

# 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*

**21ST MAY 2023 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)**

## The Ascension of the Lord



### **Reflection 21.5.2023 The Ascension of the Lord**

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Letting go of someone we love is always heart-wrenching. Yet there may be no other way for life to go forward as it should. Parents know this intimately in seeing their children grow up, leave home and forge their own path in life. At the Ascension, the disciples must let go of Jesus' as they have come to know him and enter the next stage of a Spirit-led journey. It is a scene of faith mixed with hesitation, of empowerment amidst fragility, of joy tinged with doubt. In our own lives, we too go forward with our personal mix of emotions in 'letting go' as God calls. On Ascension Sunday we can wonder at the thought that our own baptism is a fruit of a long-ago mountain top commissioning. Like those disciples, we trust in God, step out in mission and sow seeds for future generations.

## Pastoral Works (CWF) Broken Bay



Our last appeal for this financial year will be held over the next 2 weekends.

Wyong Parish's quota for this financial year is \$21,112. Currently we have a shortfall of \$5,000 which will need to be paid by the Parish.

This appeal supports the CCD (Confraternity of Christian Doctrine), St Lucy's School, St Edmund's College and the Ephpheta Centre.

We acknowledge and thank parishioners for their generosity in these difficult financial times. Every donation makes a difference. **All donations over \$2 are 100% tax deductible.**

On the weekend of 27th/28th May, Rae will be having a Pastoral Works stall only at St Cecilia's Church. There will be a variety of items to purchase, such as plants etc so maybe you would like to support this appeal with a purchase from her.

## Missionary Sisters of Charity Mother's Day Raffle

Congratulations to the following winners:

1st Olivia Stoly White 73  
2nd Carolyn Yellow 43  
3rd Maree Green 5  
4th Luke Yellow 85

The sum of \$735 was raised for the Missionary Sisters of Charity of Orange, Alice Springs and Katherine. Thank you all for your kind support. Marie Dyer (Drawn by Fr Alex)

## Our Lady Help of Christians 24th May



*In celebrating Mary Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia, we call upon Mary's maternal protection. What does it mean to invoke Mary's 'protection'? Is it just sentimental comfort, or something more? Certainly, our Catholic tradition holds that Mary is not only gentle, meek and merciful, innovation and power to whom we can turn for strength. She is the 'first disciple' of Jesus who has the audacity to say 'Yes!' when the Holy Spirit moves in an unexpected and disconcerting way. She is the one whose offspring will crush the serpent (cf. Genesis 3:15) and who, at the site of her son's execution, is found faithfully 'standing' (John 19:25), neither collapsing nor fleeing. Through the prayers, presence and example of this courageous woman., mother, disciple, we find the help we need to live the Christian life wholeheartedly, and to face our darkest hour. Our Lady Help of Christians pray for us.*

## 250 Club Update

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING SUPPORT 250 NUMBERS SOLD

Draws will be from 1/4/23 – 30/3/24 . Results will be published in the Parish Bulletin weekly.

Weekly Prizes are \$50 – 1<sup>st</sup> & \$20 – 2<sup>nd</sup>

Monthly Prizes are \$200 – 1<sup>st</sup> & \$50 – 2<sup>nd</sup> and will be last weekend of the month.

The Christmas Draw will be at the Christmas Function in December. Anonymous prizes will be donated to the Youth Program.

Any questions, please call Maureen Roast 0435 245 849  
Anne Hooley 0428 149 793 Kerry Bugden 4388 2938

DATE	Type	1 <sup>ST</sup>		2 <sup>ND</sup>	
6/5/23	Weekly	201	M Kiernan	234	D de Robilliard
13/5/23	Weekly	33	Anne Davidson	218	Janet Murton
20/5/23	Weekly	108	Kathleen Feehely	151	Michael Sweeney
27/5/23	Monthly				

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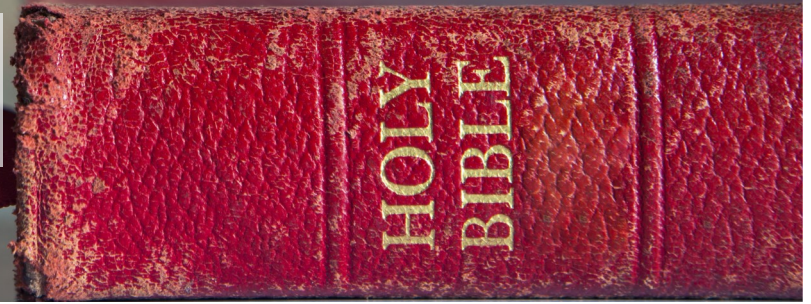
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**Sunday 21st May 2023**  
**Ascension of the Lord**  
**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD (Year A)**



### **First Reading Acts 1:1-11**

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.'

