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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

1ST JUNE 2025— THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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

The Ascension of The Lord

The two men in white who challenge the disciples are the same ones who in Luke's version of the women at the tomb of Jesus say: 'Why look among the dead for someone who is alive?' Today's feast is in one way also about our mission, sent as we are like them, clothed with the promised gift of the Spirit. Jesus is among us inviting us to spread his message of reconciliation and forgiveness, especially to those closest to us – family, friends, workmates and colleagues. We will always find him in the mix and muddle of daily life. Is this why those disciples were so full of joy when they returned to Jerusalem even though their friend and teacher was no longer physically with them? May their joy be infectious as we celebrate today's feast and continue to seek the living but often unrecognisable risen Lord Jesus.

It is this gift of wisdom, with perception and knowledge, that Paul wishes upon the community at Ephesus. The power given to believers becomes a potent force in and through them and us, and will help us to discover how we can be effective witnesses to the saving power of mercy and forgiveness through Christ.

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IMPORTANT PARISH EVENTS—SAVE THE DATE!

Pentecost (nametags) - 8th June
First Youth Group - 13th June
Annual General Meeting—8th July
Christmas In July—29th July
Bunnings BBQ—13th Sept
Multicultural Dinner—10th Oct
Ecumenical Christmas Carols—5th Dec
Parish Christmas Dinner—19th Dec

Jubilee Year Events—TBC

Meeting—4th June

Pilgrimage Day, Marian Spirituality Day (rosary & afternoon tea) & Family Movie Night

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.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Annual General Meeting for the Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday 8 July**. Currently, as two members of the council are unable to continue for 2025/2026 due to health and family commitments there are vacancies on council which need to be filled. To start the new council year on 8 July with all positions filled would be excellent. Any parishioner interested in offering their services in this way is asked to speak to a council member or one of the priests for more information.

St Barnabas Church Yarramalong—1st Sunday of the Month

Mass will be celebrated at St Barnabas Church, Yarramalong
Sunday 1st June at 11.15am.
All are welcome.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION/EUCHARIST PROGRAM

If you would like to enrol your child for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion/Eucharist please use the QR Code respective of the school you attend. For all children who do not attend either St John Fisher or St Cecilia's Primary Schools please use the St Cecilia's QR code to enrol.

Preparation Classes begin this **Saturday 31st May at 4pm**, at St Cecilia's Parish Hall.

QR code for: St John Fisher School Students

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION/EUCHARIST ENROLMENT FORM 2025 St John Fisher



Holy Communion Ceremony on Friday 7th June at 5pm

If you have any questions contact our sacramental coordinator, Christine at wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au or Phone: 02 4352 1011.

QR code for: St Cecilia's & State School Students

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION/EUCHARIST ENROLMENT FORM 2025



JUBILEE OF FAMILIES, CHILDREN, GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

Prayers of Intercession: For the Church, that throughout the world she may be able to proclaim and bear strong witness to the beauty of God's plan for the family and to value it as a gift and a vocation. We pray to the Lord. For all elderly people, that they may continue to look towards the future and, with their experience and prayers, that they may continue striving to build a more congenial world. We pray to the Lord.



JUBILEE COMMITTEE MEETING

Our next Jubilee Committee meeting will be held in the Parish Meeting room, **Wednesday, June 4 at 6.00pm**. Looking forward to a productive meeting. With Thanks, Marie-Anne Johnson

WHITE ELEPHANT STALL

Our White Elephant stall will be held at all masses this weekend. **Sat 31st of May** after 5pm Mass & **Sun 1st June** after morning Mass to support our Pastoral Works appeal once again. Rae will have a range items for sale, come prepared for some bargains!

ANOIDING OF THE SICK

First Friday of the Month: Friday: 4th April

St Cecilia's During 8.00am & 11.30am Mass

St John Fisher During 9.15am Mass

PENTECOST SUNDAY—REMINDER

Please remember to wear your name tags for Mass next Sunday the **8th of June** to celebrate Pentecost Sunday.



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

The Catholic Church celebrates the Ascension of the Lord, an event 40 days after Jesus' Resurrection, marking his return to heaven and the completion of his earthly mission.

