

# 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*

**24TH AUGUST 2025— 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**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—21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

One of the most important and deep-seated questions humans ask is, 'Will I be saved?' This is expressed in other ways, like 'Is heaven real? How will I enter it?' In fact, almost all religions speak of offering salvation. Who will be saved? Through a parabolic teaching, Jesus, in today's Gospel, warns those who think that entry into the kingdom is through 'ascription', that is, the assignment of status through kinship ties. The Jews may be the chosen people, children of Abraham, but their salvation is far from assured. Jesus' parable of the Narrow Door emphasises that entry into the kingdom is based not on ascription but on performance. The authentic response to Jesus' teaching entails both hearing and doing. The true disciple is one who hears the word of God and puts it into practice, bearing the fruit of repentance and good deeds.

To the question of whether only a few will be saved, Jesus pictures a multitude 'from east and west, from the north and the south' reclining at the banquet in God's kingdom. Luke refers to the ingathering of the Jews from the diaspora in the eschatological times (Isaiah 43:5; Zechariah 8:7) and adds the ingathering of the Gentiles to stress the theme of universalism. The coming of the Gentiles is not a rejection of the Jews. But Jesus disabuses the Jews, especially their religious leaders, of the idea that they can rely on their status as children of the kingdom. Salvation is God's gift freely given to the Israelites, and now to the Gentiles. The Jews should welcome the kingdom with gratitude and humility, and not as something due them because of their ties with Abraham.

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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.



## PARISH CALENDAR—IMPORTANT DATES

**30th Aug—Working Bee (Please RSVP)**

**13th Sept—Bunnings BBQ**

**10th Oct—Jubilee Multi-cultural Dinner 6pm at SJF school hall**  
(please bring a plate to share!)

**15th Oct—Jubilee Pilgrimage Day**

**25th Oct—Marian Spirituality Day**

**5th Dec—Ecumenical Christmas Carols**

**19th Dec—Parish Christmas Dinner at SJF school hall**

**Jubilee Year Events:** Eucharistic Adoration, Pilgrimage Day, Marian Spirituality Day & Multi-cultural Dinner.

With all of our wonderful Parish events coming up, they require many hands and lots of organization to keep them going. We would love your help! Should you wish to volunteer for any of these events, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible. Many Thanks.

*Faith*

FACTS

On the **27th & 28th August**, the Church celebrates the Memorials of Saint Augustine and Saint Monica, two great Saints of the 4<sup>th</sup> century. Together they represent a rare combination in the Church: a parent and their child canonised as Saints.

Through the example of the Holy Family, we have the pinnacle example of what a saintly family should be, but in the figures of Saint Monica and Saint Augustine we see what can sometimes be more of a reality for our families. Not all families are perfect, or even united. We can go through periods of stress or separation, but this never negates the call to Holiness. Saint Monica suffered the adultery of a husband and the waywardness of a child, yet never ceased praying for them. Through her efforts and prayers, Saint Augustine would become reunited with the Church, and go on to be one of its greatest saints. Despite their imperfections, the family is called to be a domestic Church.

In his homily for the Jubilee of Families, Children, Grandparents, and the Elderly, Bishop Anthony Randazzo said families are the “treasure of the Church”.

“That we are all God’s children, is the foundation of Christian hope. And it is the heartbeat of the family, which is the first school of love, the sanctuary of life, and the mirror of God’s presence in the world,” he said. “My dear people, families, grandparents, children, and elders: You are the treasure of the Church. You are not forgotten. You are not alone. God is with you.”

May all our families, regardless of their imperfections, be places of love and hope. And may Saint Monica and Saint Augustine be a witness to the power of silent prayers and a sign that God never abandons His children.

## 200 Club 2025—Next Month’s draw is 9th September

**Prize change :** First prizes have been lowered by \$50.

Monthly Prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> \$250; 2<sup>nd</sup> \$150; 3<sup>rd</sup> \$100; 4<sup>th</sup> \$50

Major Prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> \$450; 2<sup>nd</sup> \$250; 3<sup>rd</sup> \$150; 4<sup>th</sup> \$100

### 1st Draw Results :

**1st \$250** No 97 Maureen Dobb      **2nd \$150** No 51 Lyn McMahon

**3rd \$100** No 1 Frankie Mifsud      **4th \$50** No 157 Peter Cesca

## 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.

**Mass with Children’s Liturgy: St Cecilia’s Church, Wyong Sunday 9.30am**

**St John Fisher Mass Centre, Tumby Umbi—Sunday 5:00pm**

## UNABLE TO STAND IN LINE FOR COMMUNION? USE THE YELLOW BAND!

Please use the yellow bands located at the back of the Church (in a tub underneath the bulletin shelf) to indicate that you cannot stand in line to receive the Eucharist, by slipping it onto the side of the pew where you will be seated. Our Priest or Eucharistic Minister will see this and will tend to you at the end of Communion.

**LEGION of MARY**—The Legion of Mary is a group of dedicated parishioners which meets every Wednesday at 9am to discuss and pray.

They have been running in our parish since 1974.

They visit the sick at home, in nursing or hospitals and give Communion to those who need it.

Over the years this group has become smaller and is on the verge of closing. We are calling to all those who having been thinking about it or want to give back and don’t know how, here is your way.

The Legion of Mary is asking you to dedicate 2hrs a week.

If you are interested of having any question please contact Irene on 02 4393 6033.



## Bunnings’ Barbecue Fundraiser 2025

Wyong Parish has been allocated a fundraising sausage sizzle at Bunnings, Tuggerah on **Saturday 13 September**.

This is an opportunity to generate substantial fundraising. Parishioner help is essential with at least four people required for each one-hour shift.