### **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 Ephesians 1:17-23**

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

### **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 Matthew 28:16-20**

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'



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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

Phone: 02 4352 1011 Po Box 385 Wyong 2259

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

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

### 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 8.45 - 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

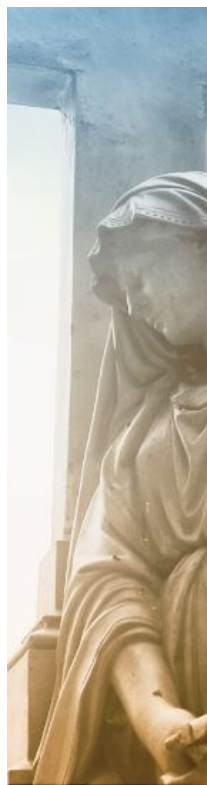
### KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS

*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 Rheinberger, Hannah Hopwood, Fay King, Joan Mabbutt, Irene Dainty, Eoin, Paula, Peter Meury, Lyn Nash, Jai Coleman, Danielle, Frank Farrugia.

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

**ANNIVERSARY MAY:** Mark Bastick, Brian Myers, John Donnelly, Marie Murray, Brian Myers, Vincent Zammit,



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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.





Every gift makes a difference to someone in hospital, school, a parish or the wider community.

# PASTORAL WORKS Broken Bay

**Pastoral Works Broken Bay is the pastoral charity of the Catholic community in Broken Bay.**

In supporting our pastoral works you are helping our dedicated catechists provide thousands of state school students with a Catholic education; and helping us provide comfort, care, a listening ear and the sacraments to those who are vulnerable or experiencing loneliness, illness and isolation through our hospital chaplaincy program.

Our pastoral works also assist students with disabilities achieve their dreams, and provides practical support for the deaf community.

Your gift does make a difference. It might be young people in schools, someone in hospital, a parish or the wider community.

My prayer is that Pastoral Works Broken Bay enables us to reach further and wider in helping our community, and more deeply connects us to our vision and the mission of Jesus. I am deeply grateful for your support.

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



**CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY**

## Thank you for your generosity

Your generosity means the Church can be there during times of great need, renewing and rebuilding their lives. Your donations support two diocesan ministries:



### Confraternity of Christian Doctrine

Catechists taking the gospel to State school students.



### Hospital Chaplaincy & Pastoral Care Practitioners

Helping those who are vulnerable, experiencing loneliness or are sick in hospital.



### St Lucy's School

Serving year K-12 students with disabilities.



### St Edmund's College

Serving year 7-12 students with disabilities.



### Ephpheta Centre

Pastoral care, sacraments, and advocacy for the deaf community.



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To donate, complete the form in the envelope available in your parish and return to your parish.

Or go online by scanning the QR code or visiting: [bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks](http://bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks). Thank you.



# Month of Mary

## Office of the Bishop

### Vox Populi

This month is the launch of our Diocesan-wide Pastoral Works Broken Bay (PWBB) May Appeal.

PWBB supports two key charitable works in the Diocese – the Confraternity of Christine Doctrine or CCD and our Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Program. PWBB also supports children with disabilities at St Lucy's School and St Edmund's College in our Diocese, and the Ephpheta Centre for the deaf community.

It is not an easy time to be asking for donations when everyone is facing economic challenges, and what seems like daily cost of living increases. However parishioners have been extremely generous in the past, something never to be taken for granted.

The mission of the Diocese is community-centred where every gift or donation adds to the happiness of someone else, brings comfort and friendship or opens the doorway to a faith-filled life.

From this weekend there will be new donation envelopes or a QR code will take you directly to a donation page on our website where donations can be made at any time. However this PWBB May appeal is the last one for the financial year 2022/2023 and all donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

The short video below is a message from Bishop Anthony Randazzo talking about the pastoral charity of our Catholic community and thanking you for your ongoing generosity and support.

<https://youtu.be/ExFoV7a67lc>



As we continue our  
**Cathedral Precinct Journey**

please join us as  
we celebrate our Patronal feast

# Mary Star of the Sea Vigil Mass

with **Most Rev Anthony Randazzo**  
Bishop of Broken Bay

**Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral**  
Waitara  
Tuesday, 30 May 2023 at 5:30pm

to be followed by a light supper at  
The Light of Christ Centre for a Diocesan-wide  
presentation and consultation on the future  
of our Cathedral Precinct

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Monday 22 May 2023



The Catholic Enquiry Centre has launched a new website, “Becoming Catholic”, to help answer the questions that people commonly ask when they consider becoming Catholic, and to invite people into the life of the Catholic Church.