This feast, a **Holy Day of Obligation**, commemorates Jesus' body and soul entering heaven and taking his seat at the right hand of his Father. The Ascension also signifies the beginning of the Church's mission and the promise of the Holy Spirit's descent.

"For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance^[a]: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas,^[b] and then to the Twelve. ⁶After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep." - 1 Corinthians 15

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.



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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL REPORT

Below is the report for the PPC Meeting on Tuesday, 13 May.

SCHOOLS— a) St John Fisher reports that the building program is on track and expected to be completed by mid-September. St Cecilia's building program has commenced. The relocation of the school entry has been necessary b) All three schools reported excellent Mother's Day celebrations. Attendance and involvement were outstanding.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM—Year 4 students are being prepared for reception of their first Holy Communion at special Masses at Wyong and Tumbi on Friday 27 June. Year 3 students will begin preparation of Confirmation at the end of June. Bishop Anthony will confirm these young people at St Peter's on Saturday 16 August.

Neighbourhood Centre Collection—Thank you to everyone who donated to this collection. An excellent result was achieved, and the Centre was very grateful for our donation.

200 Club— The sales of numbers is well underway. We have already sold more than 100 numbers. Regular updates of sale progress are reported in the parish bulletin each week. Thank you to all who have purchased a number.

Christmas in July— Don't forget to mark Tuesday 29 July in your calendar. There is a set limit to numbers, so booking is essential for attendance.

Direct Giving—A financial summary of income and expenditure for 2024/2025 will be part of the direct giving information sheet given to all parishioners at the beginning of June. If you have any questions, please speak to the priests or our office staff.

Annual General Meeting— will be held on 7 July. There are two vacant positions on council. If you have an interest in helping our church family as a council member, please speak to one of our priests or a Council member.

Jubilee Year—The next meeting of the Jubilee committee is Wednesday 3 June. Anyone interested in helping with the organization of activities for the Jubilee Year would be most welcome. This committee will operate until the end of 2025 –just 6 months left.

Bunnings Barbecue— Our date for this year is **Saturday 13 September**. Please mark this date, as many parishioners will be needed to help for 1-2 hours on this day. Update information will be placed in the bulletin in the middle of July, and hopefully all organization will be in place by the end of August.

Parish Activities— There are many parish activities in the pipeline from July to December. The finalization of dates is nearly complete, and regular updates will be placed in the Parish bulletin. To be sure you know everything that is happening get your bulletin each week.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL—14TH & 15TH JUNE

Our Vinnies winter appeal will commence on the weekend of the 14th & 15th of June. Please use the envelopes provided that weekend for any cash donations, which can be placed on either collection plate. As well as cash donations, we are seeking food suitable to be used in hampers - pasta & sauce, soups, tinned fruit and vegetables, milk, cereal,. Donations can be left at the back of the church in the trolley/ basket provided. No donation is too small. Many thanks for your continued support. God Bless!

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.**



Happy 90th Birthday

Barbara Peers, Margaret Cheetham, Bryan Westhoff and Pamela Cullinan

200 Club 2025

141 numbers have been sold.

This year the club will run from July to December, with prize results in the Bulletin, as previously.

Numbers Sale: conclude on 30 June.

Cost: \$60 upfront or 3 payments of \$20 by **30th** of May.

Prizes: Monthly \$300, \$150, \$100, \$50.

Major (Christmas) \$500, \$250, \$150, \$50.

All prizes are contingent on the sale of all 200 numbers. Updates of sales numbers will be in each week's bulletin.

For further information please contact :

Maureen Roast—0435 245 849

Anne Hooley—0428 149 793 or

Kerry Bugden—4388 2938

Thank you for your support.

Parish Bulletin

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@bbcatholic.org.au

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

Due to server weather conditions and for the safety of our community we decided to postpone what was meant to be our first Youth Night this year.

Our Youth Fellowship program aims to give the youth in our community a place to connect, have fun and learn in a safe and nurturing environment outside their day-to-day environments. Our hope is to build fruitful relationships to support our youth on their individual journey's.

