

# 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*

**20TH APRIL 2025— SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION**

**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 – EASTER SUNDAY

Luke opens his account of the resurrection of Jesus with an indication that light is dawning. The women who had prepared Jesus' body for burial find that 'the stone had been rolled away'. Someone other than the execution squad and the women has entered the drama. They are amazed; perhaps God has entered Jesus' story? Two men, dressed in the brilliance that marks the heavenly, tell them that they are looking in the wrong place. They will not find 'the living one' in

a cemetery. Several time during his public ministry Jesus has spoken of his forthcoming passion, death and resurrection. They are asked to 'remember' those words, and they do so: 'They remembered his words'. Women who had been with Jesus throughout his ministry (Luke 8:1-3) become the bearers of the Easter message to the Eleven and everyone else. Locked into their cultural absolutes, they regard this impossible news as female chatter. But one of them, Peter, goes to the tomb. The women were right: the signs of death, a tomb, and the winding cloths, are empty. Peter is 'amazed'. But we are called to more than amazement on this Easter Night. We must remember the words of Jesus and believe that God gives life to the dead.

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## 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.



### Condolences

Our Parish extends our deep condolences to Bidy, Kath, family & loved ones of Pat Fitzgerald who has recently passed away. The funeral will be held on **Monday 28th April at 11am at St Cecilia's Church**. We would also like to extend our deep condolences to Fr Brian Moloney and his family & loved ones on the recent passing of his father, Leo Moloney. Funeral yet to be confirmed. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. And may their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.



### IMPORTANT DATES

**19th April**—RCIA/RCIC candidates receiving Sacraments,  
Easter Vigil Mass  
**25th April**—Anzac day  
**27th April**—Divine Mercy Sunday  
**11th May**—Mothers Day



### WYONG PARISH COMMUNITY COLLECTIONS 2025

Each year as a parish we have three donated item collections supporting the disadvantaged members of the community. These collections are in Feb/March/April (Wyong Neighbourhood Centre), June (Vinnies Winter collection) and December (Vinnies Christmas collection). This collection drive will run from: **5<sup>th</sup> March—27th April 2025**.

This year we are supporting **Wyong Neighbourhood Centre**.

Please see below suggested items which can be donated. These items are those specifically needed by the disadvantaged people the charity supports. More information on the charity can be found at the web address listed: Wyong Neighbourhood Centre Inc—<https://www.wnci.org.au>

Suggested donated items may include: Long-life milk, Noodles, Pasta, rice, good quality tinned fruit, food and meals (with ring pulls), Soups, spaghetti, Muesli bars and long life snacks, Breakfast Biscuits/Cereal, UHT Milk, Noodles, Crackers, , Lollies/ Chocolate, Chips, Tea, Cappuccino sachets, Water/Juice, Beanies, Gloves, Scarves, socks & Blankets.

**Please place all donations into the special trolley or the plastic containers provided in the Church.**

A big thank you for all your donations and generosity.



### EASTER PRAYER

May the Spirit of this Easter season renew our life and love, not only for our faith but for one another; in our homes, families and friendships.

May this Renewed Spirit shine through us as vessels of Christ.  
"We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song!" St John Paul II

### Parish Pastoral Council 11 March Meeting Report

The PPC March council meeting was held under very poor weather conditions. As a result of the weather and family commitments, a quorum was not available for the meeting. No decisions therefore were voted upon, but important information was updated and is reported below.

**Volunteer Grant**- unfortunately our application for a volunteer grant in 2025 was unsuccessful.

The **Sacramental Program** has commenced. Year 4 students are currently preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. These young people will receive the Sacrament on Monday 7 April at St Cecilia's and Tuesday 8 April at Tumbi. These same young people will receive their First Eucharist at the end of June.

Year 3 students will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on 16 August.

**Catholics Returning Home** program will resume after Easter.

**200 Club** will run from July to December. Monthly prize draws will be published each month as this was the majority option survey result. The sale of ticket numbers will commence after Easter.

**Neighborhood Charity Collection** is well underway. Thank you to all who have supported or intend to do so. The collection will conclude on 27 April.

**Car Park Sale & New Parish Buildings** – there is no change to the information available for this project from the end of 2024. No government offers have been received by Catholic Care to help fund the Youth forum. It is expected that more will be heard once the Federal election is held.

**Shrove Tuesday and World Day of Prayer**. Both parish functions were very successful. Thank you all for your support.

**Mass collections** will be revisited at the beginning of June. This will ensure everyone understands and is able to make their donations in the way they like.

