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24TH MARCH 2024 PALM SUNDAY

WYONG CATHOLIC PARISH

ST CECILIA'S CHURCH, ST JOHN FISHER MASS CTR & ST PETER'S CHAPEL

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Reflection 24.03.24

PALM SUNDAY

Are you prepared to hear the Easter story this year? With your disciple's ear ready, shoulders back, and face set like flint, take a deep breath. As you exhale, let go of your own story, all selfishness and pride. Let yourself become little, humble before your God. It might take a few breaths to do this, to really let go of all your ideas, convictions, and plans, no matter how good they are. Breathe... Breathe in the love born of covenant peace and breathe out anything hindering your deep listening to the story this year. Give yourself some time. This is an opportunity for you to let the seeds of your Lenten prayer bear fruit. Now read the Passion Narrative slowly (Mark 14:1-15:47), and in the space that you have cleared in your heart, keep this word firmly, let it live and grow in your whole being as you journey through this Holy Week.

We welcome all RCIA & RCIC Candidates & Catechumens who are to receive their Sacraments this year during the Easter Vigil Mass at 7:00pm 30th March 2024.

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

Congratulations

Chosen: Wyong Catholic Parish's

EASTER FAMILY PICNIC

Sunday 24th March

10:30am

(after 9:30am mass)

Join us on the field behind St Cecilia's Church to celebrate the Easter season with a sausage sizzle and Easter egg hunt.

bring along something to share and your picnic rugs



250 CLUB 2024

NUMBER OF TICKETS SOLD 190

Sign up notice information: This sheet is available at the church doors or from the sellers. The full detail of the 2024 Club is part of this sheet.

Numbers Sale Cost:

\$60 upfront or a payment of \$10 by **20th** of March, April, June, July, September and October. (This equates to less than \$1.20 per week)

Prizes: Weekly \$50 and \$20; Monthly \$200 and \$50 Christmas \$500, \$250, \$150, and \$50.

All prizes are contingent on the sale of all 250 numbers.

Information contact persons are:

Maureen Roast 0435 245 849

Anne Hooley 0428 149 793

Kerry Bugden 4388 2938

Thank you for your support.

RECONCILIATION

1st form of the Rite of Reconciliation

St John Fisher Mass Ctr

23rd March - Saturday Vigil

24th March—Sunday

Reconciliation following the 5pm Mass

2nd form of the Rite of Reconciliation

St Cecilia's Church

20th March Wednesday at 6:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

We ask that you keep the children in our parish who are preparing to make the Sacrament of Reconciliation in your thoughts and prayers. Reconciliation is a beautiful sacrament as it allows us to reflect on our actions and brings us closer to God.

Sacraments will be held on:

Monday 25th March—St Cecilia's, Wyong at 4:00pm

Wednesday 27th March—St John Fisher, Tumbi at 4:00pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

St Cecilia's Church, Wyong

Every Friday evening during Lent at **6:30pm**.

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

250 Club Update for year 2023

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250 NUMBERS SOLD

Weekly Prizes are \$50 – 1st & \$20 – 2nd

Monthly Prizes are \$200 – 1st & \$50 – 2nd

and will be last weekend of the month.

DATE	Type	1 ST		2 nd	
23rd /24th March	weekly	185	Steve Browne	150	Barbara Peers

DATE	Type	1 ST		2 nd	
23rd /24th March	Monthly	55	Margaret Gold	180	Enid Dwyer

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WYONG PARISH COMMUNITY COLLECTIONS 2024

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 the front of both churches. This collection drive will run from: **14th February—7th April 2024**. Collection baskets will be emptied each week.

This year we are supporting **Wyong Neighbour 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 Neighbour 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 at the front of the church. Thank you for your generous help which is most appreciated.

PROPOSED PARISH CALENDAR DATES

Up until **APRIL 2024**

(Modification of some dates may be necessary)

MARCH

24th – 250 Club final sales

24th – Palm Sunday

- Easter Raffle Draw

- Easter Family Picnic

25th – 1st Reconciliation Ceremony, Wyong

27th–1st Reconciliation Ceremony, Tumbi

28th – Holy Thursday

29th – Good Friday

Holy Places collection

31st – Easter Sunday

APRIL

6th / 7th – 2024 250 Club first draw

- Charity collection for disadvantaged
Concludes

21st April- Official Opening, Windows Repair

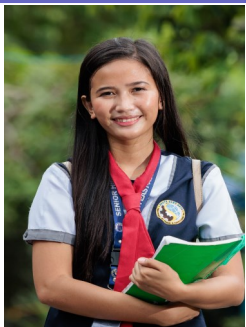
Guests: Emma McBride MP &

David Harris MP

25th – Anzac Day

Holy Land Collection for Good Friday

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on **Good Friday, March 29th**. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing, Parishes, and orphanages. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Envelopes will be available in the Church for donations.



