten

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

Fr Teody on the contact details provided above; or, Anne Hooley: 0428 149 793 or, Maureen Roast: 0435 245 849.

17 August 2025

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank. Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 39:2-4, 18

R. Lord, come to my aid!

Second Reading Hebrews 12:1-4

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shamefulness of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 12:49-53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

INVITATION TO SANTA MARIA FESTA (OUR LADY OF MARY FEAST) ON THE 17TH OF AUGUST 2025

The Santa Maria Central Coast Association celebrates the Feast of Our Lady (Santa Maria Festa every August at the St Mary of the Cross Mackillop Church Warnervale.

We invite you to join for us for mass at 3pm at St Mary of the Cross Mackillop Church, Warnervale followed by a procession around the church at 4pm. Mass will be celebrated by **Most Reverend Anthony Randazzo Bishop of Diocese of Broken Bay**. Traditional Maltese sweets and pastizzi will be on sale. This will be followed by celebratory fireworks at 6pm.



Over 300 people including Maltese people who travel from Sydney and from all over the Central Coast attend this joyous celebrations. We have people from other communities attending and celebrating.

This is a tradition in Malta and celebrated for the last 15 years on the Central Coast of New South Wales .

We invite you to join us in this joyous celebration this year on the 17th of August 2025 3pm at

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Church

91 Sparks Road Warnervale NSW 2259 Australia

FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT

PRESIDENT CHARLIE SCICLUNA 0404194020

GLENN DCRUZ 0413291129

MISSION BROKEN BAY

Looking ahead - Upcoming Events:

- 31 August—Picnic for Peace, Sydney
- 29 Sept 3 Oct National NATSICC Assembly, Hunter Valley
- 1-3 October—National Conference Liturgy & Music, Adelaide
- 1-10 October—BB Pilgrimage of Hope, Rome and Assisi
- 25 October—Liturgical Formation Day Series Four: Rekindling the Wonder
- 8-9 November—Engaged Encounter Weekend
- 29 Nov-3 Dec—ACYF, Melbourne



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Vatican II

Keeping the Windows Open



Joint Catholic Theological College/Yarra Theological Union symposium to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the close of Vatican II

- This symposium gathers experts from around Australia to reflect on the key themes of Vatican II that continue to shape the Church today.
- The late Pope Francis emphasised the importance of synodality which no doubt will guide the leadership of Pope Leo XIV.
- Our day together will end with Prof. Massimo Faggioli (via Zoom) in conversation with Rev. Prof. Orm Rush.

Wednesday | 24 September 2025 | 9.30 am - 4.15 pm

Catholic Theological College, 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne

REGISTRATION:

Fee: \$70.00 (Lunch included)

This is an in-person event only and numbers are strictly limited. Bookings close 17 September 2025



To book scan the QR code or go to https://humanitix.com/Vatican-II

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CatholicCare are seeking volunteers for our Aged Care Volunteers Visitors Scheme (formerly known as the Community Visitors Scheme). As a volunteer, you will visit seniors in a local aged care facility or in their own home and help improve their quality of life. Our volunteers have the flexibility to choose a day and time that suits them, we just ask for a commitment of at least one hour per fortnight.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMAGE

COINCIDES WITH CELEBRATION OF JUBILEE OF CATECHISTS 25th SEPTEMBER to Return to Sydney 4th OCTOBER 2025

ROME, LANCIANO, POMPEI, AMALFI COAST, Optional trip to St Carlo Acutis



Email enquiries to pp@mibp.org.au or Text a message to 0417 259 617

Some Highlights

Join in the Program for Jubilee of Catechists, including Sunday Mass with Pope Leo XIV.

Optional Day trip to St Carlo Acutis, at Assisi.

Walk through Holy Doors of a couple of Rome's Major Basilicas. See some of Rome's holy places and other places famous in Rome (e.g. Trevi fountain). Stay at Domus Australia. Daily Mass.

Day trip to Lanciano (Eucharistic Miracle).

Visit Pompei's Major Basilica going to the Amalfi Coast. On the way back, visit the famous Abbey of Montecassino (where St Benedict is buried). Visit Cathedral at Amalfi (Relics of St Andrew).