**Safeguarding** for vulnerable adults will be the target for 2025. Every parish's response and action to ensure the safety of all children is firmly in place. Thank you everyone. Your actions and support has made this possible.

**Bunnings Barbecue** An application to hold a Bunnings barbecue in 2025 will be made for September/ October date.

**Age to Age & Youth Program** will move forward after Easter. Parishioner volunteers will be called for to ensure the linkage of School/ Families/Parish is successful.

#### Important Dates to Remember:

13 May Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 6:00 pm St Cecilia's Meeting Room

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# EASTER SERVICES

17  
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**HOLY THURSDAY**  
ST CECILIA'S CHURCH 7PM

**GOOD FRIDAY**

18  
APR

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** – ST CECILIA'S, WYONG 10AM  
**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** – ST JOHN FISHER, TUMBI 10AM (SCHOOL HALL)

**THE LORD'S PASSION** – ST CECILIA'S WYONG 3.00PM  
**THE LORD'S PASSION** – ST JOHN FISHER TUMBI 3.00PM (SCHOOL HALL)

19  
APR

**EASTER VIGIL MASS**  
ST CECILIA'S WYONG – 7PM

20  
APR

**EASTER SUNDAY**  
ST CECILIA'S WYONG – 7.30AM, 9.30AM  
ST JOHN FISHER TUMBI – 8.30AM (SCHOOL HALL) 5.00PM (MASS CENTRE)



## DID YOU KNOW ?



- 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.



## EASTER RAFFLE

Winners of the Easter Raffle are tickets "Black 37" Frances Costa and "Purple 46" M.Dobb  
\$530 was raised.

Thank you to everyone who supported and organised the raffle for our parish.

## PLANNED GIVING

Dear Parishioners, our planned giving envelopes cost \$760 per annum to order.  
Should you wish to donate electronically, please see details below:

### To support the Priests (1st Collection):

Acc name: SOLT Australia Incorporated

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

We appreciate all offerings and support gifted to our Parish!

## JUBILEE COMMITTEE

Thank you to all the parishioners who have offered their services for our Parish Jubilee Committee. Our first meeting will be held **Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm** in the Parish Meeting Room. I hope many of you can attend.



## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

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

### Divine Mercy Sunday—27th April 2025

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



We welcome all RCIA & RCIC Candidates & Catechumens who are to receive their Sacraments this year during the Easter Vigil Mass at 7:00pm, Saturday 19th April 2025.

As you show your love for Jesus, in all that you say and do, your new Church Family shares your joy, and gladly welcomes you!

*Congratulations*

## PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed Friday 25th April, Anzac Day.

## 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](mailto:wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au)

## HOLY LAND/GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

The Holy Land (Good Friday) Collection is encouraged by Pope Francis and through this Collection, you join with Catholics around the world to stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Envelopes will be available at the Church on Good Friday. We thank you for your support.



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### ST CECILIA'S CHURCH

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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](mailto:wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au)

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

**FACEBOOK:** [www.facebook.com/wyongcatholicparish](https://www.facebook.com/wyongcatholicparish)

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:** Finn McConnon, Irene Dainty, Pauline Cornwell, Michael McDermott, Michele Bolton, Jeanine Doueihi, Lisa Glanville, Margaret McDermott, Dave Rodney, Danae Roe, Milva Kefu, Georgina Mastroianni & Baby Vinnie

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Brigeda Lo Basso, Robert Milligan, Rod Cornwell, Pat Fitzgerald, Leo Moloney

**ANNIVERSARY APRIL:** Aaron Collins, Kay Taylor, Leanne Smith, Leslie Smith, Beryl Moloney, Roberta (Robbie) Jones, Dominga & Eutiquio Diaz, Jack Gill, deceased members of Croke & Kenny families, Margaret Hines, Janet Milroy,



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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.



# Easter Sunday Mass - 20 April 2025

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading - Acts 10:34, 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.' Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm - Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

### Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 5:6-8

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

You must know how even a small amount of yeast is enough to leaven all the dough, so get rid of all the old yeast, and make yourselves into a completely new batch of bread, unleavened as you are meant to be. Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast, by getting rid of all the old yeast of evil and wickedness, having only the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation - 1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

### Gospel - Luke 24:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

On the first day of the week, at the first sign of dawn, the women went to the tomb with the spices they had prepared. They found that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb, but on entering discovered that the body of the Lord Jesus was not there. As they stood there not knowing what to think, two men in brilliant clothes suddenly appeared at their side. Terrified, the women lowered their eyes. But the two men said to them, 'Why look among the dead for someone who is alive? He is not here; he is risen. Remember what he told you when he was still in Galilee: that the Son of Man had to be handed over into the power of sinful men and be crucified, and rise again on the third day?' And they remembered his words.

