

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

PARISH BULLETIN, 18TH SEPTEMBER 2022

*Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty.*

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 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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From our earliest days we have been told that people in authority shouldn't have favourites. If someone receives 'special treatment' others will complain about unfairness and prejudice. But the readings of this Sunday show that God very clearly 'favours' one group of people. All those who are poor, needy, lonely and disadvantaged will be the ones whose prayers are answered first. God never forgets those who help his favoured people and encourages us to praise the Lord in all of life's circumstances. It is eye-opening to realise that God, whom we may think of as being 'up-high', takes an interest in the lives of those who are 'low down'. All the promises about the kingdom of God, which were fulfilled in the person of Jesus, become clear and visible. Only those who, like Jesus, are willing to do what they can to help others, live according to God's plans. But to choose God instead of fame, money or any other possession is not only an act of our will. God encourages us to rely on him, to draw our energy and enthusiasm from his power and use every possible opportunity to bring people to him. Our astuteness should be expressed in our eagerness to choose the good over bad and others over ourselves. This is a much greater challenge than working out how to spend our money responsibly.

BRUNCH IS SERVED!!

Join us for Eggs, Bacon, Sausages,
Scones with jam and cream, Tea and
Coffee.

Combined Men's & Women's Brunch

10th October at 11am
On the Parish Veranda
23 Byron Street Wyong
Please RSVP by 5th Oct
to Jo on 0424 763 734

All welcome!!

"AN OPURTUNITY RETURNS"

Students at St Peter's College are once again offering to help parishioners with their electronic devices such as phones, laptop, iPad. If you need help working your electronic devices the students can help!!

The two sessions are
Wednesday 19th October &
Wednesday 9th November
From 9am to 12pm.

Morning tea will be provided
Please RSVP to Jo on 0424 763 734

Please meet at St Cecilia's Church at 8.30am.
A bus will take you to and from the college, no need to worry about parking.

PARISH MEETING DATES St Cecilia's Parish Hall

Baptism Preparation
1st October 10.00am

Parish Pastoral Council
8th November 6pm

Catechist Meeting
18th October 10.30am

Social Justice
TBA

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 \$4042.00

Please keep them coming.....

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



Bunnings BBQ Thank you, most sincerely, all the volunteers who gave of their time and energy, to help out at the Parish Sausage Sizzle, held at Bunnings, Tuggerah, on Saturday, 3th Sept.

From 8.00 am until 1.30 pm, a crew of men and women worked tirelessly, in shifts, cooking, making and selling sausage sandwiches and drinks. Because of their generous assistance, the day was a great success.

You were all amazing! \$830.00 was raised. Regrettably due to bad weather our BBQ was cut short. However we will be given an opportunity to have another BBQ before the end of the year. Our thanks, also, go to Bunnings, Tuggerah, for giving us the opportunity to raise money for our future Parish projects and commitments.

CONDOLENCES

The Parish extends our deepest condolences to the family of Pat Doyle.

Mary Patricia Doyle (Pat) passed away 9th September 2022 in her 95th year.

Pat was a dearly loved member of our parish community.

Family and friends are warmly invited to attend Patricia's Requiem Mass at St John XXIII Catholic Church, Perfection Avenue, Stanhope Gardens at 10am on Monday 19th September 2022 following the recitation of the rosary from 9.30am

We know and pray that Pat is in God's loving hands.

May she rest in peace. Amen

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CARD MAKING AT THE SEPTEMBER WOMEN'S GET TOGETHER GROUP

SPRINGTIME STALL

Rae currently has 30 very nice SMASH brand lunch boxes for sale. (All brand-new and in various colours) contact 02 4392 1953
The recommended retail price is \$15 each, Rae is selling them for \$6 each.



Invitation- Children's Liturgy

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. (Parents are always welcome to attend the Children's Liturgy)

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).

Please see below the weekend masses with Children's Liturgy

St Cecilia's Church,
 Saturday Vigil 5pm & Sunday 9.30am
 St John Fisher Mass Centre
 Saturday Vigil 5pm & Sunday 5pm



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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

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OFFICE HOURS: Mon to Thurs 9.30am to 2.30pm & Fri 9.30am to 12pm

PARISH CONTACTS

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Children's Liturgy at the following Masses

St Cecilia's 5pm Mass Saturday
St Cecilia's 9.30am Mass Sunday
St John Fisher 5pm Mass Sunday

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE

Mass St Barnabas, Yarramalong
1st Sun of month 11.15am
Filipino Mass St Cecilia's Church
3rd Sun of the month 12pm

Anointing of the Sick

First Friday of the Month

St Cecilia's During 8.00am & 11.30am Mass

St John Fisher During 9.15am Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

St Cecilia's Daily 7am-8am

St John Fisher 1st Fri 8.15 - 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

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 & Peter Rheinberger, Hannah Hopwood, Fay King, Joan Mabbutt, Irene Dainty, John Cornwell, Eoin, Paula, Francis (Frank) Trinca, Peter Meury

RECENTLY DECEASED: Patricia Doyle

ANNIVERSARY SEPTEMBER: Gerard Byrne, Peter Donnelly, Jack Harris, Helen Cole

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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.