A roster sheet is available at the back of both Churches, where volunteers can record their name in a time slot which suits them best.

Regulations and other guidelines must be strictly adhered to.

All volunteers will be advised of these regulations prior to the 13 September to ensure we meet all requirements.

Thank you to all who can offer your services.

It is most appreciated.

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK—First Friday of the Month

**Friday: 5th September**

**St Cecilia’s** During 8.00am & 11.30am Mass

**Please note:** Time change for **St John Fisher** Mass will be held at 10:30am instead of 9:15am for this date only.

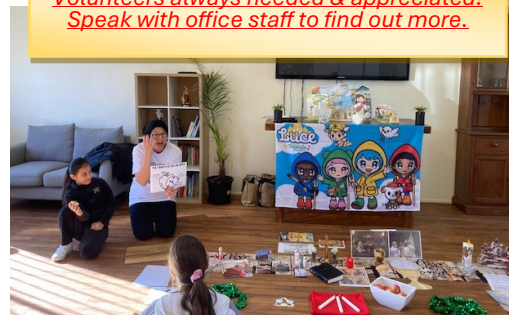


*Our Deepest  
Condolences*

Our Parish extends our deepest condolences to Fr Teody & his family for the passing of his mother, Asuncion Medina, in the Philippines. We pray that Asuncion is in God’s loving hands. May she now rest in God’s eternal peace. Amen



*Volunteers always needed & appreciated!  
Speak with office staff to find out more.*



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## Get Involved in the Social Justice & Vinnies Ministry

Would you like to make a difference in our local community – even in a small way? The Social Justice and Vinnies Ministry at our parish is a beautiful way to live out our faith in action. From helping with appeals to visiting those in need or supporting local initiatives, there are many ways to get involved – and no contribution is too small.

Our wonderful parishioner Kerry Bugden has been carrying this important work and would warmly welcome others to join her. The more people involved, the lighter the load becomes – and together we can make a lasting impact.

If you're a parent, this is also a powerful way to show your children what it means to live the Gospel through love and service.

Interested?

Pick up a Volunteer Interest Form after Mass at the back of the Church, or, email: [wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au) to learn more.

Your "yes" could be the hope someone else is waiting for.



• **WORKING BEE**  
**SATURDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

• **BUNNINGS BBQ**  
**SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

*Volunteers will be needed and much appreciated for both of these events.*

*Please contact the office and advise if you're able and willing to assist on these dates on 02 4352 1011 or [wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au).*

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN OUR PARISH

Heard the saying "many hands make light work"? There are plenty of areas where your Parish could use a hand. We're in need of Church cleaners, Children's Liturgy members & Choir members – just to name a few!

If you're willing and able to assist in any way, please contact the Parish office. Thank you.



## Pope's Prayer Intention for August 2025

During the month of August, Pope Leo invites us to pray that societies, where coexistence seems more difficult, might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

## Wyong / Tumby Parish Pilgrimage

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October

A reminder that parishioners interested in this trip need to inform the Parish Office. Itinerary available at both St Cecilia's church, St John Fisher Mass center and the Parish office. Numbers are limited – 10 people per bus.

## POSTPONED—FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE & WHITE ELEPHANT STALL

Father's Day raffle and stall has been postponed until the weekend of:

- **30th & 31st August at SJF, Tumby Umbi & St Cecilia's, Wyong.**

Rae will be selling all things Brick a Brack, Odds and Ends & Jewellery!

Raffle tickets selling at \$2 each and will be drawn on Sunday the 31st August.



**PLANNED GIVING**—Dear Parishioners, should you wish to donate electronically, please see details below.

**We appreciate all offerings and support gifted to our Parish!**

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

**Acc name:** SOLT Australia Inc

**BSB:** 062 195

**Acc no:** 1022 9389

**To support the running & upkeep of the Parish (2nd Collection):**

**Acc name:** Wyong Catholic Parish

**BSB:** 062 784

**Acc no:** 100 001 943



## COMMUNION BLESSING

- You can still receive a blessing if you are not Catholic, have not yet received your Sacrament of First Eucharist/Holy Communion, or, if you are Catholic but are not in a state of grace.

To receive a blessing instead of communion during a Catholic Mass, simply approach the priest during the distribution of communion with your arms folded across your chest, and the priest will offer a blessing.

- **Please remember if you are receiving communion, the consecrated host must enter your mouth to be consumed before returning to your seat.**



## CONFIRMATION CEREMONY

Congratulations to all students who received their sacrament of Confirmation last Saturday. Thank you to Fr Raul for stepping in on such short notice to confirm all 87 candidates. It was a beautiful ceremony enjoyed by all. May we keep the children & their families in our prayers.



**We thank all volunteers who helped on this day to make it as special as it was. God bless you all.**



## Parish Update for the Financial Year, 30 June 2025

Total income for the year was \$145,871, which is a big increase from \$132,776 last year. Total expenses for the year have seen a slight rise to \$151,502, up from \$146,423 in the previous year. The increase is mostly inflationary across most line items. That leaves our Parish with a net loss of \$5,631 for the financial year. A heartfelt thank you to all parishioners who have increased their giving during this year and a special call out to all those parishioners supporting our fundraising. Your combined support is invaluable.

As always, we welcome new parishioners to join our planned giving program. For more information, please contact the Parish office.

Thank you for your contribution to our Parish.

