

# 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*

**25TH MAY 2025— SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**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)**



“Peace I leave with you, My  
peace I give to you;” - John 14:27

## REFLECTION

### *Sixth Sunday of Easter*

This Sunday we hear how carefully Jesus prepared his disciples for their life and work once he was no longer with them in the flesh. Ahead of their experience of what would happen in his death, resurrection and return to the Father, Jesus assured them of his continuing, loving presence.

This presence would be enriched by the Father and the Spirit being present among them in a new way. With the Father, Jesus promised to make his home with his disciples. Through the Spirit, teacher and reminder of all they had heard from Jesus, Jesus' understanding and passion for God would endure, alive within them.

The first Council of Jerusalem sent its decision out to the new Gentile believers not only in a written letter but also through Judas and Silas, attendees at the Council who could explain its spirit personally. A key principle of responsible decision-making is spelled out in the letter: 'It has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us ...'. The Council members prayed for guidance, but they also used their own abilities to think and discern in reaching their decision. As we explore the synodal way we can learn from the Council's approach.

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## IMPORTANT PARISH EVENTS—SAVE THE DATE!

**Pentecost (nametags) - 8th June**  
**Annual General Meeting—8th July**  
**Christmas In July—29th July**  
**Bunnings BBQ—13th Sept**  
**Multicultural Dinner—10th Oct**  
**Ecumenical Christmas Carols—5th Dec**  
**Parish Christmas Dinner—19th Dec**

### Jubilee Year Events—TBC

Meeting—4th June

Pilgrimage Day, Marian Spirituality Day (rosary & afternoon tea)  
 & Family Movie Night

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.



### THANK YOU

Caritas Australia would like to express our heartfelt thanks for your incredible support of Project Compassion this Lent. You have raised **\$1,939.45.**

Your generosity is helping to empower the world's most vulnerable communities, enabling them to overcome challenges and lift themselves out of poverty.



### St Barnabas Church Yarramalong

1st Sunday of the Month

Mass will be celebrated at St Barnabas Church, Yarramalong

**Sunday 4th May at 11.15am.**

All are welcome.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION/EUCHARIST PROGRAM

If you would like to enrol your child for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion/Eucharist please use the QR Code respective of the school you attend. For all children who do not attend either St John Fisher or St Cecilia's Primary Schools please use the St Cecilia's QR code to enrol.

**Preparation Classes** begin this **Saturday 24th May at 4pm**, at St Cecilia's Parish Hall.

QR code for: St John Fisher School Students

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION/EUCHARIST ENROLMENT FORM 2025 St John Fisher



**Holy Communion Ceremony on Friday 7th June at 5pm**

If you have any questions contact our sacramental coordinator, Christine at [wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au) or Phone: 02 4352 1011.

QR code for: St Cecilia's & State School Students

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION/EUCHARIST ENROLMENT FORM 2025



WE WARMLY WELCOME THE CHILDREN WHO ARE TO BE BAPTIZED THIS SUNDAY INTO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY. MAY THE GRACE OF THE LORD JESUS BLESS THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES.

### JUBILEE COMMITTEE MEETING



Our next Jubilee Committee meeting will be held in the Parish Meeting room, **Wednesday, June 4 at 6.00pm.** Looking forward to a productive meeting. With Thanks, Marie-Anne Johnson

### WHITE ELEPHANT STALL

Our next White Elephant stall will be held at all weekend masses on Saturday the **31st of May** after 5pm Mass & **1st June** after morning Mass to support our Pastoral Works appeal once again. Rae will have a range items for sale, come prepared for some bargains!

### ANointing OF THE SICK

First Friday of the Month : **Friday: 4th April**  
 St Cecilia's During 8.00am & 11.30am Mass  
 St John Fisher During 9.15am Mass



### Did you know how the Virgin Mary prayed?

Mary's prayer was characterized by faith and by the generous offering of her whole being to God. The mother of Jesus, is also the new Eve, the "Mother of all the living". She prays to Jesus for the needs of all people.

### Is there a prayer of Mary in the Gospel?

Along with the prayer of Mary at Cana in Galilee, the Gospel gives us the *Magnificat* (Luke 1:46-55) which is the song both of the Mother of God and of the Church, the joyous thanksgiving that rises from the hearts of the poor because their hope is met by the fulfilment of the divine promises.

*The Magnificat: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm, he has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

### 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.



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## Condolences

Our Parish extends our condolences to the family & loved ones of Kathleen Myril Brien who has recently passed away.

The funeral will be held on Tuesday the 27th of May at 12:30pm.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. And may her soul and the souls of all the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Annual General Meeting for the Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday 8 July**.