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD *Reproduced from Liturgia*

FIRST READING AMOS 8:4-7

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat? Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.' The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 112:1-2, 4-8

R. Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

SECOND READING 1 TIMOTHY 2:1-8

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone - petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving - and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and - I am telling the truth and no lie - a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 2 CORINTHIANS 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!

GOSPEL LUKE 16:10-13

Jesus said to his disciples, "A rich man had a steward who was reported to him for squandering his property. He summoned him and said, 'What is this I hear about you? Prepare a full account of your stewardship, because you can no longer be my steward.' The steward said to himself, 'What shall I do, now that my master is taking the position of steward away from me? I am not strong enough to dig and I am ashamed to beg. I know what I shall do so that, when I am removed from the stewardship, they may welcome me into their homes.' He called in his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, 'How much do you owe my master?' He replied, 'One hundred measures of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Here is your promissory note. Sit down and quickly write one for fifty.' Then to another the steward said, 'And you, how much do you owe?' He replied, 'One hundred kors of wheat.' The steward said to him, 'Here is your promissory note; write one for eighty.' And the master commended that dishonest steward for acting prudently. "For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. I tell you, make friends for yourselves with dishonest wealth, so that when it fails, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones. If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth?

If you are not trustworthy with what belongs to another, who will give you what is yours? No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon."

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention

September -

Abolition of the Death Penalty

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country

**Voice of the People
Vox Populi
15th September**

Parishioners in the Diocese of Broken Bay along with people of all faiths are invited to attend a special Memorial Service for Queen Elizabeth II this Sunday 18 September at 4.30pm at Hornsby RSL Club.

Bishop Anthony Randazzo will be offering a prayer during the service for the Queen who died last week.

Organised by the Federal Member for Berowra and Shadow Attorney General, Julian Leeser MP, families, students, community leaders and those who want to pay their respects to the world's longest-reigning monarch and the United Kingdom's figurehead for seven decades are all welcome.

Tributes and heartfelt messages have poured in from around the world following the Queen's death at Balmoral Castle, Scotland at the age of 96.

"The passing of Queen Elizabeth II has brought an end to the second Elizabethan Age which spanned more than 70 of the most remarkable years of world history," the Most Rev Anthony Randazzo, Bishop of Broken Bay said.

"We now pray for the late Queen's eternal rest and commend her soul to the merciful love and kindness of God, whose reign is eternal," said.

Pope Francis also said he was praying for the late Queen's eternal rest, and he paid tribute to her life of "unstinting service to the good of the Nation and the Commonwealth and her example of devotion to duty, her steadfast witness of faith in Jesus Christ and her firm hope in His promises".

Hornsby RSL Club is at 4 High Street, Hornsby



**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER
INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER**

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SAFEGUARDING MONTH *families*

SEPTEMBER 2022



CATHOLIC
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BUILDING MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS IN EVERY FAMILY

The Diocese of Broken Bay promotes awareness of
Safeguarding each September.

We invite all families to share with us your experiences of
how you connect as a family in the form of a story, a video or
a photo during Safeguarding Month of September.

Some suggestions might include exercising together,
bushwalking, baking or play a game.

Scan for
more
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ideas



bbcatholic.org.au/safeguarding/engaging-with-your-family

The most creative and inspirational
entries will be showcased on our
Diocesan Safeguarding Month webpage.



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Entries will be open September 1 to September 30.

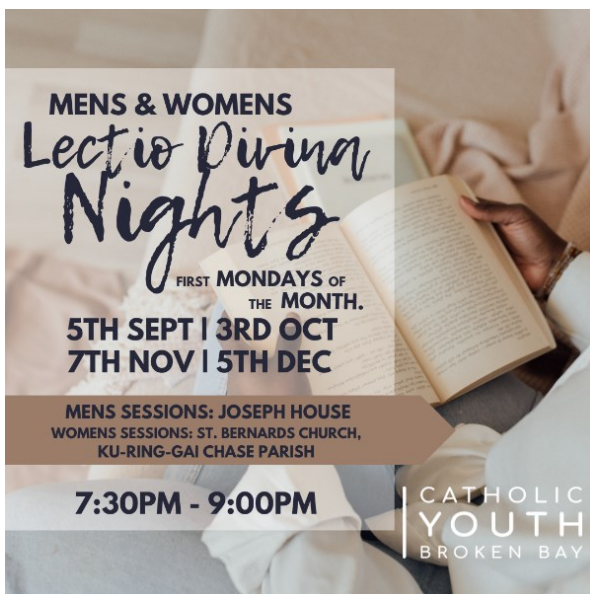
*Submission of entries will be taken as consent to share

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On Monday, Joseph House hosted its second monthly Young Men's Lectio Divina night. Joseph House – a residential house of discernment for young men run by the Diocese of Broken Bay – it has been opening its doors on the first Monday of each month for these Lectio Divina Nights, where men have gathered to learn to hear God in the scriptures and journey with brothers in the faith. This month's guest was Alex Leach from CYBB, who unpacked how Psalm 91 has impacted his life, and the group prayed through the psalm before finishing with supper and night prayer.