Best regards,

Joe Cesca

Chairman of the Parish Finance Committee



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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, 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](https://www.facebook.com/wyongcatholicparish)

### KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Prayer:** *The most valuable gift you can give someone.*

**SICK:** Irene Dainty, Michael

McDermott, Michele Bolton, Jeanine

Doueihi, Lisa Glanville, Margaret

McDermott, Dave Rodney, Danae

Roe, Milva Kefu, Georgina

Mastroianni, Tahniah Ahuriri, Mary

Anne Xuereb

*(Baby Vinnie is doing well—thank you for all your prayers)*

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Asuncion Medina

### ANNIVERSARY AUGUST:

Lucy Smith, Ruth & Cecil

Booth, Martin Milroy, Ian Smith,

Phill Houston



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

### 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 Isaiah 66:18-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 116

**R.** Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

### Second Reading Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation John 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;  
no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

### Gospel Luke 13:22-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from the east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

# **MISSION BROKEN BAY**

## **Looking ahead - Upcoming Events:**

31 August—Picnic for Peace, Sydney

29 Sept – 3 Oct National NATSICC Assembly, Hunter Valley

1-3 October—National Conference Liturgy & Music, Adelaide

1-10 October—BB Pilgrimage of Hope, Rome and Assisi

25 October—Liturgical Formation Day Series Four: Rekindling the Wonder

8-9 November—Engaged Encounter Weekend

29 Nov-3 Dec—ACYF, Melbourne





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# VOCATIONS

## ANSWERING THE CALL:

*a celebration  
of faith and hope*

### Seminarians' Benefit Gala Dinner

**Date:**

Friday 22 August, 2025

**Time:**

7pm-11.30pm

**Venue:**

The Epping Club,  
45-47 Rawson St, Epping 2121

**Cost:**

\$120 per person or \$1,000 for table of 10  
Dinner & Beverages

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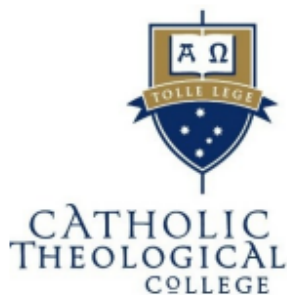
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# Vatican II

## Keeping the Windows Open



Joint Catholic Theological College/Yarra Theological Union  
symposium to celebrate the  
60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the close of Vatican II

- This symposium gathers experts from around Australia to reflect on the key themes of Vatican II that continue to shape the Church today.
- The late Pope Francis emphasised the importance of synodality which no doubt will guide the leadership of Pope Leo XIV.
- Our day together will end with Prof. Massimo Faggioli (via Zoom) in conversation with Rev. Prof. Orm Rush.

Wednesday | 24 September 2025 | 9.30 am – 4.15 pm  
Catholic Theological College, 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne

### REGISTRATION:

Fee: \$70.00 (Lunch included)

This is an in-person event only and numbers are strictly limited.

Bookings close 17 September 2025



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# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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## JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMAGE

COINCIDES WITH CELEBRATION OF JUBILEE OF CATECHISTS

25th SEPTEMBER to Return to Sydney 4th OCTOBER 2025

ROME, LANCIANO, POMPEI, AMALFI COAST, Optional trip to St Carlo Acutis



Pilgrimage organised by the Catholic Parish of Mary Immaculate, Bossley Park NSW, ABN 36947366893

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### Some Highlights

Join in the Program for Jubilee of Catechists, including Sunday Mass with Pope Leo XIV.

Optional Day trip to St Carlo Acutis, at Assisi.

Walk through Holy Doors of a couple of Rome's Major Basilicas. See some of Rome's holy places and other places famous in Rome (e.g. Trevi fountain). Stay at Domus Australia. Daily Mass.

Day trip to Lanciano (Eucharistic Miracle).

Visit Pompei's Major Basilica going to the Amalfi Coast. On the way back, visit the famous Abbey of Montecassino (where St Benedict is buried). Visit Cathedral at Amalfi (Relics of St Andrew).

### Pilgrimage Cost, plus Cost of Airfare,

**Share Accommodation w/ breakfast & dinner**  
(for single room, add a single supplement cost)

25-30 September: Hotel Domus Australia  
15 minutes walk from Roma Termini.

30/9-2/10: Hotel Panorama  
in Maiori which is on the Amalfi Coast.

2/10-3/10: Hotel near Rome airport  
after returning from Amalfi Coast, chance to rest before flight home, or extend your stay to return to Sydney later.

Several Airlines flying to Rome including: Qantas has 3 direct flights a week to Rome (best Tues 23/9 arriving a day earlier to our hotel booking), some will travel with Emirates, Etihad, Thai Airways, Qatar. The Parish can help you in booking Qantas and Emirates flights to be able to access flight discounts with Qantas and Emirates. But prices are going to be better the earlier you book.



# THE HOLY YEAR OF HOPE 2025

## JUBILEE OF CATECHISTS

**Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD JCL**  
**Bishop of the Diocese of Broken Bay**

will present to the Catechists of Broken Bay  
on

Friday 26 September from 10:00am – 12:30pm

at

**Caroline Chisholm Centre**

Building 2/423 Pennant Hills Road, Pennant Hills  
(entry via City View Rd)

Come and reflect on your ministry, receive encouragement, and gain a new inspiration for your work.

Bishop Anthony will address the crucial role of the catechist in sharing the message of  
Christ's hope, love, and compassion.

The Jubilee of Hope for Catechists highlights the importance of prayer, formation, and participation  
in the life of the Church, so come along and enjoy a day of formation and fraternity within the  
CCD community.



Bring the parish bus, car-pool, or travel by train.

Morning tea and lunch provided.

Lunch to commence at 12.30pm and finish approx. 1.30pm

Don't delay - limited spaces - RSVP essential.



