

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*

18th Jan 2026 - Second 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 – 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

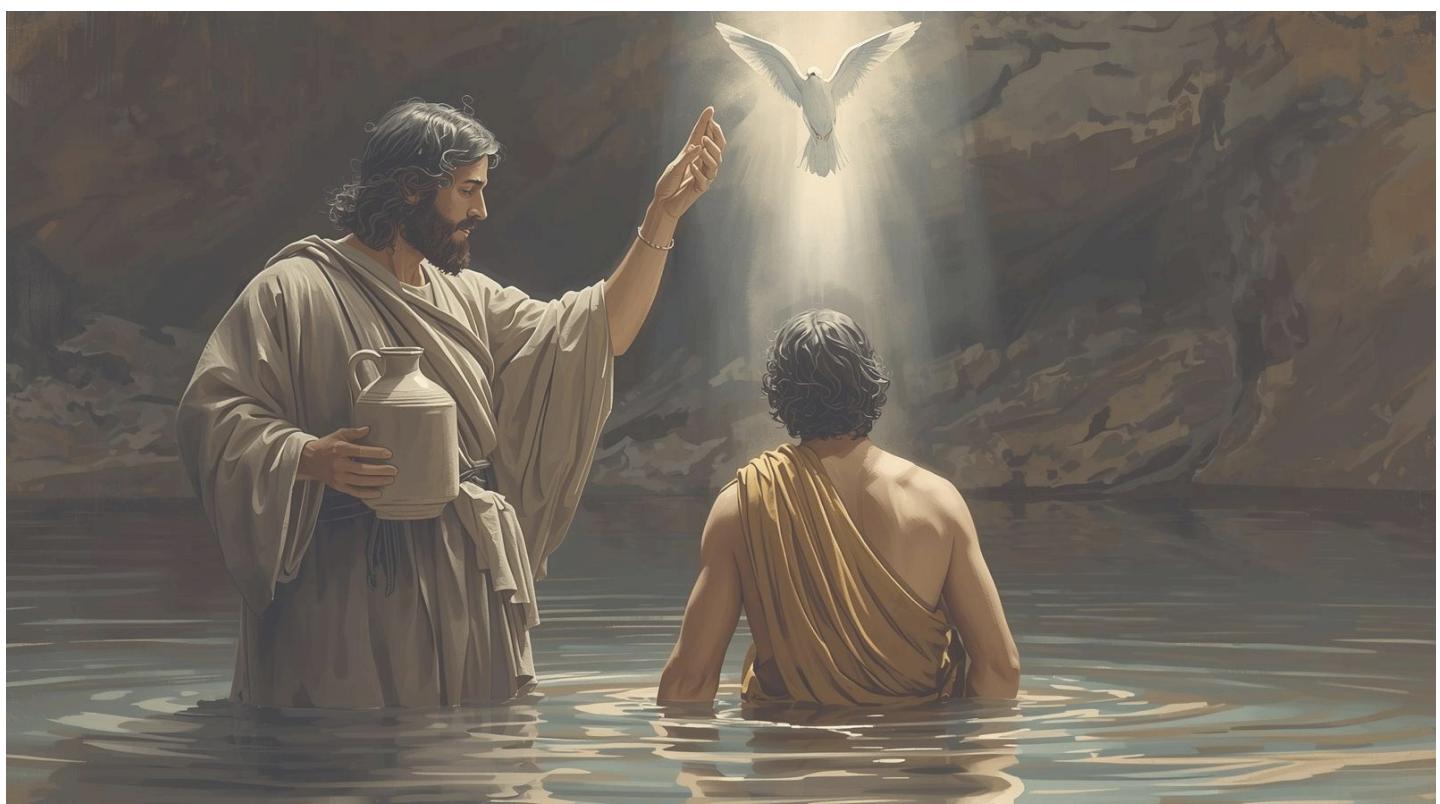
John the Baptist points out Jesus as the Messiah long awaited by many generations. But he confesses that, at first, he did not recognise him, most probably because Jesus had come in a different mould. Jesus has joined the company of people lining up for John's baptism of repentance. It is by the Holy Spirit who descended upon Jesus in the form of a dove that John is able to identify Jesus as the Messiah.