The next Lectio Divina Night will be in October, with a possible date change to accommodate Labour Day. Follow [Catholic Youth Broken Bay](#) on Facebook for updates.



Men's & Women's Lectio Divina

Looking for a community of prayer? Catholic Youth Broken Bay is offering a space for young adults to come together, as men and women, to pray by Lectio Divina while enjoying the warmth of fellowship!

Lectio Divina is a popular spirituality exercise and an easy form of prayer to do with others or by oneself. It's a practice of reading the Scriptures and letting God speak to you through the Word. Both groups will meet regularly on the 1st Monday of each month.

The next one will be held on **MONDAY, 5th SEPTEMBER, 7:30pm – 9:00pm**. The **men** will be gathering at **Joseph House** and the **women** will be gathering at **St. Bernard's Church, Ku-Ring-Gai Chase Parish**.



WYD 2023 Registrations are NOW OPEN!

Thinking about coming to World Youth Day? Registrations are **NOW OPEN!**

Pilgrims from Broken Bay will be embarking on a 3-week pilgrimage, beginning in Rome and journeying through various Italian cities and towns including Assisi, Siena, Florence, Bologna, Padua, and Venice, before flying over to Lisbon, Portugal for the World Youth Day week with Pope Francis. Following World Youth Day, pilgrims will travel to Fatima for a retreat before returning home.

There is a direct option available for those who can only attend for the week of World Youth Day in Lisbon.

If you are wanting more information, check out the live stream recording of WYD Information Nights here: <https://fb.watch/fmpQBmPvRZ/>

To register:

- 1 Visit: <https://bbwyd.org.au/>
1. Select the pilgrim description that best suits you:
2. Pilgrims under 18 years – CSBB students
3. Pilgrims under 18 years– non-CSBB students
4. Pilgrims over 18 years
- 5.

Follow the instructions for filling out the form



The Burning Bush

Ex 3:1-12

Listen to the Voice of Creation

SEASON OF CREATION 2022

1 September was the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, established by Pope Francis in 2015. This day began the 'Season of Creation' which runs until 4 October, the Feast of St Francis, and is an ecumenical season calling all Christians around the world to pray and take action for our common home. The theme for 2022 is "Listen to the Voice of Creation." In his message for World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, Pope Francis said, "If we learn how to listen, we can hear in the voice of creation a kind of dissonance. On the one hand, we can hear a sweet song in praise of our beloved Creator; on the other, an anguished plea, lamenting our mistreatment of this our common home."



Foster Care Week is this week 11 – 17 September. It celebrates and acknowledges the work of foster carers and raises awareness of the need to attract more foster carers.

Children enter the care system because the State identifies that they're at risk. That is where CatholicCare steps in. We have been providing care for children and young people who are unable to live with their own family for over 20 years, with the aim of providing stability and healing support. Partnering with our amazing community of dedicated foster carers and our therapeutic support teams, we care for up to 90 children and young people across the Diocese at any given time.

Roz is one of CatholicCare's incredible foster carers. She has been caring for foster children for more than 10 years. Here she tells her story.

CatholicCare Diocese of Broken Bay are looking for everyday families who might consider taking a child or young person into their home – to love and support them whether for one or two nights, a few weeks, months, or long term. Can you help? Please reach out on (02) 4320 7700 or visit www.fostering.org.au.



**HOLY HOUR &
DISCERNMENT EVENING**

*Pray, Discern
& Act*

Journey of Discernment

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 23
6PM

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20-22 OCTOBER 2022

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DISCIPLESHIP
MISSION

An excellent formation opportunity for your parish is being offered through the ‘Evangelise’ conference this October.

The Australian Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry will host a national online conference from October 20-22. The conference will promote understanding and explore practices of evangelisation in Australia through *encounters* with Christ, formation in *discipleship*, and *mission* in the world.

A wide variety of topics will be offered, including areas of evangelisation, leadership, ministry, liturgy and sacraments, social justice, youth, and marriage and family.

Please promote to parishioners, in particular to parish and ministry leaders and teams. Parishes are encouraged to attend as a group, and to subsidise registration where possible to enable participation.

Cost is \$25 per person, \$20 for 5 or more registrations.

Further information and registration details: <https://nce.catholic.org.au/bcelm-conference/events/bcelm-conference>

This is a great follow-up to the recent Laying a Missionary Foundation course that many parishes participated in. To discuss how this Conference could be part of a wider parish strategy towards parish renewal, and to receive support in implementing outcomes, please contact Pina Bernard on 0432 682 239 or pina.bernard@bbcatholic.org.au