Ronita is 22. She lives with her husband and two children in a barangay (local district) in Quezon City, which is situated in Metro Manila in the Philippines.

Ronita left school when she became pregnant as a teenager. This could have had a life-long impact on her ability to find work and provide for her family but, thankfully, she heard about the Alternative Learning System (ALS) program run by the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ), Caritas Australia's local partners in the Philippines.

Through the FCJ, Ronita was able to re-enrol in her studies and continue learning in a safe and flexible environment – even with the arrival of her second child.

After completing her ALS classes, Ronita went on to earn her Grade 12 Senior High School Diploma. With her new diploma, Ronita has now secured a job at a call centre and is looking to a brighter future for her whole family.

“I have now graduated senior school and I am so proud of myself,” she said. “I feel hopeful for the future... Now it's not impossible for me to achieve my dream... Thank you.”

Please donate to Project Compassion.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **for all future generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

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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

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OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 9.30am to 2.30pm

PARISH CONTACTS

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Assistant Priest **Fr Teody Medina, SOLT** ph: 0414 494 823

Parish Secretary **Margaret Vandenberg** ph: 02 4352 1011

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Children's Liturgy at the following Masses

St Cecilia's 5:00pm Mass Saturday

St Cecilia's 9.30am Mass Sunday

St John Fisher 5pm Mass Sunday

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE

Mass St Barnabas, Yarramalong

1st Sun of month 11.15am

Filipino Mass St Cecilia's Church

3rd Sun of the month 12pm

Anointing of the Sick

First Friday of the Month

St Cecilia's During 8.00am & 11.30am Mass

St John Fisher During 9.15am Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

St Cecilia's Daily 7am-8am

St John Fisher 1st Fri 8.45 - 9.15am

Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual

Help Saturday—**St Cecilia's** &

Wednesday—**St John Fisher** (after the 8am Mass)

Devotion to the Divine Mercy

St Cecilia's Fri after the 8am Mass

St John Fisher Fri after the 9:15am Mass

Prayer groups

St Cecilia's Rosary Group Tues after 8am mass followed by Divine Mercy

St Cecilia's Legion of Mary 9am Wed

Meetings

St Cecilia's Choir practice every Tues night 5pm to 6pm

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

PPC Secretary; Kerry Bugden

Ph: 02 4388 2938

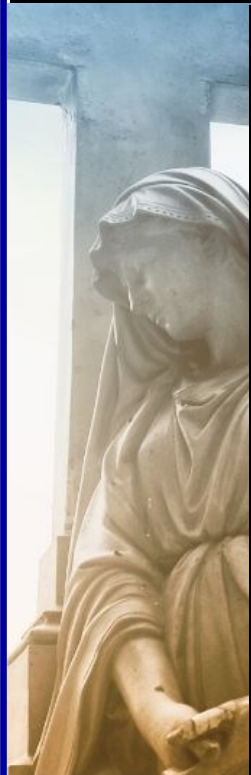
KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS

Prayer: The most valuable gift you can give someone.

SICK: Harriet Powell, Danae Roe, Peter Ford, Harry Hall, Michael Briggs, Christine Heffernan, Jennese Thompson, Leeann Hazelton, Bernadette Kiely, Steve Durnford, Ann Durnford, Maureen Mulheron, Angela Watts, Terence (Ted) Dafter, Finn McConnon, Christine, Jacqui Stacey, Josie Campbell, Dave, Rodney, Gwen Dwyer, Helen Waters, Rod & Pauline Cornwell, Marie Rheinberger, Hannah Hopwood, Joan Mabbutt, Irene Dainty, Eoin, Paula, Peter Meury, Jai Coleman, Danielle, Frank Farrugia, Betty McDermott, David Myers, Adam Smith, Frank Laoulach

RECENTLY DECEASED: Richard Mahinay, Carol Dafter, Raymond (Ray) Baker, Fay King (Regina Preston's Aunt), Moira Grace, Maureen Murphy, Dorrie Betts, Maureen Martin, Fr Michael Kelly,

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



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LENTEN PENANCE

The Season of Lent is a most important time of preparation for the celebration of Easter. It is an annual pilgrimage of grace whereby we are drawn more deeply into the mystery of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

The Fathers of the Second Vatican Council taught that the Lenten liturgy has a twofold means of preparation. By remembering their own Baptism and undertaking penance, the liturgy assists in the renewal and ongoing formation of the *faithful* (cf. *Sacrosanctum Concilium* 109). The formation of *catechumens* via the various stages of the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is equally an important part of Lent (cf. GIRM 27).

