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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

23RD MARCH 2025—THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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—Third Sunday of Lent

The readings for this midway point in Lent speak to us of the all-pervading presence of the divine. God's name, revealed in the first reading from the book of Exodus, is totally identified with divine being. God's existence is revealed in all that is. St Mary MacKillop expressed this in her insightful words, 'wherever you are, God is'. The psalmist describes the nature of such divine being as 'compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.' The parable of the barren fig tree reminds us that God is patient in waiting for us to bear fruit from the divine giftedness planted within us. It is a parable which calls us to realise that God's grace is faithfully nurtured in us by tilling the soil of our lives. We are called to respond to this divine care and generosity by going forth and bearing fruit through our love and generosity to all we encounter.

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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 for ever. Amen.



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). We ask that individual items are placed in the special collection trolley's or containers which will be available at both churches.

This collection drive will run from:

5th 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, Museli 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.

Thank you for your generous help which is most appreciated.

ACIES—LEGION OF MARY

Personal consecration to our Blessed Mother.

Wednesday 26th of March at 8am.

Mass at St Cecilia's Church, Wyong—all welcome to join.

Palm Cross Making Workshop

Date: Wednesday, April 9th, 2025

Time: 10:30 AM to 12 PM

Location: St Peter's Catholic College, 84 Gavenlock Road, Tuggerah (held in the T3 Trade Center)

A delicious morning tea will be provided.

If you're available, kindly call or text me on 0424 763 734 otherwise please let Margaret know in the parish office.

Blessings,

Jo Helm—P.E.C St Peter's College & St Cecilia's Primary School

YOUTH MINISTRY

As most of you are aware, Gabbi Scherer our former youth co-ordinator has taken on her dream job in QLD. This has left a gap in our youth program and we are working to develop this over the next few months. We wish Gabbi all the best, looking forward to seeing what the future has in store!

Jubilee Planning Team

Our Wyong / Tumbi Umbi Parish is hoping to celebrate this Jubilee of Hope Year with events throughout the year. We need enthusiastic volunteers to work together to accomplish events involving: 2nd Rite of Confession, Eucharistic adoration, Visitation to the Shrine of John Paul II at Gosford and a celebratory dinner later in the year.

If you would like to be a part of the organising team, please leave your name and contact details at the Parish Office during their office hours or complete the Volunteer sheet available at the doors of the Church.



200 Club Survey

51 replies to the Survey for '200 Club' were received.

Thank you to everyone who completed the survey.

19 sheets chose Option 3; 16 chose Option 1; and 13 chose Option 2.

Three replies were not included. 2 chose both option 2 & 3 and the third did not make a choice.

'Number tickets will go on sale at \$60, from the weekend of 26/27 April and will conclude by the 5/6 July, hopefully with all tickets sold.

The first weekend prize draw will be published in the bulletin on the 19/20 July and each month thereafter.

Monthly Prizes 1st \$300 ; 2 nd \$150 ; 3 rd \$100 ; 4 th \$50

Final Draw 19 December 1 st \$500 2 nd \$250 3 rd \$150 \$ 100.

These prizes are dependent on the sale of all 200 numbers.

Thank you everyone for your support for this fundraising exercise. The next update will be before the end of April, when the sale of numbers commence.

Condolences

Our Parish extends our deepest condolences to Pauline Cornwell & her family for the passing of her husband Rodney Cornwell. The funeral will be held 11:00am, Monday 24th March at St Cecilia's Church, Wyong.

We pray that Rodney is in God's loving hands & that he now rests in God's eternal peace. Amen



PROJECT COMPASSION—Third

Sunday of Lent

22nd and 23rd of March 2025

Lam is 27 years old from a small village in rural Vietnam who faced significant challenges due to his short stature. Through the I-SHINE program Lam completed a six-month course developing his graphic design skills. He now runs a successful freelance graphic design business from home, serving clients worldwide and earning a steady income.