In introducing Jesus as 'the Lamb of God,' John attributes to Jesus an identity that is entirely different from people's expectations. Yet, it is a familiar image known and valued by Jewish believers. The lamb is offered as a burnt sacrifice in the Temple for the remission of the sins of the people.

Jesus as 'the Lamb of God' has a lifestyle and a ministry characterised by a humble and meek spirit. After having completed a ministry of mercy and reconciliation, Jesus would be led to Calvary, the altar of holocaust, where he would offer the last drop of his blood as expiation for our sins. Isaiah's prophecy about the lamb led to the slaughter that did not rebel, that did not fight back, is fulfilled in Jesus, the Suffering Servant of God.

The Lamb of God was once slain but now lives forever. Jesus won salvation for us by his obedience to his Father's will. His offering was perfect and final. We can now unite our suffering and sacrifices to those of Jesus who will help us overcome our difficulties and, like him, emerge triumphant.

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PARISH CALENDAR—IMPORTANT DATES

- ♦ **18th Jan**—Feast of Sto Niño (Sinulog), 11am @ St Peter's Catholic Collage, Tuggerah
- ♦ **26th Jan**—Australia Day (office closed)
- ♦ **10th Feb**—PPC Meeting, 6pm, St Cecilia's Hall
- ♦ **17th Feb**—Shrove Tues, Burning of the Ashes @ St Cecilia's Church
- ♦ **18th February**—Ash Wednesday

The Collection and Offertory

While the collection is mostly a practical and material action, its placement in the liturgy has a spiritual significance. It occurs just before the offertory. In the offertory bread and wine (bought with the parish funds) are brought forward to be used in the Mass. It is not just the offering of the people carrying the gifts, but of the whole people. Giving to the collection is a real way to take part in the offering of the gifts of bread and wine for us in the Mass.

The much more important way we take part in the offertory is spiritually. What is being offered is not just bread and wine for Jesus to make into his own Body and Blood. We are also offering our very selves, so that we can be made more and more the Body of Christ on earth. Through the grace of our Baptism, we are able to offer in the Mass all our good works. On their own they would be not much in the grand scheme of things, but in the Mass they are united with the Cross and truly become part of the work of salvation.

As well as our past actions, we also offer our future as well. In the bread and wine, we offer ourselves body and soul. We commit our bodily or material needs to God, and we surrender our plans, hopes and desires to His Will. We entrust our lives to God, knowing he can do far more with them than what we have planned. This act of trust can be one of the greatest offerings we can make in the Mass, especially when we have fears about the future.

It is important to be recollected during the offertory and to make a sincere self-offering in our hearts. This self-offering in the Mass is really at the heart of the whole Christian spiritual life. On days when we do not get to Mass, there is a traditional prayer called the Morning Offering where we can spiritually make this offering wherever we are:

"O my Jesus, through the most pure heart of Mary, I offer you all the prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day, for all the intentions of thy divine heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, and in reparation for my sins and the sins of the whole world. Amen."

Praying this prayer daily is a great way to develop the spirit of self-offering that helps us to participate in the offertory at the Mass.

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PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSURE

Parish Office has now re-opened for 2026

Please note: The Office will be open on Wednesdays & Fridays only, until February 2nd when regular office hours will resume.

Vox Populi—14 January 2026

Through the month of January, Pope Leo XIV is encouraging the faithful to pray with the Word of God.

In a video released last week, the Holy Father said he is praying "that we may learn, practice, and love praying with the Word of God." "The gift of Scripture is God's love letter to humankind," he said. "Let's pray that we all draw from this gift and get to know Our Lord."

The Holy Father is encouraging people to sit with Scripture daily, to let God speak to them, to be challenged by His voice, and to discern their decisions from a closeness to His heart.