When the women returned from the tomb they told all this to the Eleven and to all the others. The women were Mary of Magdala, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James. The other women with them also told the apostles, but this story of theirs seemed pure nonsense, and they did not believe them.

Peter, however, went running to the tomb. He bent down and saw the binding cloths, but nothings else; he then went back home, amazed at what had happened.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Grace and Truth Event

You are invited to join the Dominican Friars and Sisters on Wednesday, 30 April for an evening of prayer, formation, and fellowship. Open to men and women of all ages. The evening will consist of Eucharistic Adoration, Vespers and Benediction, a light dinner, and talks by Sister Elena Marie and Father James Baxter. The event will run from 5-9PM, starting in the crypt of St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, and moving to the Cathedral Hall. Fee: \$20. For more information, contact the Dominican Sisters at [sydney@op-tn.org](mailto:sydney@op-tn.org).



# Grace & Truth

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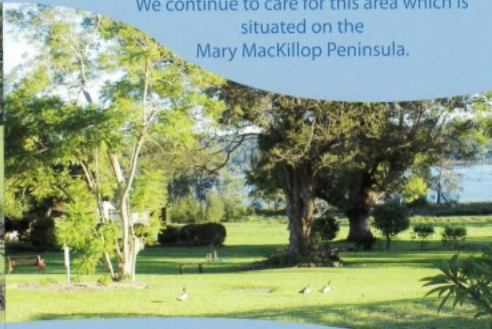
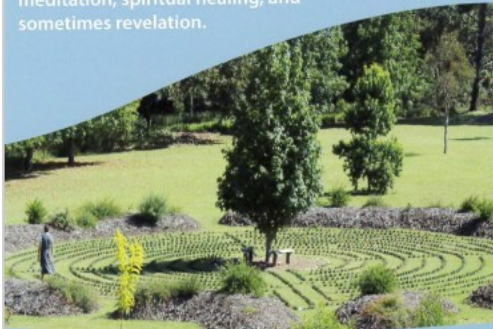
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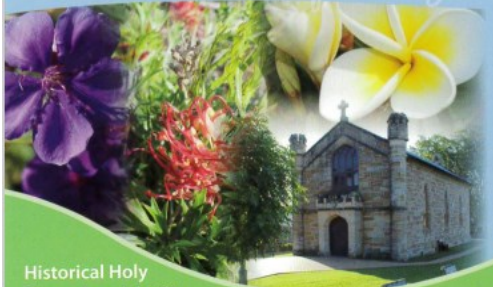
The labyrinth is a place for prayer, meditation, spiritual healing, and sometimes revelation.


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## 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.

## Facilities

St Joseph's is a smoke free environment.

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

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Prayer Days

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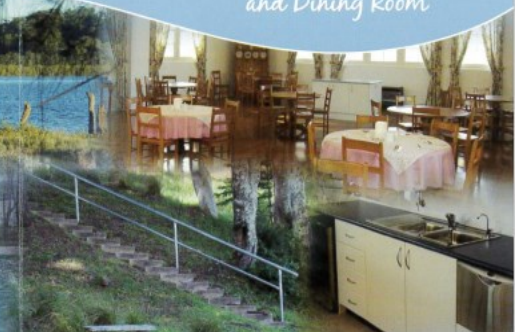
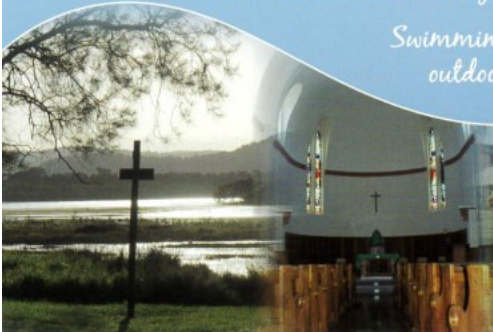
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**DATE:** 16 – 31 MAY 2025

**PRICE:** 8350 AUD/person + TIPS (GROUP 21 PERSONS)

**FLIGHT:** SYDNEY – DUBAI – WARSAW/ROME – DUBAI – SYDNEY (EMIRATES)

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**DEPARTS TUESDAY 13 MAY 2025 • 19 DAYS / 15 NIGHTS**