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For more details visit, www.aidtochurch.org/work or scan

PRAYER

We pray for all those contemplating or preparing to receive their Sacraments this year. May their faith journey guide them to the everlasting love and life of Christ.
Let us also pray for teachers & catechists, that you send down your Spirit upon them. Inspire them to be not only teachers of your truth, but witnesses of your love.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lenten Program 2025 | A Promise of Hope

We are delighted that the 2025 Lenten Program **A Promise of Hope** has been so well-received. Feel free to collect at the exit pews of the Church. A digital e-book is available on the Diocesan website.



FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

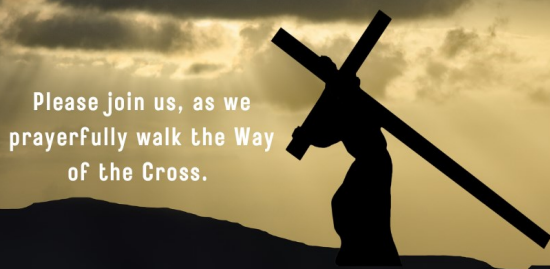
25th March

The Annunciation recalls the day when the Archangel Gabriel appeared to Mary and revealed God's will that she become the Mother of the Son of

God and she accepted. At that moment, the "Word became Flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14).

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

St Cecilia's Church, Wyong
Every Friday evening during Lent
at 6:00pm.



Please join us, as we prayerfully walk the Way of the Cross.

BROKEN BAY PILGRIM JOURNALS & PASSPORTS

Collect your Broken Bay Pilgrim Passports this weekend after Mass!

How to use:

1. Jubilee Passports can be stamped at each Shrine and the Cathedral to acknowledge visit and time of prayer within.
2. Once all three Shrines and Cathedral, with respective stamps, have been visited a Pilgrim's passport is "complete".
3. Pilgrims then have their passports verified at their own Parish office.
4. Each Parish will notify Mission Broken Bay with the names of those pilgrims who have completed their passports so that they may receive a special commemorative certificate signed by Bishop Anthony. This is a wonderful opportunity to highlight the Jubilee by presenting these certificates at the end of a Sunday Mass.
5. A live Tally on the www.bbjubilee.com.au website will add a further joyful essence, noting how many pilgrims have completed the Jubilee Shrines of Hope Pilgrimage and which parishes they are from.

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!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY—YOU'RE INVITED !

All children are invited to attend the children's Liturgy at our weekend masses. Children's Liturgy is when the children leave the congregation to celebrate and reflect on the Sunday Gospel reading in an age appropriate way. The children are led through prayers, songs and readings that are adapted to their level of understanding. (Please ensure there is a parent/guardian for children under 5yrs old; all parents/guardians welcome).

Attending Mass together is a part of being a Catholic Family, while Children's Liturgy allows children to enter the celebration more fully by catering to their needs.

Please see below the weekend masses with Children's Liturgy:

St Cecilia's Church, Wyong—Sunday 9.30am
St John Fisher Mass Centre, Tumbi Umbi—Sunday 5:00pm



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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

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**

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

FACEBOOK: 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 Doueihy, Lisa Glanville, Margaret McDermott, Dave Rodney, Danae Roe, Milva Kefu, Georgina Mastroianni & Baby Vinnie

RECENTLY DECEASED: Ian Hughes, Philomena Pannell, Charlotte Claire Cabarrus, Brigida Lo Basso, Robert Milligan, Rod Cornwell

ANNIVERSARY MARCH: Myrtle & James Murphy, Reg Preston, Fr Tito Ayo, SOLT, Kevin Barry, Tony Cox



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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 Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15 (Year C)

A reading from the book of Exodus

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am,' he answered. 'Come no nearer,' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 102:1-4, 6-8, 11 (Year C)

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12 (Year C)

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

I want to remind you how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 4:17 (Year C)

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Repent, says the Lord;

the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Luke 13:1-9 (Year C)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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St Mary's Cathedral, 5-9PM
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Fr James Baxter, OP

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Mother's Day Lunch - 4th May 2025