Currently, as two members of the council are unable to continue for 2025/2026 due to health and family commitments there are vacancies on council which need to be filled.

To start the new council year on 8 July with all positions filled would be excellent. Any parishioner interested in offering their services in this way is asked to speak to a council member or one of the priests for more information.

## PLANNED GIVING

Dear Parishioners, our planned giving envelopes cost \$760 per annum to order. 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

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

## Pastoral Works Broken Bay Appeal MAY 2025

Our Pastoral Works Appeal will be held during the month of May. Wyong Parish's quota for this financial year is \$21,162.00.

Our two key charitable works the Diocese supports are the Diocesan Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) and our Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Practitioners – while still reflecting our support for students with disability at St Lucy's Schools and St Edmund's College as well as the Ephpheta centre for the deaf community.

We acknowledge and thank parishioners for their generosity in these difficult financial times. Every donation makes a difference.

**All donations over \$2 are  
100% tax deductible.**



## 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.**



## 200 Club 2025

128 numbers have been sold.

This year the club will run from July to December, with prize results in the Bulletin, as previously.

### Numbers Sale: conclude on 30 June.

**Cost:** \$60 upfront or 3 payments of \$20 by **30th** of May.

**Prizes:** Monthly \$300, \$150, \$100, \$50.

Major (Christmas) \$500, \$250, \$150, \$50.

All prizes are contingent on the sale of all 200 numbers.

Updates of sales numbers will be in each week's bulletin.

For further information please contact :

**Maureen Roast—0435 245 849**

**Anne Hooley—0428 149 793 or Kerry Bugden—4388 2938.**

*Thank you for your support.*

## Parish Bulletin

E-BULLETIN If you would like to have the bulletin emailed to you, please send an email with "e-bulletin" as the subject to: [wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au)

## 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, Tumby Umbi—Sunday 5:00pm**



**Volunteers always  
needed &  
appreciated!**

**Speak with office  
staff to find out more.**



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## MASS TIMES

### ST CECILIA'S CHURCH

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**Saturday Vigil / Sunday Mass Times**

Sat Vigil 5.00pm Sun 7.30am & 9.30am

**Weekday Mass**

Mon-Sat: 8.00am, Monday 9.15am (School Term)

**Reconciliation/Confession** Saturday morning after the 8am Mass & Saturday at 4.30pm

### ST JOHN FISHER MASS CENTRE

Hicks Lane Tumbi Umbi

**Saturday Vigil / Sunday Mass Times**

Sat Vigil 5.00 pm Sun: 8.30am & 5pm

**Weekday Mass**

Mon, Wed, Thurs 8:00am Tue & Fri: 9.15am

**Reconciliation/Confession** Saturday at 4.30pm

#### EMERGENCY PRIEST CONTACT

Fr Raul Ph: 0450 115 099

Fr Alex Ph: 0432 947 245

Fr Teody Ph: 0414 494 823

**PARISH OFFICE** 23 Byron Street Wyong

Phone: 02 4352 1011 Po Box 385 Wyong 2259

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

#### PARISH CONTACTS

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Assistant Priest **Fr Alex Barnedo**, SOLT Ph: **0432 947 245**

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

Parish Secretaries **Margaret Vandenberg & Christine Sassine**

**PARISH EMAIL:** [wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au)

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

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

Children's Liturgy at the following Masses

St Cecilia's 5:00pm Mass Saturday

St Cecilia's 9.30am Mass Sunday

St John Fisher 5pm Mass Sunday

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE

Mass St Barnabas, Yarramalong

1st Sun of month 11.15am

Filipino Mass St Cecilia's Church

3rd Sun of the month 12pm

Anointing of the Sick

First Friday of the Month

St Cecilia's During 8.00am & 11.30am Mass

St John Fisher During 9.15am Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

St Cecilia's Daily 7am-8am

St John Fisher 1st Fri 8.45 - 9.15am

Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual

Help Saturday—St Cecilia's &

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

Devotion to the Divine Mercy

St Cecilia's Fri after the 8am Mass

St John Fisher Fri after the 9:15am Mass

Prayer groups

St Cecilia's Rosary Group Tues after 8am mass followed by Divine Mercy  
St Cecilia's Legion of Mary 9am Wed

Meetings

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

**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting**

PPC Secretary: Kerry Bugden

Ph: 02 4388 2938

#### KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

**SICK:** Finn McConnon, Irene Dainty, Michael McDermott, Michele Bolton, Jeanine Doueihy, Lisa Glanville, Margaret McDermott, Dave Rodney, Danae Roe, Milva Kefu, Georgina Mastroianni & Baby Vinnie, Tahnira Ahuriri

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Rod Cornwell, Pat Fitzgerald, Leo Moloney, Pope Francis, Pauline Cornwell, Kathleen Brien

**ANNIVERSARY MAY:** Mark Bastick, Brian Myers, John Donnelly, Marie Murray, Vincent Zammit, Evelyn Ross, Deceased members of Croke & Kenny Families



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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 Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8

**R.** O God, let all the nations praise you!

### Second Reading Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel or crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

### Gospel John 14:23-29

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own; it is the word of the one who sent me.