For both the local community of the faithful and the elect, Lent is a time of grace and mercy whereby the Holy Spirit greets and renews those who seek to live as disciples of the Lord Jesus, who is our light and our salvation (cf. Psalm 27).

The Season of Lent commences on **Ash Wednesday**. Lent is a particularly useful time to reconnect with our brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ; to reflect upon our spiritual pilgrimage both as individuals and as one community of disciples.

In our Catholic tradition, Lent is commemorated as a time for conversion, repentance, and renewal. Marking our foreheads with ashes in the sign of the cross on Ash Wednesday is an outward sign of internal conversion. It is also an invitation to “*Turn away from sin and believe the good news*”. In this annual invitation, we acknowledge our human vulnerability, and we pray to be strengthened by God’s grace, mercy, and love.

In imitation of Jesus our teacher and master, we also fast (cf. Matthew 4:1-11). Like Our Lord, we will journey into the desert places of our life. Where the Lord has gone, we hope to follow, and so we must expect some challenges and temptations because the Gospel reminds us that this too was the plight of Jesus. Christians are people of hope, so during these moments of vulnerability, let us take shelter in God’s mercy and compassion.

DAYS OF PENANCE

On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, abstinence from meat is to be observed by those who have completed their fourteenth year of age. Those who are aged between 18 and 60 are to fast on these days. Priests should encourage those under their pastoral care to embrace the spirit of abstinence and fasting. This Lenten practice is not to be a burden upon those who have health issues or special needs. Clergy as pastors of souls, are asked to be particularly vigilant in encouraging the faithful to undertake the disciplines of Lent with moderation and care.

On all other Fridays of Lent the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:

1. *Prayer* – for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying with Mary and the Saints, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, the Rosary, or in other ways;

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2. *Self-denial* – for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or desserts; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor in one's own country and elsewhere; limiting screen time on social media, or in other ways;
3. *Helping others* – for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened or feeling isolated from our Church community, or in other ways.

Lent is from **Ash Wednesday** (14 February 2024) until the **Mass of the Lord's Supper** (28 March 2024) inclusive. Fasting is also observed on **Good Friday** and if possible, on **Holy Saturday** until the Easter Vigil.

PASCHAL PRECEPT

Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is done between **Ash Wednesday** and **Trinity Sunday** (26 May 2023), unless for a good reason it is done at another time during the year.

All the faithful who have reached the age of discretion (seven years old) are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year. Priests in the Diocese of Broken Bay are encouraged to make available to the faithful not only the first form of the Rite of Penance, but also the second form.

I encourage you to read the Scriptures in your homes, individually and as a family. Likewise, you may take the opportunity to be part of a Lenten prayer or discussion group, face to face or online. For this purpose, I offer to you the 2024 Diocesan Lenten resource; ***Participating in the Mission of Christ***, as prepared by Mission Broken Bay.

The Paschal mystery is the heart of the Eucharist. Personal private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament is a wonderful way to probe the mystery of faith. Our churches are regularly open outside of Mass times to assist the faithful in making a visit for prayer, contemplation, and adoration. This year in a particular way I invite all the People of God to participate in the **24 Hours for the Lord**. This initiative of prayer and reconciliation introduced by Pope Francis will be celebrated around the world on the eve of the Fourth Sunday of Lent. Chatswood Parish will be hosting our Diocesan event from Friday 8 to Saturday 9 March, with the focus being "Walking in a new life".

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ, I pray in these weeks ahead that our community of the Church of Broken Bay will be open to encounter new life in Christ. This Lent, may we humbly confess our sins, prayerfully perform our penance, and joyfully proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ through words and deeds of charity, mercy, and compassion.