The Pope's call echoes a call from the Catechism of the Catholic Church, which implores all the faithful to be knowledgeable of Scripture, as a way of knowing and hearing the Word of God.

"The Church forcefully and specifically exhorts all the Christian faithful... to learn the surpassing knowledge of Jesus Christ, by frequent reading of the divine Scriptures. Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ." - CCC 133

The Pope's January prayer intention was accompanied by a new "Pray with the Pope" which seeks to unite the Church behind the Holy Father's daily prayer.

In our world filled with war, hatred and sorrow, prayer and intimacy with the Word of God are powerful tools for promoting peace and charity.

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POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY

To pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

Mass/Prayer Envelopes—Please note all Mass/Prayer Intention Envelopes can be given directly to our Priests. If they are placed on the collection plate they will not be received until Tuesday.



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

Speak with Maria to find out how you can volunteer!



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RCIA/RCIC PRESENTATION MASS

Rite of Christian Initiation Presentation Mass will be held on Sunday 8th March 2026, 9.30am at St Cecilia's Church followed by morning tea to welcome our candidates.

We invite you all to join and welcome them into our faith filled community.

Please keep these candidates in your prayers!

Community Playgroup

A fun, safe, and nurturing space for children to play, learn and grow - and for parents, carers and grandparents to connect!



Wyong Parish Parents, Carers and Grandparents Community Playgroup
Monday 9.15AM - 10.15AM

Starting Monday 16th February 2026
Parish Hall, 23 Byron Street, Wyong

For more information contact Parish Office 02 4352 1011

All Welcome! Come along and be part of something special

Main Liturgical Feasts: January

St Anthony (17th Jan), St Fabian and Sebastian (20th Jan), St Agnes (21st Jan), St Vincent (22nd Jan), St Francis de Sales (24th Jan), Sts Timothy, Titus and Angela Merici (27th Jan), St Thomas Aquinas (28th Jan), St John Bosco (31st Jan)

PLANNED GIVING

Dear Parishioners, should you wish to donate electronically, please see details below or use the QR Code provided.

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):

Acc name: Wyong Catholic Parish
BSB: 062 784
Acc no: 100 001 943



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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.



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.

Extra Mower's Required

If there is any person who would be kind enough to join us in mowing on the Church grounds please contact Brian Bugden on 4388 2938.

Depending on numbers, you will only need to mow approximately 3 times a year.

To make life a little easier our equipment consists of 2 ride-on-mowers and 2 self-propelled mowers.
Thank you.

Parish E-Bulletin

If you would like to have the bulletin emailed to you, please send an email with "e-bulletin" as the subject to: wyongparish@bbccatholic.org.au

Come join us!

We need YOU to join our Wyong Choir!

Don't let your talents go to waste - let us come together and praise God in song as one.

PRACTICE ON TUES 5PM AT ST CECILIA'S CHURCH

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

DRAW RESULTS:

1st - No . 97 Maureen Dobb = \$450

2nd—No. 82 Pat Collie = \$250

3rd—No. 62 Tony Boland = \$150

4th—No. 101 Rita Kerr = \$100

Thank you for all your support!

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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, Monday 9.15am (School Term)

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

EMERGENCY PRIEST CONTACT

Fr Raul Ph: 0450 115 099

Fr Alex Ph: 0432 947 245

Fr Teody Ph: 0410 202 823

PARISH OFFICE: 23 Byron Street Wyong

Phone: 02 4352 1011 **Mail:** Po Box 385 Wyong 2259

OFFICE HOURS: Monday -Wednesday & Friday 9.30am to 2.30pm

PARISH CONTACTS

Parish Priest **Fr Raul Balute, SOLT** Ph: **0450 115 099**

Email: raul.balute@bbcatholic.org.au

Assistant Priest **Fr Alex Barnedo, SOLT** Ph: **0432 947 245**

Assistant Priest **Fr Teody Medina, SOLT** Ph: **0410 202 823**

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



KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS

Prayer: The most valuable gift you can give someone.