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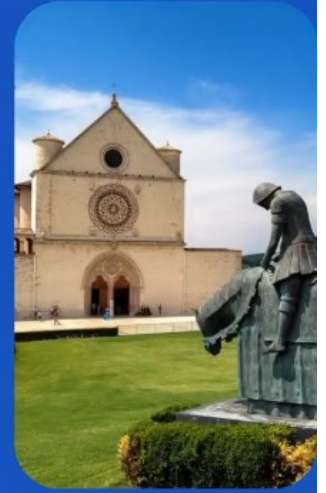
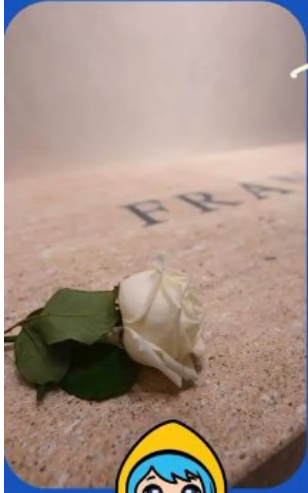




# Jubilee Pilgrimage of

Rome & Assisi  
1 - 10 October 2025

Hope



\$5,390\* for 10 day, land only package  
Includes all accommodation, tours and transportation in Italy  
Registrations closing soon.

# Discover and share in our story

The Sisters of Charity Heritage Centre brings alive the spirit of the Congregation, it's history and heritage.

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**Tuesday – Thursday**  
**10.00am-3.00pm or by appointment**  
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## DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY PILGRIMAGE

SAT 29 NOV- WED 3 DEC

### FLIGHTS + 4 NIGHTS ACCOMODATION + REGO

**\$1,645 PER PERSON, INCL GST**

Limited opportunity for \$500 subsidy

Reducing cost to \$1,145

Day 1	Sat 29 Nov	Departure (Travel Day)
Day 2	Sun 30 Nov	ACYF
Day 3	Mon 1 Dec	ACYF
Day 4	Tue 2 Dec	ACYF
Day 5	Wed 3 Dec	Return (Travel Day)

TO REGISTER INTEREST TO  
ATTEND ACYF - PLEASE SCAN



#### INCLUSIONS

- Economy class return airfare from Sydney
- 4 nights' Accommodation Holiday Inn Express
- Breakfast daily
- Broken Bay Group dinner 29 November
- Return airport coach transfers
- ACYF Melbourne Registration fee
- Broken Bay Pilgrim T-Shirt

#### Not included:

- Travel insurance
- Lunches and dinners on festival days

Pilgrimage is open to young people in Year 9 at school, through to the age of 25, and their leaders and clergy.

### BROKEN BAY PILGRIMAGE ONLINE INFORMATION EVENING



7PM MON 11 AUGUST 2025  
TO REGISTER VIA EMAIL -  
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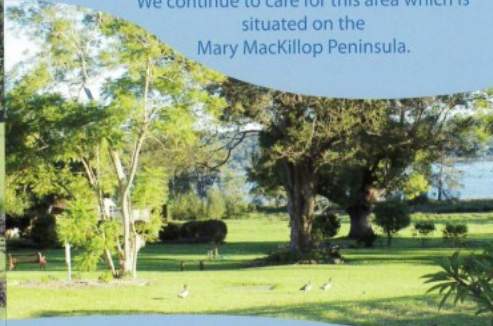
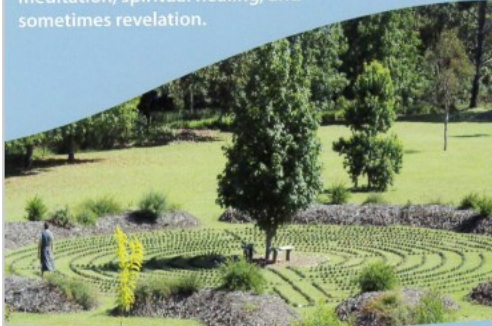
# St Joseph's Spirituality and Education Centre Kincumber South

The abundance of natural beauty which surrounds the Centre will ensure your stay is unforgettable, enjoyable and restful.

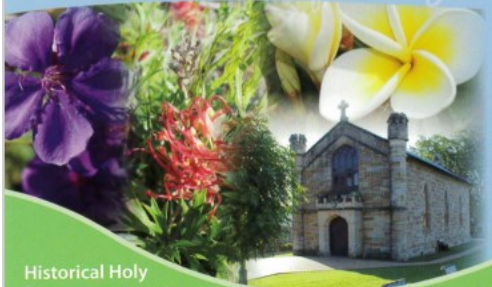
The labyrinth is a place for prayer, meditation, spiritual healing, and sometimes revelation.

We acknowledge the original owner of this land and pay tribute to The Darkinjung Nation and the Guringai people who have cared for this land with love and respect.

We continue to care for this area which is situated on the Mary MacKillop Peninsula.



## Peace and Tranquility



A Ministry of the Sisters of St Joseph  
NSW Province

The Congregation of the Sisters of St Joseph, founded by Mary MacKillop and Julian Tenison Woods in 1866, was devoted to the service of the poor. Its members were women who worked in a simple ordinary way to bring to the poor the message of their human dignity and of Christ's saving love. Today the Sisters of St Joseph continue that founding mission to relieve suffering and bring hope to today's world.

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

Historical Holy Cross church built in 1842 presents itself right in front of our Centre.

## St Joseph's Spirituality & Education Centre

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Web: [www.stjosephskincumber.org.au](http://www.stjosephskincumber.org.au)



## Location

St Joseph's Spirituality and Education Centre is located at Kincumber South, in a natural bushland setting, in a quiet corner of the beautiful Central Coast of NSW.

The spacious grounds front the Kincumber Broadwater, creating an atmosphere of tranquility and peace that enhances the spiritual and reflective nature of the Centre.

A perfect place where people can be recharged, re-energized and spend precious time connecting with God, each other and nature.

## 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.

A maximum of 54 people can be accommodated in 35 double, twin, or single rooms, all with modern ensuites.