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD JCL
Bishop of Broken Bay
7 February 2024



Service for Passiontide

Music, Carols and Readings

Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral
23 Yardley Avenue, Waitara
6:00pm Saturday 23 March 2024
following the 5pm Vigil Mass

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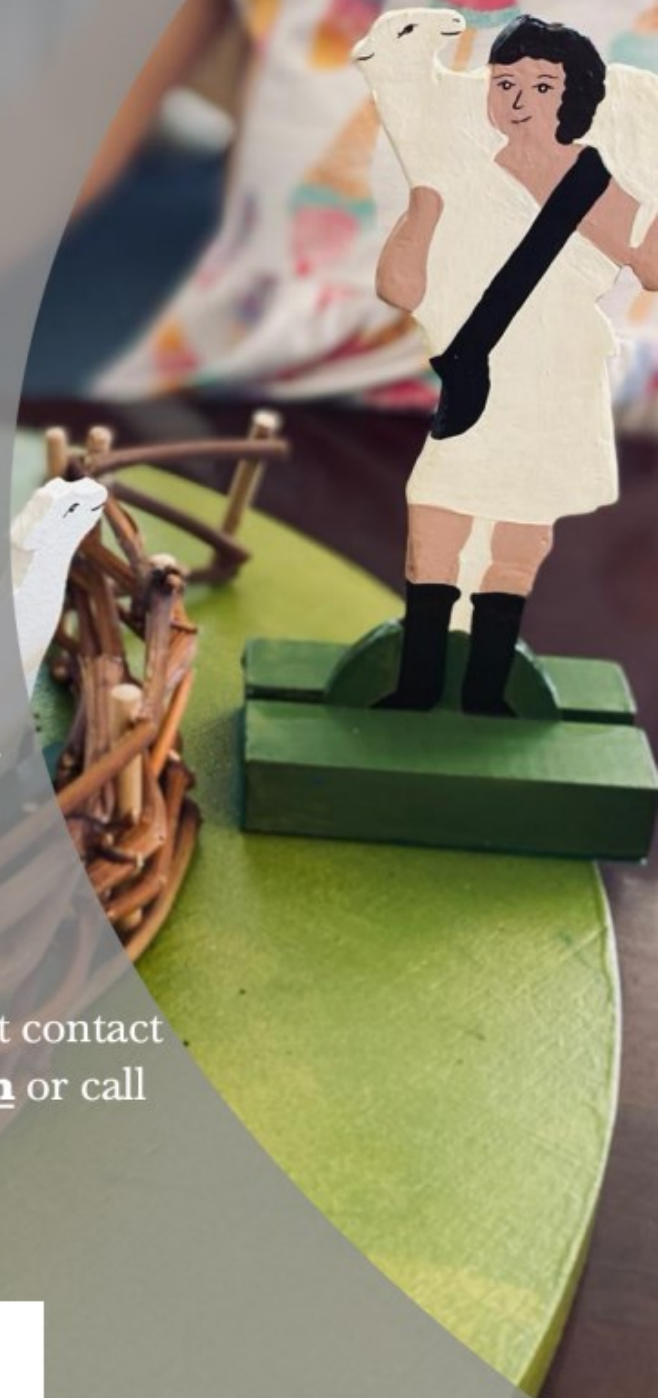
Imagine this... A quiet space with time to think about things all by myself... A place to come to know and fall in love with Jesus the Good Shepherd.

When: **9-10:30am Saturdays**

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SIP MEETING

The next meeting of **Spirituality in the Pub** is 7.30-9.00pm on **Tuesday 2nd April** at the Grange Hotel, Wyoming. Guest speakers are **Gloria Atkinson** who is a retired registered nurse who worked for 13 years with a mission organisation in a rural area of PNG; and **Jeni Andrews** who is a meditator and practitioner of Buddhist philosophies for the past 40 years, Hotel bistro opens at 5.30pm. SIP enquiries: 0415 129250 or 0439 678608.

OR (if space permits there is additional information re the following:)

Spirituality in the Pub (SIP) Meeting 7.30-9.00pm **2nd April** at the Grange Hotel, Wyoming (cnr. Renwick St & Pacific Hwy). The guest speaker is Derryck Klarkowski.

Gloria Atkinson: Gloria is a retired registered nurse who worked for 13 years with a mission organisation in a rural area of PNG, training local men and women as nurses and aid post orderlies. In later years she realised her faith was to a degree second-hand, causing her to investigate spiritual direction and formation which she found life-changing and transformational.

Jeni Andrews: A meditator and practitioner of Buddhist philosophies for the past 40 years, in 2011 Jeni was given the opportunity to help establish and manage Central Coast Meditation Centre. Then in 2018 she had the good fortune to volunteer at a Buddhist centre in Rome, after studying Italian for many years.

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

Many thanks in anticipation,

Tony

Tony Voller
for SIP Committee
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