SICK: Michele Bolton, Jeanine Doueihi, Lisa Glanville, Margaret McDermott, Dave Rodney, Danae Roe, Milva Kefu, Georgina Mastroianni, Tahnia Ahuriri, Mary Anne Xuereb, Colleen Goodwin, Little Everleigh

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Fahim (Frank) Laoulach, Clint Davey, Riahne (Chuck) Louie Vasquez, Michael McDermott

ANNIVERSARY JANUARY: Sophie Roe, Peter White, Patricia Unger, Bill Martin, Tony Kerr, Armida Bito-on, Kevin Booth, Tony Kerr

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

Children's Liturgy at the following Masses

St Cecilia's 5:00pm Mass Saturday

St Cecilia's 9.30am Mass Sunday

St John Fisher 5pm Mass Sunday

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

St Cecilia's Sat after 8am Mass

St John Fisher Wed 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, Wed 9.15am in Parish Hall.

Meetings

St Cecilia's Choir practice every Tues night 5pm to 6pm

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

PPC Secretary: Kerry Bugden Ph: 02 4388 2938

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS

PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE

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.

Sunday Mass - 18 January 2026

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading - Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength. And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant,
to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel;
I will make you the light of the nations
so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 39:2, 4, 7-10

R. Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation -John 1:14, 12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel - John 1:29-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

MAGI PILGRIMAGES

FOOTSTEPS OF ST PAUL (5th - 20th May 2026)

Fr. Sebastian A.M invites you to a journey in the footsteps of St. Paul, reliving the Acts of the Apostles and exploring the letters of the New Testament. Explore Greece and Turkey with a 3-night Greek Islands cruise in this 14-day pilgrimage for an all-inclusive price of \$9790+ tips (25+ pilgrims). The early bird price expires on January 30th.

SAINTS OF ITALY (8th - 21st June 2026)

Fr. Franco Filippetto invites you to a 14-day journey to Italy, visiting Milan, Padua, Siena, Assisi, Rotondo, Sorrento, and Rome, with an all-inclusive price of \$ 9,290 + tips (for 30+ pilgrims). The early bird price expires on January 30th.

The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in 4-star Premium Hotels, Meals + English speaking professional guides + Entrances as per itinerary and more. For inquiries & bookings call 03 8839 6615 or email us pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au

WANT TO JOIN OUR FRIENDSHIP PROGRAM?

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.

Affectionately referred to as CatholicCare's 'friendship program', you will be able to build new connections and positive relationships with someone who will greatly appreciate your company. Please call (02) 9481 2600 or visit www.catholiccaredbb.org.au/volunteer/ for more information



CatholicCare
Diocese of Broken Bay

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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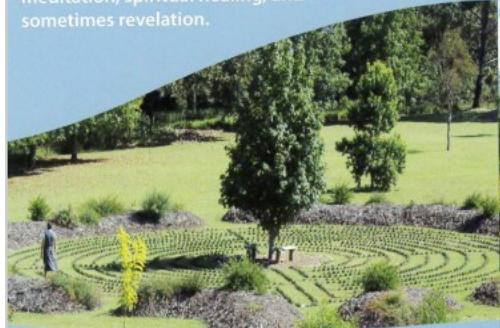


St Joseph's Spirituality and Education Centre

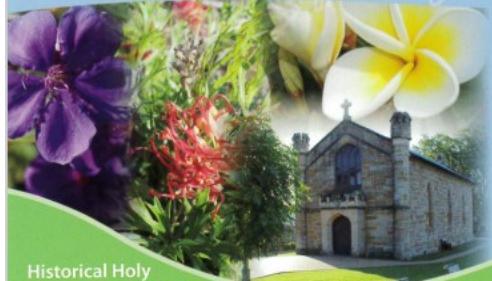
Kincumber South

The abundance of natural beauty which surrounds the Centre will ensure your stay is unforgettable, enjoyable and restful.

The labyrinth is a place for prayer, meditation, spiritual healing, and sometimes revelation.