Lunch at Toukley Golf Club

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29 DEC, 2024	Mass for Diocesan Opening of Jubilee Year 9:30AM OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHEDRAL WAITARA	31 MAY, 2025	Mass for Patronal Feast of Broken Bay Mary, Star of the Sea 9:30AM OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHEDRAL WAITARA
2 FEB, 2025	Mass for Religious 9:30AM OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHEDRAL WAITARA	1 JUN, 2025	Mass for Jubilee of Families, Children, Grandparents and elderly 9:30AM OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHEDRAL WAITARA
9 MAR, 2025	Rite of Election 2:00PM OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHEDRAL WAITARA	8 JUN, 2025	Adult Confirmations 9:30AM OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHEDRAL WAITARA
30 MAR, 2025	Mass for Missionaries of Mercy 9:30AM OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHEDRAL WAITARA	19 NOV, 2025	Red Wednesday Mass 7:30PM OUR LADY OF THE DOLOURS CHATSWOOD
15 APR, 2025	Chrism Mass 7:30PM OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHEDRAL WAITARA	22 NOV, 2025	Feast of Christ the King 2025 WYD & ACYF Pilgrim Blessing 5:00PM OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHEDRAL WAITARA
25 APR, 2025	ANZAC Day Mass 9:30AM OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHEDRAL WAITARA	28 DEC, 2025	Mass for Diocesan Closing of Jubilee Year 9:30AM OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHEDRAL WAITARA



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Liturgical Formation Series

Throughout the year we will be hosting a number of formation opportunities for those interested and engaged in Liturgical Ministries. Please see date claimers below:

- Saturday 15 March – The Art of Celebrating Holy Week
- Saturday 10 May – Back to Basics
- Saturday 16 August – RCIA – Practical Foundations | Liturgical Fundamentals | Ongoing Formation
- Saturday 25 October – Rekindle Our Wonder

Sunday of the Word of God | 9 February 2025

Sunday of the Word of God is a day devoted to the **celebration**, **study**, and **spreading** of the Word of God. In Australia, Sunday of the Word of God will be celebrated on 9 February 2025. Pope Francis impresses that the relationship between the Risen Lord, a community of believers, and sacred Scripture is essential to who we are as Christians.

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We want to know if our Home Care Packages are of interest to you, or a loved one and want to prioritise the needs of our parishioners before we promote to the general public. As a Catholic organisation we want the seniors we support to know they are truly cherished and valued and we're confident our services will be very well received.

There's no obligation to partner with CatholicCare. We may contact you to discuss your needs, but you're welcome to opt-out at anytime.

Name _____

Suburb _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Do you currently have Home Care Package funding from the Government?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

Do you need help applying for a Home Care Package?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Maybe

Is there any other feedback you'd like to provide?

Take a photo of this completed form and email to info@catholiccaredbb.org.au or text a photo of the form to 0481 602 046. Thank you.

Magi Pilgrimages

Magi Pilgrimages would like to invite you for a 16-day Pilgrimage of Hope (22/04/25 to 07/05/25).

This pilgrimage features Fatima, Valladolid, Lourdes, Nice, Turin, Padua, Assisi, Rotondo, and Rome for an all-inclusive early bird price of \$8990+tips.

The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners + Catholic Priest + English speaking professional guides.

For enquiries & bookings: Call 03 8839 6615 or 1300 721 561 or Email us pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au

Magi Pilgrimages Australia is organising the following Jubilee Pilgrimages 2025.

- 1.Streams of Mercy (May),
2. Italy & Poland (May),
3. Marian Shrines (June),
4. Shrines of our Lady (August),
5. Pilgrimage of Hope (October).

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St Paul & Rome Jubilee Pilgrimage

Every 25 years, the Church declares a Holy Year, a profound gift of grace and mercy for all believers. In this dedicated Jubilee year, experience the journeys of renowned saints, from St Paul and his companions who ardently spread God's word, to St Peter in Rome. Enter the Holy Door of St Peter's Basilica and receive the Jubilee blessing in the Eternal City.

DEPARTS TUESDAY 13 MAY 2025 • 19 DAYS / 15 NIGHTS

Athens (2 nights) • Acropolis • Ancient Corinth • Kalambaka (2) • Meteora • Berea
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• Ephesus • Rome - Jubilee (4 nights)



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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.
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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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COMMENCES WEDNESDAY 01 OCTOBER 2025 • 10 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS

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



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Bishop of Broken Bay**



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

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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

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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

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