The Catholic Enquiry Centre is a work of the National Centre for Evangelisation, and this website is designed as a gateway for people to connect with their local Catholic community.

It provides introductory information on God, including Jesus and the Trinity, explores the birth of the Church, and covers other key topics like Mary, the Bible, the saints, and sacraments. A companion booklet, “Discovering God and what it means to be Catholic” is also available.

Please consider adding a link to the Becoming Catholic website on your own parish RCIA website page. Visit <http://www.becoming.catholic.au/>

## WYONG PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2023

We are delighted that you are bringing your child to receive the Sacraments, we look forward to sharing with you and your child, this journey of faith as he/she prepares to receive this sacrament.

In Baptism, your child began a life-long journey and a way of life. At Confirmation, the graces received in Baptism were sealed with the reception of the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit. First Eucharist completes their reception of the Sacraments of Initiation into the Christian life.

The Family plays a central role in the faith formation of children, and as parents, you are your child's primary teacher as he/she develops a relationship with the person of Christ and his Church. We are also grateful to the grandparents, godparents, aunts and uncles, older siblings, other relatives, and family friends who undertake this role.

As family, friends, parish personnel, teachers, and volunteers work with the children in the activity of preparing them for the sacraments, the Holy Spirit inspires and draws them into the relationship with Christ. It is a sacred time and we encourage you to enter this process whole-heartedly with the children as they prepare to receive this sacrament.

Wyong Parish will be commencing their Sacramental Program for 2023 in February. Please contact the Parish Office on 0424 763 734 to make arrangements for your child to receive instruction for Confirmation, Reconciliation, and First Eucharist. We look forward to seeing you at the Parent information night.

### **RECONCILIATION FOR CHILDREN IN YEAR 4 AND ABOVE WHO HAVE COMPLETED CONFIRMATION**

**Parent Information night** 7 pm Monday 20th February St Cecilia's Church 23 Byron Street Wyong

Enrolment Presentation weekend at all weekend Masses 25th /26th February

Children will be asked to attend Mass for the 4 weeks leading up to the Reconciliation Ceremony.

Reconciliation Ceremony Tumbi Monday 20th March 4 pm

Reconciliation Ceremony Wyong Tuesday 21st March 4 pm

### **CONFIRMATION FOR CHILDREN IN YEAR 3 AND ABOVE WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTISED**

**Parent Information night** 7 pm Monday 29th May St Cecilia's Church 23 Byron Street Wyong

Enrolment Presentation weekend at all weekend Masses 3rd /4th June

Children will be asked to attend Mass for the 4 weeks leading up to the Confirmation Ceremony

Confirmation Ceremony St Peters College Saturday 15th July

### **FIRST EUCHARIST FOR CHILDREN IN YEAR 4 AND ABOVE WHO HAVE COMPLETED CONFIRMATION & RECONCILIATION**

**Parent Information night** 7 pm Monday 7th August St Cecilia's Church 23 Byron Street Wyong

Enrolment Presentation weekend at all weekend Masses 12th/13th August

Children will be asked to attend Mass for the 4 weeks leading up to the First Eucharist Ceremony

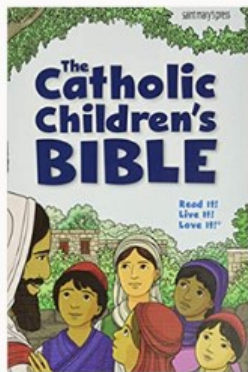
First Eucharist Ceremony Friday 8th September St John Fisher Mass Ctr 5 pm and 6.30 pm

First Eucharist Ceremony Friday 15th September St Cecilia's Church 5 pm and 6.30 pm

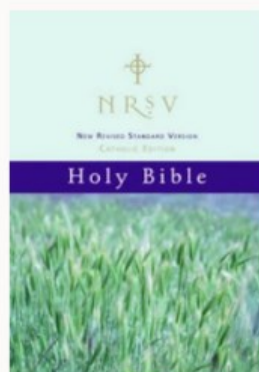
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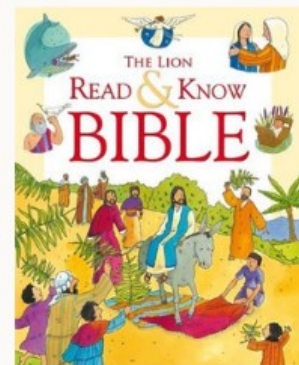
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