Pilgrimage Cost, plus Cost of Airfare,

Share Accommodation w/ breakfast & dinner

(for single room, add a single supplement cost)

25-30 September: Hotel Domus Australia 15 minutes walk from Roma Termini.

30/9-2/10: Hotel Panorama in Maiori which is on the Amalfi Coast.

2/10-3/10: Hotel near Rome airport after returning from Amalfi Coast, chance to rest before flight home, or extend your stay to return to Sydney later.

Several Airlines flying to Rome including: Qantas has 3 direct flights a week to Rome (best Tues 23/9 arriving a day earlier to our hotel booking), some will travel with Emirates, Etihad, Thai Airways, Qatar. The Parish can help you in booking Qantas and Emirates flights to be able to access flight discounts with Qantas and Emirates. But prices are going to be better the earlier you book.





THE HOLY YEAR OF HOPE 2025 JUBILEE OF CATECHISTS

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD JCL Bishop of the Diocese of Broken Bay

will present to the Catechists of Broken Bay

on

Friday 26 September from 10:00am - 12:30pm

at

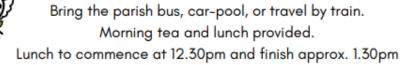
Caroline Chisholm Centre

Building 2/423 Pennant Hills Road, Pennant Hills (entry via City View Rd)

Come and reflect on your ministry, receive encouragement, and gain a new inspiration for your work.

Bishop Anthony will address the crucial role of the catechist in sharing the message of Christ's hope, love, and compassion.

The Jubilee of Hope for Catechists highlights the importance of prayer, formation, and participation in the life of the Church, so come along and enjoy a day of formation and fraternity within the CCD community.



Don't delay - limited spaces - RSVP essential.













Jubilee Pilgrimage of

Rome & Assisi 1 - 10 October 2025







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HERITAGE CENTRE





DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY PILGRIMAGE

SAT 29 NOV- WED 3 DEC

FLIGHTS + 4 NIGHTS ACCOMODATION + REGO

\$1,645 PER PERSON, INCL GST

Limited opportunity for \$500 subsidy Reducing cost to \$1,145

Day 1 Sat 29 Nov Departure (Travel Day)

Day 2 Sun 30 Nov ACYF

Day 3 Mon 1 Dec ACYF

Day 4 Tue 2 Dec ACYF

Day 5 Wed 3 Dec Return (Travel Day)

TO REGISTER INTEREST TO ATTEND ACYF - PLEASE SCAN



BROKEN BAY PILGRIMAGE ONLINE INFORMATION EVENING

7PM MON 11 AUGUST 2025 TO REGISTER VIA EMAIL -PLEASE SCAN



INCLUSIONS

- Economy class return airfare from Sydney
- 4 nights' Accommodation Holiday Inn Express
- Breakfast daily
- Broken Bay Group dinner 29 November
- Return airport coach transfers
- ACYF Melbourne Registration fee
- Broken Bay Pilgrim T-Shirt

Not included:

- Travel insurance
- Lunches and dinners on festival days

Pilgrimage is open to young people in Year 9 at school, through to the age of 25, and their leaders and clergy.



We acknowledge the original owner of this land and pay tribute to The Darkinjung Nation and the Guringai people who have cared for this land with love and respect.

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Location

St Joseph's Spirituality and Education Centre is located at Kincumber South, in a natural bushland setting, in a guiet corner of the beautiful Central Coast of NSW.

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The Centre is open to people of all faiths and beliefs and is a warm and welcoming place respecting cultural and religious differences.

Meals are prepared on site, catering for special dietary requirements.

Morning and afternoon tea are all homemade.

Facilities

St Joseph's is a smoke free environment.

The quality and presentation of the accommodation add to the overall ambience of the Centre.

A maximum of 54 people can be accommodated in 35 double, twin, or single rooms, all with modern

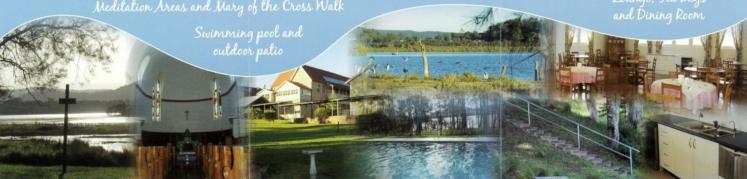
Ramp and lift access to rooms is available, some bathrooms are wheelchair friendly.