We're excited to re-launch our first Youth Group on **Friday 13th June from 6-8pm** at St Cecilia's Church Hall behind the church, 23 Byron St, Wyong. We will provide dinner and some fun games.



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ST CECILIA'S CHURCH

23 Byron St Wyong

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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

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Fr Alex Ph: 0432 947 245

Fr Teody Ph: 0414 494 823

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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

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 Doueih, Lisa Glanville, Margaret McDermott, Dave Rodney, Danae Roe, Milva Kefu, Georgina Mastroianni & Baby Vinnie, Tahnia Ahuriri

RECENTLY DECEASED: Pauline Cornwell, Kathleen Brien, Olive Mansfield (Bingara), Finn McConnon, Sue Evans

ANNIVERSARY JUNE: Thomas Mayne, Fr Williams, Brian Myers, Margaret Skimmings, Tom Dermody, Rosa Laoulach, Sylvia Markulin, George Sassine, Patricia Westhoff, Frank Costa & Family



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

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading - Acts 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?'

He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 46:2-3, 6-9

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Second Reading Hebrews - 9:24-28, 10:19-23

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

It is not as though Christ has entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

In other words, brothers, through the blood of Jesus we have the right to enter the sanctuary, by a new way which he had opened for us, a living opening through the curtain, that is to say, his body. And we have the supreme high priest over all the house of God. So as we go in, let us be sincere in heart and filled with faith, our mind sprinkled and free from any trace of bad conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us keep firm in the hope we profess, because the one who made the promise is faithful.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation - Matthew 28:19, 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel - Luke 24:46-53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Taize Evening – Holy Spirit Church, Kincumber

Please join us in Holy Spirit Church on Pentecost Eve, Saturday 7th June, in a candlelit church with icons from taize and an hour of prayer, silence and song. Celebrations will begin at 6pm after Mass in Holy Spirit Church, Kincumber, with a light supper, then the taize celebration at 6:30pm, and tea and coffee in the Narthex at 7:30pm.

All are welcome to come and celebrate this feast day and the universal birthday of the Church.

Spirituality in the Pub (SIP) Meeting 7.30-9.00pm 3rd June at the Grange Hotel, Wyoming (cnr. Renwick St & Pacific Hwy). The guest speakers are **Ken Grice** and **Glenn Solway**.

Ken Grice: Disciplined Sunday School and Church attendance introduced Ken to the Bible and Christ. Although he always believed, as a boy, two massive family traumas challenged his spiritual identity. In his 20's extraordinary mentors led him to a deeper understanding of God and Christ. Despite the vicissitudes of life, his faith has never been stronger.

Glenn Solway: A retired firefighter and former business owner, Glenn now volunteers in pastoral ministries, including Primary School Scripture. With a heart to help men going through hard times he is a Facilitator in a 12 Step Self Help recovery programme. Glenn describes his spiritual journey as a bit rocky but incredibly satisfying.

Tell anyone else who may be interested. Bistro opens at 5.30pm.
SIP enquiries: 0415 129250 or 0439 678608.

Many thanks in anticipation,
Tony

Tony Voller
for SIP Committee
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9:30am - 2:10pm

The Pilgrim's call to hopefulness in human happiness and holiness.

Refreshing our sense of Vatican II's teaching on God's Self-Revealing Word in human-beinghood.

May
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9:30am - 2:10pm

Patient in suffering, persistent in belief, conviction and love.

Reflecting on St Paul's letter to the Romans especially 8:15-30 and a glimpse into Vatican II's "Gaudium et Spes" [Joy and Hope].

July
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WED



9:30am - 2:10pm

Recognising Signs of hope among us and being sources of hope for others in need.

Recognising the "Universal Call to Holiness" in Vatican II's document "Lumen Gentium" [The Light of the World].

Sept
17
WED



9:30am - 2:10pm

Anchored in hope of being the Body of Jesus Christ, opening doors of healing, forgiveness, support and encouragement for others.

Glimpsing Vatican II's document on the Christian community's participation in the Sacred Liturgy.

Nov
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WED



MARY MACKILLOP PLACE



JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE REFLECTION DAYS WITH THE SISTERS OF SAINT JOSEPH

All are welcome to join us for a series of Wednesdays dedicated to prayer, reflection, and faith enrichment, inspired by the 2025 Year of Hope, accompanied by Sr Virginia Bourke rsj, held at Mary MacKillop Place.