Ramp and lift access to rooms is available, some bathrooms are wheelchair friendly.

Our facility hosts  
Retreats  
Conferences  
Group Seminars  
Small Group Meetings  
Bible Study Groups  
Prayer Days

Sound and visual equipment for conferences are available on request.

### Walking Tracks and Gardens

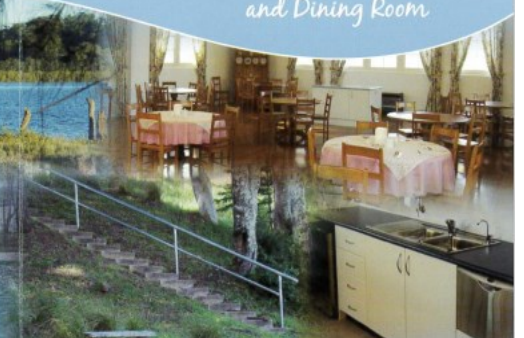
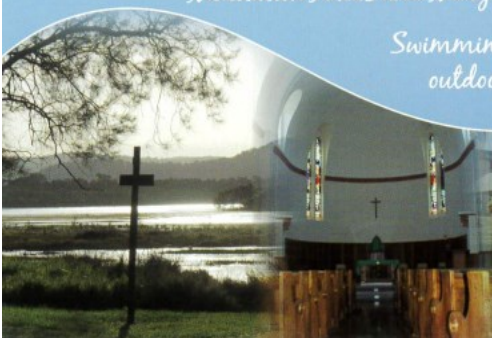
### Meditation Areas and Mary of the Cross Walk

### Swimming pool and outdoor patio

### Chapel and prayer rooms

### Conference Rooms

### Lounge, Tea Bays and Dining Room





## WE ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE OUR NEW ACCREDITATION FOR **HOME CARE PACKAGES**

CatholicCare is our social care agency in the Diocese of Broken Bay and we have been supporting the Northern Sydney, Northern Beaches and Central Coast communities for 35 years.

We understand many seniors prefer to stay at home as they age. The Government's funding for Home Care Packages can help you live independently at home for longer.

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?

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# IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP

AN OFFICIAL PILGRIMAGE LEAD AND RUN BY THE  
SISTERS OF SAINT JOSEPH OF THE SACRED HEART



## 9-20 SEPTEMBER 2025

Led by Sr Annie Bond, a Sister of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart, this pilgrim focuses on prayer and reflection as an integral part of pilgrimage. At each of the sites around Australia we visit we take time to pray and reflect on our own lives in the light of Mary MacKillop's life.

We start in Melbourne and end in Sydney at the tomb of Saint Mary MacKillop. Anyone at any stage of their faith journey is welcome to join us!

For all inclusive costs and more information please get in touch:

### For more information:

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🌐 Or visit our website and navigate to the pilgrimage section:  
[www.marymackillopplace.org.au](http://www.marymackillopplace.org.au)

*Let's walk together in hope - be part of our national pilgrimage this year!*





## Our Lady of Guadalupe

*With Fr Peter De Souza*

*Mexico City (2 nights) • San Miguel de Allende (1) •  
Guanajuato (1) • Guadalajara (4) • Pátzcuaro (1) •  
Mexico City (2)*

**Commences 22 September 2025.  
12 Days.**

Experience the rich faith of the Mexican people and the miraculous story of Our Lady of Guadalupe. View the miraculous tilma of Juan Diego that bears an inexplicable image of Our Lady that is revered the world over.

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10  
DAYS

# Jubilee Pilgrimage of Hope

*Every 25 years, the Church proclaims a Holy Year, a special gift of grace and mercy for all God's people. Not only is Italy a land of unforgettable charm and beauty, it is also a land made rich in grace by its colourful history of holy men and women. In this dedicated Jubilee year, be inspired to encounter the pathways of some of the Church's greatest saints, from St Francis and Clare in Assisi to St Peter and Paul in Rome, the Eternal City, where we cross the threshold of the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica and receive the Jubilee blessing.*

**COMMENCES WEDNESDAY 01 OCTOBER 2025 • 10 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS**  
Rome Airport vicinity (1) • Assisi (2 nights) • Orvieto • Rome - Jubilee (6 nights)



Accompanied by  
**Fr Hien Vu**



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

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



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

*the genuine pilgrim experience*

**harvest**  
journeys



Assisi



Orvieto



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

## Itinerary

### DAY 1: WEDNESDAY 01 OCTOBER – ARRIVE ROME

Welcome to Italy! On arrival at Rome airport, please make your way to the group hotel where this evening we will enjoy our first group dinner.  
*Rome overnight (D)*

### DAY 2: THURSDAY 02 OCTOBER – ROME TO ASSISI

This morning we will travel north to the pilgrimage centre of **Assisi**, where St Francis tended the poor and sick and founded the Franciscan Order.

We will visit the **Basilica of St Mary of the Angels** down on the plains where St Francis spent most of his life. Here we will see the **Portiuncula** (meaning 'small portion of land') where St Francis returned for prayer, the thornless rose bush, and the chapel where he died in 1226. On Palm Sunday 1211, Francis received in this church Clare of Assisi and dedicated her to the Lord.

*Assisi overnight (BD)*

### DAY 3: FRIDAY 03 OCTOBER - ASSISI

This morning we awake to the sound of chapel bells, cobblestone footsteps and the tangible spirit of St Francis preserved within the medieval walls of this holy town.