Our facility hosts

Retreats Conferences **Group Seminars Small Group Meetings Bible Study Groups Prayer Days**

Sound and visual equipment for conferences are available on request.

Conference Rooms





WE ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE OUR NEW ACCREDITATION FOR HOME CARE PACKAGES

CatholicCare is our social care agency in the Diocese of Broken Bay and we have been supporting the Northern Sydney, Northern Beaches and Central Coast communities for 35 years.

We understand many seniors prefer to stay at home as they age. The Government's funding for Home Care Packages can help you live independently at home for longer.

We want to know if our Home Care Packages are of interest to you, or a loved one and want to prioritise the needs of our parishioners before we promote to the general public. As a Catholic organisation we want the seniors we support to know they are truly cherished and valued and we're confident our services will be very well received.

There's no obligation to partner with CatholicCare. We may contact you to discuss your needs, but you're welcome to opt-out at anytime.

Name _							
Suburb		Phone					
Email _							
Do you currently have Home Care Package funding from the Government?							
○ Yes	○ No	○ Unsure					
Do you need help applying for a Home Care Package?							
○ Yes	○ No	○ Maybe					
Is there any other feedback you'd like to provide?							

Take a photo of this completed form and email to info@catholiccaredbb.org.au or text a photo of the form to 0481 602 046. Thank you.



MACKILLOP

AN OFFICIAL PILGRIMAGE LEAD AND RUN BY THE SISTERS OF SAINT JOSEPH OF THE SACRED HEART



Led by Sr Annie Bond, a Sister of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart, this pilgrim focuses on prayer and reflection as an integral part of pilgrimage. At each of the sites around Australia we visit we take time to pray and reflect on our own lives in the light of Mary MacKillop's life.

We start in Melbourne and end in Sydney at the tomb of Saint Mary MacKillop. Anyone at any stage of their faith journey is welcome to join us!

For all inclusive costs and more information please get in touch:

For more information:

national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au

(+61 406 195 861

Or visit our website and navigate to the pilgrimage section:
 www.marymackillopplace.org.au



Our Lady of Guadalupe

With Fr Peter De Souza

Mexico City (2 nights) • San Miguel de Allende (1) • Guanajuato (1) • Guadalajara (4) • Pátzcuaro (1) • Mexico City (2)

Commences 22 September 2025. 12 Days.

Experience the rich faith of the Mexican people and the miraculous story of Our Lady of Guadalupe. View the miraculous tilma of Juan Diego that bears an inexplicable image of Our Lady that is revered the world over.

Jubilee Pilgrimage of Hope

Every 25 years, the Church proclaims a Holy Year, a special gift of grace and mercy for all God's people. Not only is Italy a land of unforgettable charm and beauty, it is also a land made rich in grace by its colourful history of holy men and women. In this dedicated Jubilee year, be inspired to encounter the pathways of some of the Church's greatest saints, from St Francis and Clare in Assisi to St Peter and Paul in Rome, the Eternal City, where we cross the threshold of the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica and receive the Jubilee blessing.



COMMENCES WEDNESDAY 01 OCTOBER 2025 • 10 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS

Rome Airport vicinity (1) • Assisi (2 nights) • Orvieto • Rome - Jubilee (6 nights)

Accompanied by Fr Hien Vu



The dome of St Peter's over the River Tiber, Rome

the genuine pilgrim experience

harvest





MEAL CODE: (B) = Breakfast (D) = Dinner

Hinerary

DAY 1: WEDNESDAY 01 OCTOBER - ARRIVE ROME

Welcome to Italy! On arrival at Rome airport, please make your way to the group hotel where this evening we will enjoy our first group dinner. Rome overnight (D)

DAY 2: THURSDAY 02 OCTOBER - ROME TO ASSISI

This morning we will travel north to the pilgrimage centre of **Assisi**, where St Francis tended the poor and sick and founded the Franciscan Order.