Athens (2 nights) • Acropolis • Ancient Corinth • Kalambaka (2) • Meteora • Berea  
• Thessaloniki • Kavala (2) • Ancient Philippi • Patmos (2) • Samos (1) • Kusadasi (2)  
• Ephesus • Rome - Jubilee (4 nights)



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Athens



Meteora

**SYMBOLS:** (B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner

## Itinerary

### DAY 1: TUESDAY 13 MAY 2025 – DEPART FOR GREECE

### DAY 2: WEDNESDAY 14 MAY – ARRIVE ATHENS

Athens today is the thriving capital of Greece, but, more importantly, we have entered into the world of the New Testament where St Paul and his companions established the first Christian communities throughout his four missionary journeys.

On arrival in **Athens** we will be met and transferred to our centrally located hotel.  
*Athens overnight (D)*

### DAY 3: THURSDAY 15 MAY – ATHENS AND ANCIENT CORINTH

**Theme: The Athenians & The Corinthians**

When St Paul first came to Athens it was predominantly a city which worshipped pagan gods. St Paul was taken before the city council at the Areopagus Hill, a rough outcrop of limestone rock from which he preached the Gospel message to the Athenian philosophers (Acts 17:16-21).

We begin our pilgrimage with a tour of **Christian Athens** including the **Acropolis**, the **Areopagus** where St Paul delivered his famous sermon about the identity of "the Unknown God" (Acts 17:15-34). View the Ancient Agora and the **Plaka** (Old Greece) and explore the **Parthenon**.

Also see the **Kallimármaro Stadium**, dating back to 330BC and restored for the first modern Olympic Games held here in 1896.

Journey out to **Ancient Corinth** this afternoon where the apostle Paul lived for almost two years, teaching the people the

Word of God and converting many. Visit the ancient ruins and see the site where he preached the Gospel from the **Rostrum**. See the **Peirene fountain**, and the 6th century BC **Temple of Apollo** before an outdoor Mass in this stunning pilgrimage setting. Finally, we come to **Cenchreae**, the ancient port from where St Paul said farewell to the believers and departed for Ephesus (Acts 18:18).

*Athens overnight (BD)*

### DAY 4: FRIDAY 16 MAY – ATHENS TO KALAMBAKA

This morning we begin our day at the fascinating **Acropolis Museum**, built to house every artefact found on the rock of the acropolis and the surrounding slopes. We continue north today to **Meteora** and to the small town of **Kalambaka** built at the foot of the majestic grey rocks.

*Kalambaka overnight (BD)*

### DAY 5: SATURDAY 17 MAY – METEORA

**Theme: The Monastics**

We spend some time today marvelling at this unique phenomenon of nature – 24 perpendicular rocks where 600 years ago Byzantine monks chose to worship God and build their Monastic community of **Meteora**. We will visit some of these living monasteries and view the extraordinary collection of priceless religious frescoes and other treasures that will make this a remarkable visit.

Enjoy some free time this afternoon.

*Kalambaka overnight (BD)*

### DAY 6: SUNDAY 18 MAY – KALAMBAKA TO KAVALA

**Theme: The Bereans & The Thessalonians**

Today we journey north by coach to **Berea** (modern Veria). The "**Bema**" - an impressive monument to Paul - is believed

to incorporate the steps from the original synagogue from which he preached the gospel to the Jews, who welcomed the word of God and began to study the Scriptures (Acts 17:10-12).

Continue on to **Thessaloniki**, Greece's second city, founded in 315 BC, and where St Paul preached during the winters of 49-50AD and wrote the two epistles to the ancient Thessalonians. It was here that he established the first Christian Church in Europe.

Our visit will include the ramparts of the city, the triumphal **Arch of Galerius**, as well as the **Rotunda** where we can see pieces of the pulpit from which Paul preached. View the **Roman Agora** where he also preached. Nearby we shall visit **St Demetrios' Church** dedicated to a Roman soldier who converted to Christianity and was later martyred. View its valuable mosaics and frescoes before descending into the crypt where we find the remains of some ancient Roman baths and streets.

Continue east along the ancient route of the Apostle Paul to the port city of **Kavala** (ancient Neapolis), once named "Christoupolis" after being the first European city to accept Christianity. It was here that St Paul, St Timothy and St Silas first landed from Troas (Acts 16:11), one of the great moments in the history of Christianity in Europe.