Our day begins with Mass and a guided exploration of the buzzing **Basilica of St Francis** which occupies the entire western end of the upper town. Construction began in 1228, just two years after the death of Francis and was finally completed in 1250. The Upper Basilica houses the famous fresco cycle of the life of St Francis, historically attributed to Giotto. Wander through the marvels of the Upper Basilica before our tour descends to the crypt of the Lower Basilica where Francis was laid in

1230 and where we will take some time to seek the intercession of this spiritual legend.

We then walk to the **Church of Santa Maria Maggiore - Sanctuary of the Spogliazione**, where we are blessed with the opportunity to visit and pray at the tomb of **Blessed Carlo Acutis** – a young Catholic from Italy with a passionate devotion to the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and an aptitude for computer programming. From the ages of 12 to 14, he designed a website cataloguing Eucharistic miracles that have occurred around the world, which he launched in 2005. He died of leukemia a year later at the age of 15, offering his suffering for the pope and for the Church.

Onto the **Church of San Damiano** and the actual chapel where it all began when the voice of Christ spoke to Francis in the year 1205 (some may prefer to approach by foot down the hillside path in the spirit of St Francis). Adjacent to the chapel we find the first monastery of the Order of St Clare where Clare built her community in close friendship with Francis.

Our day concludes with a visit to the **Hermitage** (Eremo delle Carceri), an oasis of peace and tranquillity in the woods built on the site of a simple cave where St Francis often withdrew to spend many hours in prayer. The cave and the Chapel of Our Lady are preserved in the Hermitage grounds.

An (optional) opportunity presents itself before dinner to attend **Vespers** in the **Basilica of St Clare** and listen to the angelic voices of the Poor Clare nuns. Housed in this church is the famous crucifix from which Jesus spoke to St Francis.

*Assisi overnight (BD)*

### DAY 4: SATURDAY 04 OCTOBER - ASSISI VIA ORVIETO TO ROME

We farewell Assisi and journey south to the amazing medieval town of **Orvieto** with its **Duomo** (Cathedral), which has one of the world's most famous facades. The feast of the Body of Christ (Corpus Christi) was first proclaimed here in 1263 following the Eucharistic Miracle of Bolsena. We celebrate Eucharist in the chapel where the sacred cloth

from that event is preserved and enjoy a special visit to the **Signorelli Chapel**.

After our visit we then travel on to **Rome**, the Eternal City, rich in the traditions of our Church.  
*Rome overnight (BD)*

### DAY 5: SUNDAY 05 OCTOBER - ROME: CHRISTIAN MARTYRS

*The Jubilee Year is a time for the faithful to renew their commitment and strengthen their relationship with God. It is also a time for Catholics to come together as a community and to celebrate their faith. The 2025 Jubilee Year is sure to be a memorable and meaningful event for people around the world, to be blessed and refreshed for the mission that lies before us.*

*Some of the spiritual activities that pilgrims are encouraged to participate in during our time in Rome are:*

- Attend Mass and receive the Eucharist
- Make a pilgrimage to the many shrines and holy sites in Rome
- Pray for forgiveness
- Renew our commitment to our faith
- Strengthen our relationship with God
- Come together as a community and celebrate our faith

Following Mass this morning we will proceed to **St Peter's Square** where the Holy Father is expected to pray the **Angelus** with pilgrims from around the world (*subject to the Pope's presence in Rome*).

This afternoon we enter into the most visited attraction in Rome - the **Colosseum**. In 1749, Pope Benedict XIV declared the Colosseum a sacred site, as it was a place where early Christians had been martyred. View also the **Circus Maximus** and the **Roman Forum** en route.

*Rome overnight (BD)*

### DAY 6: MONDAY 06 OCTOBER - ROME: THE VATICAN & MAJOR BASILICAS

Commence our pilgrimage with a spectacular Mass at **St Peter's Basilica** before coming to the nearby **Vatican Museums**. Wander the spectacular chambers leading to the **Sistine**





Vatican Museums



Roman Forum



St John Paul II



St Peter



St Paul



St Francis



St Clare



Bl Carlo Acutis



St John

**Chapel** to view Michelangelo's masterpieces, including the magnificent fresco of the Last Judgment. Continue through to the awe-inspiring St Peter's Basilica, the largest church in the world for an informative exploration. Our guided tour will feature among other highlights Michelangelo's stunning **Pieta**, the **tomb of Pope St John Paul II**, the **great Confessional** and the **Crypt** containing the tombs of several Popes.

In the afternoon, visit the impressive **St Mary Major Basilica**. Onwards to the **Basilica of St John in Lateran** (First Papal residence) and the adjacent Holy Stairs brought from Jerusalem to Rome in 326AD by St Helena (as a favourite of pilgrims, these steps may only be ascended on the knees). Visit the **Basilica of Santa Croce in Gerusalemme** with its extraordinary collection of relics from the Holy Land.

*Rome overnight (BD)*

#### DAY 7: TUESDAY 07 OCTOBER - ROME: ST PAUL'S & THE CATACOMBS

Journey this morning out to the majestic **Basilica of St Paul Outside the Walls**. Originally consecrated in 324, the saint's tomb is visible now under the Papal Altar. We will celebrate a wonderful Mass here as a special tribute to the Church's greatest evangelist.

Continue then along the ancient **Appian Way**, the oldest road from Roman times to the **ancient Catacombs** for a memorable guided tour to marvel at these underground burial tunnels for Christians and Hebrews. On the way, drive by **Domine Quo Vadis** - the chapel that stands at the site where, according to tradition, St Peter met Christ when he fled from Rome to escape martyrdom.

*Rome overnight (BD)*

#### DAY 8: WEDNESDAY 08 OCTOBER - ROME FREE DAY

Our day is free to discover more sights of Rome - perhaps throw a coin in the **Trevi Fountain**

before strolling to the **Piazza Navona** to soak up the vibrant atmosphere. Indulge in a gelato or enjoy a coffee while absorbing and admiring the history of this ancient city. Strolling through the streets is like walking through the pages of a history book.