We will visit the Basilica of St Mary of the Angels down on the plains where St Francis spent most of his life. Here we will see the Portiuncula (meaning 'small portion of land') where St Francis returned for prayer, the thornless rose bush, and the chapel where he died in 1226. On Palm Sunday 1211, Francis received in this church Clare of Assisi and dedicated her to the Lord.

Assisi overnight (BD)

DAY 3: FRIDAY 03 OCTOBER - ASSISI

This morning we awake to the sound of chapel bells, cobblestone footsteps and the tangible spirit of St Francis preserved within the medieval walls of this holy town.

Our day begins with Mass and a guided exploration of the buzzing Basilica of St Francis which occupies the entire western end of the upper town. Construction began in 1228, just two years after the death of Francis and was finally completed in 1250. The Upper Basilica houses the famous fresco cycle of the life of St Francis, historically attributed to Giotto. Wander through the marvels of the Upper Basilica before our tour descends to the crypt of the Lower Basilica where Francis was laid in

1230 and where we will take some time to seek the intercession of this spiritual legend.

We then walk to the Church of Santa Maria Maggiore - Sanctuary of the Spogliazione, where we are blessed with the opportunity to visit and pray at the tomb of Blessed Carlo Acutis - a young Catholic from Italy with a passionate devotion to the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and an aptitude for computer programming. From the ages of 12 to 14, he designed a website cataloguing Eucharistic miracles that have occurred around the world, which he launched in 2005. He died of leukemia a year later at the age of 15, offering his suffering for the pope and for the Church.

Onto the Church of San Damiano and the actual chapel where it all began when the voice of Christ spoke to Francis in the year 1205 (some may prefer to approach by foot down the hillside path in the spirit of St Francis). Adjacent to the chapel we find the first monastery of the Order of St Clare where Clare built her community in close friendship with Francis.

Our day concludes with a visit to the **Hermitage** (Eremo delle Carceri), an oasis of peace and tranquillity in the woods built on the site of a simple cave where St Francis often withdrew to spend many hours in prayer. The cave and the Chapel of Our Lady are preserved in the Hermitage grounds.

An (optional) opportunity presents itself before dinner to attend **Vespers** in the **Basilica of St Clare** and listen to the angelic voices of the Poor Clare nuns. Housed in this church is the famous crucifix from which Jesus spoke to St Francis.

Assisi overnight (BD)

DAY 4: SATURDAY 04 OCTOBER - ASSISI VIA ORVIETO TO ROME

We farewell Assisi and journey south to the amazing medieval town of **Orvieto** with its **Duomo** (Cathedral), which has one of the world's most famous facades. The feast of the Body of Christ (Corpus Christi) was first proclaimed here in 1263 following the Eucharistic Miracle of Bolsena. We celebrate Eucharist in the chapel where the sacred cloth from that event is preserved and enjoy a special visit to the Signorelli Chapel.

After our visit we then travel on to Rome, the Eternal City, rich in the traditions of our Church. Rome overnight (BD)

DAY 5: SUNDAY 05 OCTOBER - ROME: CHRISTIAN MARTYRS

The Jubilee Year is a time for the faithful to renew their commitment and strengthen their relationship with God. It is also a time for Catholics to come together as a community and to celebrate their faith. The 2025 Jubilee Year is sure to be a memorable and meaningful event for people around the world, to be blessed and refreshed for the mission that lies before us.

Some of the spiritual activities that pilgrims are encouraged to participate in during our time in Rome are:

- · Attend Mass and receive the Eucharist
- Make a pilgrimage to the many shrines and holy sites in Rome
- Pray for forgiveness
- · Renew our commitment to our faith
- · Strengthen our relationship with God
- Come together as a community and celebrate our faith

Following Mass this morning we will proceed to **St Peters Square** where the Holy Father is expected to pray the **Angelus** with pilgrims from around the world (subject to the Pope's presence in Rome).

This afternoon we enter into the most visited attraction in Rome - the Colosseum. In 1749, Pope Benedict XIV declared the Colosseum a sacred site, as it was a place where early Christians had been martyred. View also the Circus Maximus and the Roman Forum en route.