*Kavala overnight (BD)*

### DAY 7: MONDAY 19 MAY – PHILIPPI

**Theme: The Philippians**

Arise and journey along the ancient route of the Apostle Paul to nearby **Philippi**, named after Philip II, father of Alexander the Great. It was here that St Paul won his first European convert, a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira (Acts 16:12-40).

Visit the **Baptistry of Lydia** for a beautiful outdoor Mass on the **River Zygaktis**





House of the Virgin Mary



and renew our Baptismal vows. Visit the **marketplace** (where St Paul and St Silas were brought before the rulers) and the **cistern** which tradition identifies as the place where St Paul was imprisoned. In the **ancient theatre** we will hear the story of Paul's arrest, imprisonment, and miraculous release.

Remainder of the afternoon at leisure to rest back at our hotel.

*Kavala overnight (BD)*

#### DAY 8: TUESDAY 20 MAY - KAVALA TO PATMOS

Today we are transferred to the airport for our flight to Athens. On arrival we will be transferred directly to the Athenian port of Piraeus to embark our boat transfer to the Dodecanese Island of **Patmos**, where St John the Beloved wrote the Book of Revelation.

*Island of Patmos overnight (BD)*

#### DAY 9: WEDNESDAY 21 MAY - PATMOS DAY

*Theme: The Patmosians*

Lying between the islands of Leros and Ikaria is the 'ascetic shaped' Patmos, called the 'Jerusalem of the Aegean' due to the overwhelming atmosphere of the island during the great celebrations of Christianity.

We begin our day with a walking tour of the main square of the village of **Chora**. This is the traditional settlement and capital of Patmos, where the narrow streets were designed to ward off pirates over the centuries. Ascend to the **Monastery of St John the Beloved**, a huge fortress-like building dating from the 11th century, for a visit and celebration of Mass.

Our exploration of this living monastery will culminate with time in the actual **Cave of Revelation** where God chose to reveal to St John the mysteries of the last book of the Bible – the Apocalypse.

The cave is now at the foot of the monastery, which houses priceless icons and

manuscripts, sacred relics, and vestments embroidered with silver or gold threads and bejeweled with precious stones.

Later continue to the active **Convent of Evangelismos (Annunciation)** built by the hieromonk Nikiphoros who was cured from the plague after praying to St Luke the Evangelist. Visit the **Convent of Zoodochos Pigi** with icons dating from the 16th to the 18th century. Finally, we will enjoy a short scenic tour of the island.

*Island of Patmos overnight (BD)*

#### DAY 10: THURSDAY 22 MAY - PATMOS TO SAMOS

Today, we depart Patmos by ferry and make our way to the picturesque island of **Samos**, nestled in the heart of the Aegean Sea. Renowned for its lush landscapes, pristine waters, and rich ancient heritage, it is a destination of both natural beauty and spiritual significance.

*Island of Samos overnight (BD)*

#### DAY 11: FRIDAY 23 MAY - SAMOS TO KUSADASI

Depart Samos by ferry to **Kusadasi**, doorway to **Ephesus** and the **Churches of Revelation**.

On arrival in Kusadasi we will be met and transferred by coach to our centrally located hotel.

*Kusadasi overnight (BD)*

#### DAY 12: SATURDAY 24 MAY - EPHEBUS

*Theme: The Ephesians*

We travel directly to **Ephesus** this morning, the most famous of the Seven Churches of Revelation (Rev 2:1-7) where St Paul spent more than two years in the course of his third missionary journey. It was to the Christian community of Ephesus that St Paul wrote his greatest and most challenging letter (the epistle to the Ephesians) and also succeeded in converting many away from

worship of the god Artemis.

Our visit today will include the ruins where St Paul lived and preached. See the **prison of St Paul**; walk through the ancient marble streets founded in the 10th century BC and see this most 'complete' Roman city providing us with an excellent window into Imperial Rome. Pass the **Temple of Hadrian**, the **Library of Celsus**, the enormous **amphitheatre** (Acts 19:29-31), and finally come to the ruins of the **Christian Basilica** where the Third Ecumenical Council took place in 431AD, and where Our Lady was proclaimed "Mother of God". We ascend the hill to the **House of the Virgin Mary** where it is said Mary spent the later years of her life. We celebrate our group Mass here in one of the chapels. Finally, we visit the restored remains of the 6th century **Basilica of St John at Celcuk** where a small church was originally built over the tomb of St John the Evangelist.