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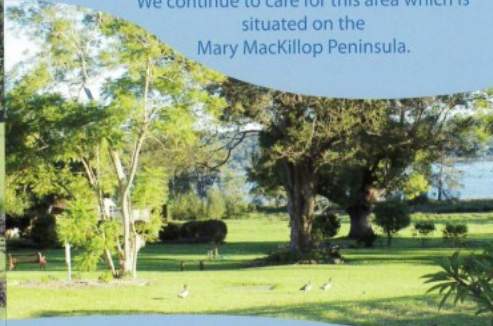
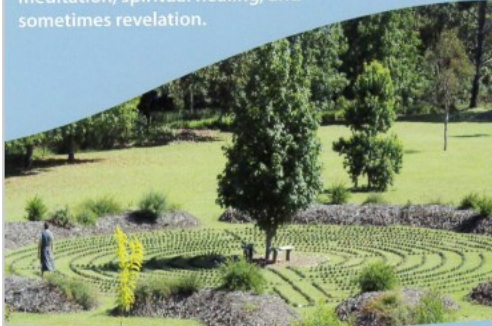
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St Joseph's Spirituality and Education Centre offers the opportunity for individuals and groups to experience spiritual enrichment and personal development in a peaceful and spacious setting. The facilities are available to those whose purpose is in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

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Services

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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.

Facilities

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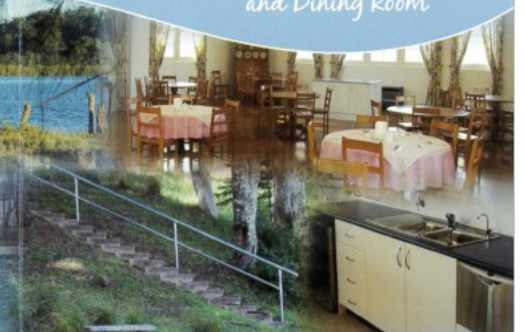
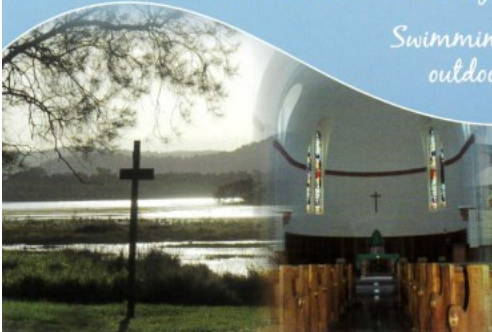
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CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL NSW CELEBRATING PENTECOST

" ONLY JESUS "

Please join the Catholic Charismatic Renewal NSW in celebrating Pentecost "ONLY JESUS" on Sunday 1st June at St John Bosco Catholic Parish 46 Waratah Rd. Engadine for an afternoon of Praise, Worship, Adoration, Mass and Prayer Ministry from 12.30pm with sausage sizzle.

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IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP

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9-20 SEPTEMBER 2025

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:

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Our Lady of Guadalupe

With Fr Peter De Souza

*Mexico City (2 nights) • San Miguel de Allende (1) •
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DAYS

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.



Accompanied by
Fr Hien Vu

COMMENCES WEDNESDAY 01 OCTOBER 2025 • 10 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS

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



"The Jubilee Year 2025 calls us to rediscover the centrality of Jesus Christ in our lives and to deepen our relationship with Him, as the Door through which we enter into the fullness of life."

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



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

the genuine pilgrim experience

harvest
journeys

Assisi



Orvieto



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

Itinerary

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 Peter's 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**



Vatican Museums



Roman Forum



St John Paul II



St Peter



St Paul



St Francis



St Clare



Bl Carlo Acutis



St John

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 230AD. 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)

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

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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 journal 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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The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in 4-star Premium Hotels, Catholic priest, Meals + English speaking professional guides + Entrances as per itinerary and more.

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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 Lągowo, 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
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- European programs 20-21 days.

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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.buykrakow.com or www.icortap.com

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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.

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.

CATHOLICARE 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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