OR

For the next two days participate in the Jubilee of Consecrated Life spiritual and cultural events taking place around Rome.

This evening join with fellow pilgrims for a prayer vigil.

*Rome overnight (BD)*

#### DAY 9: THURSDAY 09 OCTOBER - ROME: PAPAL MASS

We make our way to St Peter's Square this morning for a memorable **Papal Mass in celebration of the Jubilee of Consecrated Life**.

This afternoon, we explore the vibrant **Trastevere** district. Our first stop is the charming **Basilica of Santa Maria in Trastevere**, a historic church dating back to the 12th century. We continue on to the **Basilica of St Cecilia**, built on the site of the former house of the saint who was martyred in 230AD. The body of the saint is venerated in the crypt.

Afterwards, we wander on to enjoy an enchanting evening filled with food and traditional music at a typical Italian trattoria, marking our farewell to Rome and our pilgrimage.

*Rome overnight (BD)*

#### DAY 10: FRIDAY 10 OCTOBER - DEPART ROME

This morning we bid farewell to the Eternal City as we make our way to the airport for our homebound flights or ongoing travel connections. (B)

### PILGRIMAGE DETAILS

TOUR CODE	PV25102
STARTS	Wednesday, 01 October 2025
FINISHES	Friday, 10 October 2025
LAND COST	AUD \$5390 (Twin Share) *
SINGLE ROOM	AUD \$1950 Supplement *
PREPAID TIPPING	AUD \$150 Per Person

\* Costs are indicative and have been based on prices as at January 2025 and must remain subject to possible change in the event of significant exchange rate variations, tax increases or minimum group size factors beyond Harvest's control. Refer to Harvest Booking Terms & Conditions for more details.

### INCLUDED

**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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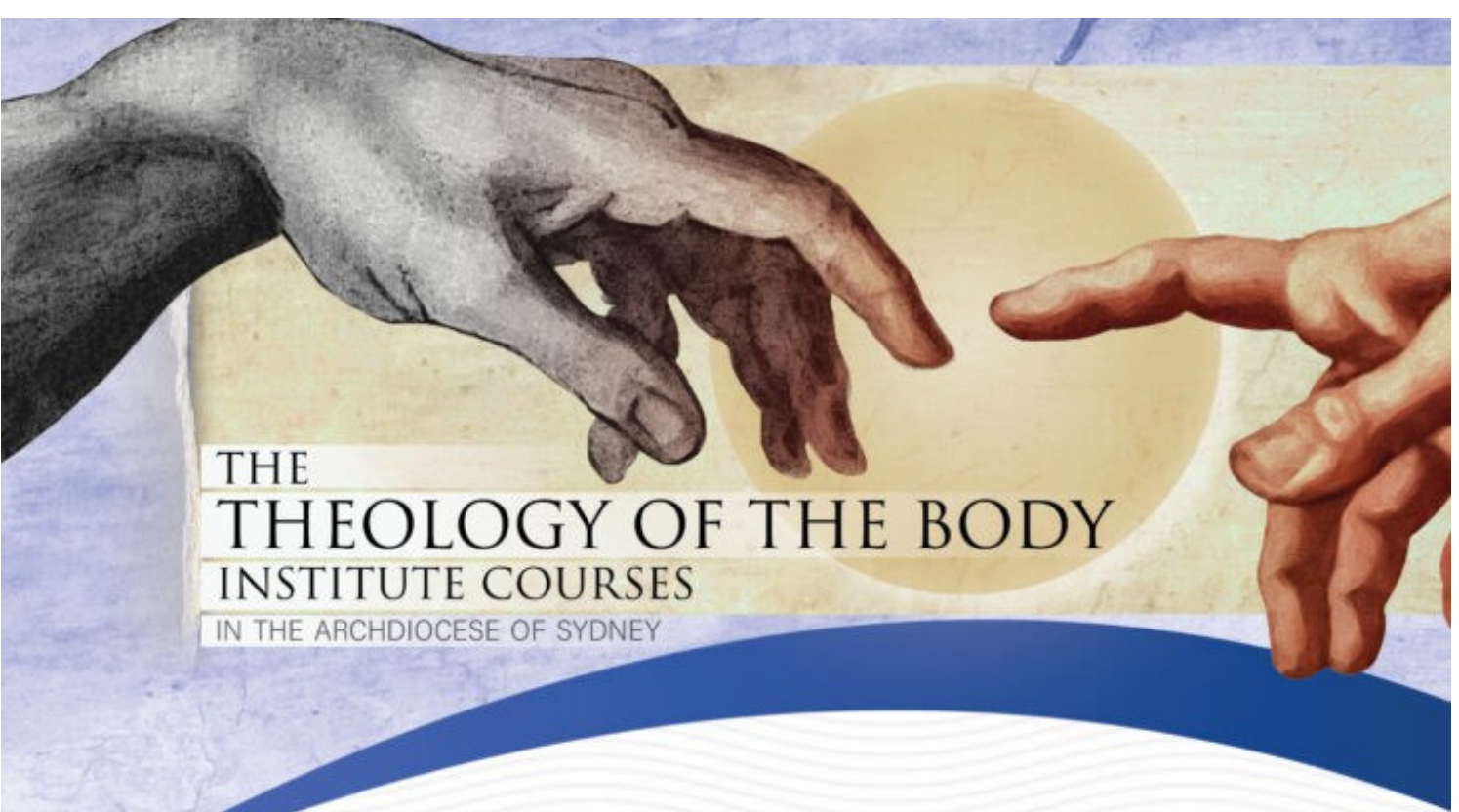
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# THE THEOLOGY OF THE BODY INSTITUTE COURSES

IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

“ And this is why it's already changing so many lives around the world. The Pope's teaching helps us distinguish between the real million-dollar bill and the counterfeit. It helps us 'untwist' our disordered desires and orients us towards the love that truly satisfies.