Rome overnight (BD)

DAY 6: MONDAY 06 OCTOBER - ROME: THE VATICAN & MAJOR BASILICAS

Commence our pilgrimage with a spectacular Mass at St Peter's Basilica before coming to the nearby Vatican Museums. Wander the spectacular chambers leading to the Sistine



Chapel to view Michelangelo's masterpieces, including the magnificent fresco of the Last Judgment. Continue through to the awe-inspiring St Peter's Basilica, the largest church in the world for an informative exploration. Our guided tour will feature among other highlights Michelangelo's stunning Pieta, the tomb of Pope St John Paul II, the great Confessional and the Crypt containing the tombs of several Popes.

In the afternoon, visit the impressive St Mary Major Basilica. Onwards to the Basilica of St John in Lateran (First Papal residence) and the adjacent Holy Stairs brought from Jerusalem to Rome in 326AD by St Helena (as a favourite of pilgrims, these steps may only be ascended on the knees). Visit the Basilica of Santa Croce in Gerusalemme with its extraordinary collection of relics from the Holy Land.

Rome overnight (BD)

DAY 7: TUESDAY 07 OCTOBER - ROME: ST PAUL'S & THE CATACOMBS

Journey this morning out to the majestic Basilica of St Paul Outside the Walls. Originally consecrated in 324, the saint's tomb is visible now under the Papal Altar. We will celebrate a wonderful Mass here as a special tribute to the Church's greatest evangelist.

Continue then along the ancient Appian Way, the oldest road from Roman times to the ancient Catacombs for a memorable guided tour to marvel at these underground burial tunnels for Christians and Hebrews. On the way, drive by Domine Quo Vadis – the chapel that stands at the site where, according to tradition, St Peter met Christ when he fled from Rome to escape martyrdom.

Rome overnight (BD)

DAY 8: WEDNESDAY 08 OCTOBER - ROME FREE DAY

Our day is free to discover more sights of Rome – perhaps throw a coin in the **Trevi Fountain**

before strolling to the Piazza Navona to soak up the vibrant atmosphere. Indulge in a gelato or enjoy a coffee while absorbing and admiring the history of this ancient city. Strolling through the streets is like walking through the pages of a history book.

OR

For the next two days participate in the Jubilee of Consecrated Life spiritual and cultural events taking place around Rome.

This evening join with fellow pilgrims for a prayer vigil.

Rome overnight (BD)

DAY 9: THURSDAY 09 OCTOBER - ROME: PAPAL MASS

We make our way to St Peter's Square this morning for a memorable Papal Mass in celebration of the Jubilee of Consecrated Life.

This afternoon, we explore the vibrant Trastevere district. Our first stop is the charming Basilica of Santa Maria in Trastevere, a historic church dating back to the 12th century. We continue on to the Basilica of St Cecilia, built on the site of the former house of the saint who was martyred in 230A.D. The body of the saint is venerated in the crypt.

Afterwards, we wander on to enjoy an enchanting evening filled with food and traditional music at a typical Italian trattoria, marking our farewell to Rome and our pilgrimage.

Rome overnight (BD)

DAY 10: FRIDAY 10 OCTOBER - DEPART ROME

This morning we bid farewell to the Eternal City as we make our way to the airport for our homebound flights or ongoing travel connections. (B)

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PILGRIMAGE DETAILS				
TOUR CODE	PV25102			
STARTS	Wednesday, 01 October 2025			
FINISHES	Friday, 10 October 2025			
LAND COST	AUD \$5390 (Twin Share) *			
SINGLE ROOM	AUD \$1950 Supplement *			
PREPAID TIPPING	AUD \$150 Per Person			

* Costs are indicative and have been based on prices as at January 2025 and must remain subject to possible change in the event of significant exchange rate variations, tax increases or minimum group size factors beyond Harvest's control. Refer to Harvest Booking Terms & Conditions for more details.

INCLUDED

ACCOMMODATION & MEALS: Based on quality religious houses or 3 and 4-star hotels • Meals as specified in Itinerary.

TOURING & TRANSPORTATION: Deluxe air-conditioned touring coach • Professional English-speaking Tour Escort and local guides • Sightseeing and entrance fees

OTHER: Fully escorted by priest chaplain • Daily Masses • Porterage (where available) • Harvest Travel Pack: backpack, travel wallet, pilgrim's iournal and sunbrella.