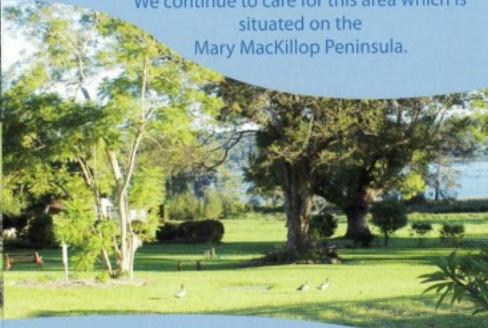
Peace and Tranquility



Historical Holy Cross church built in 1842 presents itself right in front of our Centre.

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.

We continue to care for this area which is situated on the Mary MacKillop Peninsula.



A Ministry of the Sisters of St Joseph
NSW Province

The Congregation of the Sisters of St Joseph, founded by Mary MacKillop and Julian Tenison Woods in 1866, was devoted to the service of the poor. Its members were women who worked in a simple ordinary way to bring to the poor the message of their human dignity and of Christ's saving love.

Today the Sisters of St Joseph continue that founding mission to relieve suffering and bring hope to today's world.

St Joseph's Spirituality & Education Centre

8 Humphreys Road, Kincumber South, NSW 2251

Phone: 02 43682805 : Fax: 02 43683849

Email: bookings@stjosephsretreat.org.au

Web: www.stjosephskincumber.org.au

St Joseph's Spirituality and Education Centre offers the opportunity for individuals and groups to experience spiritual enrichment and personal development in a peaceful and spacious setting. The facilities are available to those whose purpose is in harmony with the spirit and philosophy of the Sisters of St Joseph.



Location

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

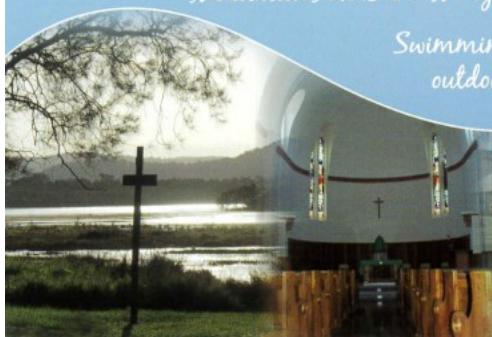
The spacious grounds front the Kincumber Broadwater, creating an atmosphere of tranquility and peace that enhances the spiritual and reflective nature of the Centre.

A perfect place where people can be recharged, re-energized and spend precious time connecting with God, each other and nature.

Walking Tracks and Gardens

Meditation Areas and Mary of the Cross Walk

Swimming pool and outdoor patio



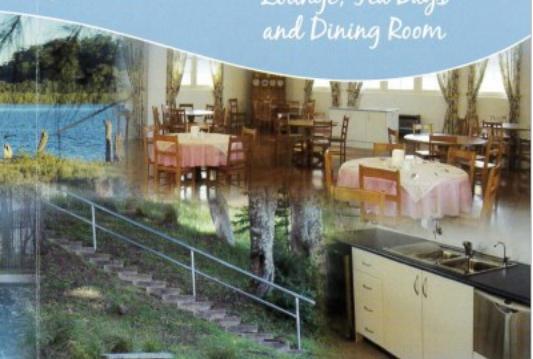
Chapel and prayer rooms

Conference Rooms



Lounge, Tea Bays and Dining Room

Sound and visual equipment for conferences are available on request.



Services

Dedicated staff are on hand to advise and to ensure the smooth running of your group's activities.

You can be certain of our personalised & professional service from start to finish for your conference, meeting or seminar.

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.

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 ensuites.

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

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.

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 suggestions 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.



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Key Telephone Numbers

KEY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

POLICE: 000

Call the Police for immediate assistance.

1800 RESPECT: 1800 737 732

A national 24-hour 7 day a week service, for advice or support in relation to sexual assault and domestic violence. The service also connects victims to the nearest help according to their location.

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
Narembeen: 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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**CATHOLIC
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BROKEN BAY**



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 Diocesan Safeguarding Office



Our Community is SAFE