- Christopher West.

As part of its commitment to leadership and formation, expressed in the mission plan Go Make Disciples, the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation in the Archdiocese of Sydney has partnered with the Theology of Body (TOB) Institute to provide more accessible opportunities for Catholics in Sydney and beyond to be trained and formed in the Theology of the Body as proclaimed by St. John Paul II.

The TOB Institute are the leading providers of outreach and educational offerings of Theology of the Body and are dedicated to making these profound riches available in the lives of men and women around the world.

Through this partnership, our hope is that Australians are introduced and re-energised with this most important and crucial 'masterwork' and reach men and women in every state of life with a hopeful, liberating vision of human identity that appeals to the deepest yearnings of the heart for love and union.

“ It is a huge blessing to be doing this course together with my husband, as it has opened the way for us to share more deeply with each other and understand each other better as husband and wife.

- Jane, Wife and Doctor ”





# THEOLOGY OF THE BODY I: HEAD & HEART

## IMMERSION COURSE

18-23 JANUARY 2026

3PM SUNDAY TO 1PM FRIDAY

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- Five and a half days of live-in learning & interactive lectures (30 hours of graduate/master's level instruction)
- All course workbook and materials to help you focus more on listening and receiving
- Daily Mass, adoration, and confession
- 5-night accommodation in a **twin shared room** and delicious meals throughout the week
- Time for relaxation and networking
- Gorgeous retreat setting grounds to soak in God's natural beauty

### Course Description

This course is a dynamic introduction to St John Paul II's groundbreaking *Theology of the Body* — a series of teachings from his 129 Wednesday addresses — that explore what it means to be human, made in God's image, and called to love.

Students will unpack themes like identity, freedom, gender, vocation, fall and redemption, and discover how our deepest desires can be a path to God — not a detour.

More than just head knowledge, this course invites a journey from insight to transformation — from head to heart, and into daily life.

### Learning Objectives

The course is designed to:

- Explore and understand the philosophical foundation on which John Paul II built his theology of the body;
- Synthesize John Paul II's "adequate anthropology" and apply it to the Christian vocations of celibacy and marriage;
- Apply John Paul II's anthropology to a range of questions such as sexual morality, bio-ethics, gender issues, the sacramental life, and the new evangelization;
- Evaluate alternative anthropologies in comparison and contrast with John Paul II's vision of man and woman;
- Integrate the principles of John Paul II's Theology of the Body in one's own life and relationships.

This course is perfect for adults (18+) - lay, clergy, seminarians, religious, ministry leaders, parish coordinators, teachers and those who have a passion and desire to dive deeper into "the rediscovery of the meaning of the whole of existence, the meaning of life". No prerequisite is required to take this course.



“ The Theology of the Body Institute takes the great scholarship of St John Paul II and translates it into a language, images, music and stories that are understandable and resonate in the heart of the average person.  
- Christopher West. ”

“ The greatest gift Theology of the Body gave me as an affirmation that the deepest longings, desires and yearnings of my own heart for love, fulfillment and intimacy were not only good but holy.  
- Marie, university student ”

## Meet your Instructors and Team:

### CHRISTOPHER WEST



**Dr Christopher West** is the most dynamic and compelling evangelists renowned for his mission in spreading the teachings of St John Paul II's Theology of the Body. His global lecturing, best-selling books and multiple audio and video programs have made him the world's most recognised teacher of St John Paul II's "Theology of the Body" – a bold, biblical vision of love and sexuality. He is the co-founder, president and senior lecturer of Theology and Christian Anthropology at the Theology of the Body Institute and a devoted husband and father.

### JASON CLARK



Since 2010, Jason has served as Christopher's closest collaborator in overseeing the global mission and outreach of spreading St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body. He has a passion for drawing people closer to the heart of Christ and has been doing so since the early 1990s as a youth and young adult minister, a seminarian, a worship leader, a speaker throughout the United States and abroad, and, most importantly, as a husband and father of five.



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The **Life, Marriage and Family** team in the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation serves parish communities through initiatives that affirm the dignity of the human person and build a culture that supports marriages and families in their vocations. We provide opportunities for spiritual encounter, growth and formation in the areas of RCIA, sacramental life, marriage, family life and men's and women's ministry.

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The team will serve as your local support and point of contact for any queries about the program. They will also be present to assist with any needs during the course.

**REGISTRATION  
INFORMATION**  
REGISTRATIONS CLOSE  
8 DECEMBER 2025



### EARLY EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

- **Cost:** \$2100 AUD
- **Inclusion:** Immersion Course with all materials, five nights (twin-shared occupied) accommodation and meals.
- **Apply:** [tobi.sydneycatholic.org](http://tobi.sydneycatholic.org)

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- excellent cuisine and traditional folklore dinners
- and other special attractions such as the Chocholowskie thermal baths or a boat trip on the grass (Kanal Elblaski)
- for pilgrimage groups, many places of devotion: Wadowice and John Paul II Shrine, the Shrine of Divine Mercy in Lągowo, and St. Faustina Shrine in Czestochowa
- with many direct flights.

Of course, we have English-speaking guides and TE available.

We especially recommend the following programs:

- Krakow in 4/5 days
- Warsaw and Krakow in 5-6 days
- Poland in 8 days
- Poland Pilgrimage
- Prague/Vienna/Budapest or Poland combined with any of these cities
- Lithuania/Latvia/Estonia
- 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  
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