*Kusadasi overnight (BD)*

#### DAY 13: SUNDAY 25 MAY - FLY TURKEY TO ROME\*

This morning, we set out towards **Izmir**, once the site of ancient **Smyrna**, one of the Seven Churches of Revelation (Rev 2:8-11). This was home to a lively Christian community under the pastoral care of its bishop – the saintly **Polycarp**. After Mass, we are transferred to Izmir airport for our flight to **Rome**, the Eternal City, rich in the traditions of our Church, and the focus of many Jubilee Holy Year activities.

Upon arrival in Rome, we will be met and transferred to our accommodation.

*Rome overnight (BD)*

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Rome



Vatican Museums

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.

\*Please note the itinerary in Rome is dependent upon the Jubilee circumstances and activities and may be subject to change.

#### DAY 14: MONDAY 26 MAY - ROME - CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF JUBILEE 2025\*

After breakfast at the hotel, transfer to **St Peter's Basilica** for Mass. Then we visit the **Vatican Museums**, home to one of the world's greatest art collections, and Michelangelo's breathtaking **Sistine Chapel**. Then, we are back at **St Peter's Basilica** for a guided tour of the largest church in Christendom, built over his tomb, where we can spend a few moments to pray at the **tomb of late Pope John Paul II**.

This afternoon enjoy a walking tour of the historical centre of Rome. See some of the most famous sites in the Eternal City - **the Pantheon** (outside), **the Spanish Steps**, **Trevi Fountain**, **Piazza Navona**, **Piazza Venezia**, **the Colosseum** (outside).

Rome overnight (BD)

#### DAY 15: TUESDAY 27 MAY - ROME JUBILEE\*

The journey this afternoon will take us 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 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. Rome overnight (BD)

#### DAY 16: WEDNESDAY 28 MAY - ROME JUBILEE\*

We will return to the Vatican and join with pilgrims from around the world for a memorable **General Audience with Pope Francis** (subject to the Pope's presence in Rome).

We continue on this afternoon with Mass and a visit of the impressive **St Mary Major Basilica**, followed by the **Basilica of St John in Lateran**, the first papal residence. Adjacent are the **Holy Stairs**, which were brought from Jerusalem to Rome in 326AD by St Helena. From here we visit the **Basilica of Santa Croce in Gerusalemme** with its extraordinary collection of relics from the Holy Land.

Rome overnight (BD)

#### DAY 17: THURSDAY 29 MAY - DEPART ROME

Enjoy free time until your transfer to the airport. (B)

#### DAY 18: FRIDAY 30 MAY - IN TRANSIT

#### DAY 19: SATURDAY 31 MAY - ARRIVE HOME



### PILGRIMAGE DETAILS

TOUR CODE	PV25118
STARTS	Tuesday, 13 May 2025
FINISHES	Saturday, 31 May 2025
AIR & LAND	AUD \$9490 (Twin Share) *
SINGLE ROOM	AUD \$2260 Supplement
PREPAID TIPS	AUD \$240 Per Person

\* Costs have been based on prices as at November 2024 and must remain subject to possible change in the event of significant exchange rate variations, airfare or tax increases or minimum group size factors beyond Harvest's control. Refer to Harvest Booking Terms & Conditions for more details.

### INCLUDED

**AIRFARES:** Return Economy Class group airfare from Sydney • One-way Economy Class group airfare Izmir-Istanbul-Rome

**ACCOMMODATION & MEALS:** Based on reputable local 3-4 star superior hotels or quality religious houses as applicable • Meals as specified in itinerary

**TOURING & TRANSPORTATION:** Deluxe Air Conditioned Coach touring • Professional Local Guides • Sightseeing and Entrance Fees

**OTHER:** Fully Escorted by Priest Chaplain • Porterage at hotels (where available) • Harvest Backpack, Pilgrim Journal and Travel Wallet

### NOT INCLUDED

Other meals not listed • Passport and Visa Costs (if applicable) • Items of a personal nature including phone calls, laundry, beverages, etc. • Travel insurance • Prepaid Tipping



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# 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."

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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

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*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

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### 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 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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- 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.

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.buykrakow.com](http://www.buykrakow.com) or [www.icortap.com](http://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 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](http://www.catholiccaredbb.org.au).



# Key Telephone Numbers

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### **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:

<b>Immigration Advice and Rights Centre</b>	<b>02 8234 0777</b>
<b>Immigrant Women's SpeakOut Association</b>	<b>1800 656 463</b>
<b>Legal Aid NSW</b>	<b>1300 888 529</b> (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](http://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 Raúl 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**