NOT INCLUDED

International airfares • Travel Insurance • Visits and entrances not listed • Passport and visa costs (if applicable) • Other meals not stated • Drinks with meals • Items of a personal nature • Prepaid Tipping

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- excellent cuisine and traditional folklore dinners
- and other special attractions such as the Chocholowskie thermal baths or a boat trip on the grass (Kanal Elblaski)
- for pilgrimage groups, many places of devotion: Wadowice and John Paul II Shrine, the Shrine of Divine Mercy in Lagiewniki, and St. Faustina Shrine in Czestochowa
- with many direct flights.

Of course, we have English-speaking guides and TE available.

We especially recommend the following programs:

- Krakow in 4/5 days
- Warsaw and Krakow in 5-6 days
- Poland in 8 days
- Poland Pilgrimage
- Prague/Vienna/Budapest or Poland combined with any of these cities
- Lithuania/Latvia/Estonia
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Everything is always quoted on a tailor-made basis, upon request. To prepare the offer, we need you to inquire and inform us of the flights, arrival and departure cities, the base number of people, and the group profile.

We are pleased to provide you with information regarding our fam trip schedule for Krakow from October 30th to November 3rd, 2025: please visit www.icortap.com

CATHOLICCARE BROKEN BAY

Do you have a problem that you can't solve on your own?

When feelings become overwhelming or confusing, counselling can be very helpful. We work with you to overcome challenges and stress. We work with you, assisting you to face challenges and stressors, coming up with sugges-



tions to tackle or resolve these challenges. We listen, talk through experiences and help you think about ways forward. Common issues addressed in counselling include family transitions, communication issues, work/life balance, conflict, parenting after separation, grief and loss and decision making. We offer a welcoming, inclusive environment and a safe space for all ages. CatholicCare offers Government funded, fee for service and NDIS approved therapy options for yourself, your children and as a family unit.

To access this service please call 1800 324 924 or visit www.catholiccaredbb.org.au.



FOR NON-ENGLISH SPEAKERS

Call 131 450 for an interpreter. Ask them to ring 1800 RESPECT for you.

CATHOLICCARE BROKEN BAY

CatholicCare provides a range of services to assist women and children experiencing domestic violence

Central Coast: 1800 324 924 Northern Beaches: 1800 324 924 Naremburn: 1800 324 924 Waitara: 1800 324 924

MEN'S REFERRAL SERVICE: 1300 766 491

A national 24-hour 7 day a week anonymous and confidential counselling, information and referral service to help men stop using violent and controlling behaviour.

FOR FEMALE MIGRANTS UNDER A TEMPORARY VISA

Migrants are especially vulnerable to abuse because they are in unfamiliar territory without knowledge of the laws and emergency services they can access.

If you are experiencing domestic violence, you can take out an Apprehended Violence Order (AVO) against your partner.

Under the Migration Act you can apply for permanent residency due to domestic violence.

Ring any of the following numbers:

Immigration Advice and Rights Centre 02 8234 0777 Immigrant Women's SpeakOut Association 1800 656 463

Legal Aid NSW 1300 888 529 (business hours)

PHYSICAL AND SEXUAL ABUSE ARE SERIOUS INDICTABLE OFFENCES UNDER THE NSW CRIMES ACT 1900. It is an offence to fail to report knowledge or belief of a serious indictable offence. If in doubt, call 000.

This parish resource has been developed by the Diocese of Broken Bay's Catholic Life & Faith Formation Team in consultation with the Safeguarding Office (Chancery) and CatholicCare Broken Bay. This booklet is part of a Parish Kit which assists parishes to respond to those experiencing domestic violence or those who are seeking help for their violent behaviour. The kit is available for download www.bbcatholic.org.au

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SAFEGUARDING is everyone's responsibility





Everyone must practice A DUTY OF CARE. We are called to step up and speak out.

Need to be listening & watching to understand / if there are any concerns and take them seriously





Tell one of our designated persons in authority

- Fr Raul 0450 115 099
 Maureen Roast 0435 245 849
- · Anne Hooley
- 0428 149 793

Contact will be made with Dioscesean Safeguarding Office





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