I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return.

If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.

I have told you this now, before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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



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## **MAY APPEAL**

**Sundays 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Confraternity of  
Christian Doctrine (CCD)**

**Hospital Chaplaincy  
and Pastoral Care**



**Every gift makes a difference. THANK YOU!**



**Please give generously to our  
MAY 2025 APPEAL**

**PASTORAL**  
**WORKS** Broken Bay

St Joseph's Men's BBQ - 7-8.30pm Friday 30th May

St Mary's Parish Centre Who: Men 18+

Good food. Cold drinks. Good company. A chance to grow in faith and brotherhood. Join us for an evening of real conversation and genuine fraternity as we explore what it means to live authentic Catholic masculinity. "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." Proverbs 27:17

God bless,  
Michael Paton

"IRON SHARPENS IRON, AND ONE MAN SHARPENS ANOTHER." PROV 27:17



# ST JOSEPH MEN'S BBQ

FRIDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MAY

7-8.30PM

ST MARY'S PARISH CENTRE  
TOUKLEY





9:30am - 2:10pm

**The Pilgrim's call to hopefulness in human happiness and holiness.**

Refreshing our sense of Vatican II's teaching on God's Self-Revealing Word in human-beinghood.

May  
**21**  
WED



9:30am - 2:10pm

**Patient in suffering, persistent in belief, conviction and love.**

Reflecting on St Paul's letter to the Romans especially 8:15-30 and a glimpse into Vatican II's "Gaudium et Spes" [Joy and Hope].

July  
**30**  
WED



9:30am - 2:10pm

**Recognising Signs of hope among us and being sources of hope for others in need.**

Recognising the "Universal Call to Holiness" in Vatican II's document "Lumen Gentium" [The Light of the World].

Sept  
**17**  
WED



9:30am - 2:10pm

**Anchored in hope of being the Body of Jesus Christ, opening doors of healing, forgiveness, support and encouragement for others.**

Glimpsing Vatican II's document on the Christian community's participation in the Sacred Liturgy.

Nov  
**19**  
WED



MARY MACKILLOP PLACE



## JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE REFLECTION DAYS WITH THE SISTERS OF SAINT JOSEPH

All are welcome to join us for a series of Wednesdays dedicated to prayer, reflection, and faith enrichment, inspired by the 2025 Year of Hope, accompanied by Sr Virginia Bourke rsj, held at Mary MacKillop Place.

**Please RSVP by emailing [Olivia.Lee@mmp.org.au](mailto:Olivia.Lee@mmp.org.au)**

**For more info or questions:**

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📍 **Mary MacKillop Place**  
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Entry in the museum building.





# TURN DEBT INTO *Hope*

## Turn Debt into Hope webinar

Join us as we celebrate the 10th anniversary of *Laudato Si'* and the launch of the Turn Debt into Hope advocacy campaign.

### Speakers:



**Kirsten Sayers**  
CEO Caritas Australia



**Archbishop Coleridge**  
Archdiocese of  
Brisbane



**Dr Luke Fletcher**  
Executive Director  
Jubilee Australia  
Research Centre



**Leba Tamari**  
Advocacy Coordinator  
Caritas Fiji

**Date:** Friday 16 May 2025

**Time:** 12-1 pm AEST

**Register:** [caritas.org.au/debt](https://caritas.org.au/debt)



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## **BIGGEST MORNING TEA – YOU'RE INVITED!**

Will be held at St Joseph's Spirituality Centre, 8 Humphreys Rd, Kincumber South in support of **Cancer Council Aust.**

**Thursday May 22 from 10.30am**

**Tickets \$25.00 per person** which includes a scrumptious morning tea, bottomless tea & coffee. **\$10.00 from every ticket sale will go to the Cancer Council.**

There will also be raffles & fun activities to boost funds for this wonderful cause.

Gather some friends & come along. Sure to be a happy gathering while doing your bit for Cancer Research.

**Bookings essential** – go to [stjosephskincumber.org.au](http://stjosephskincumber.org.au). Scroll down to Retreats & Events. Click on Biggest Morning Tea & get your tickets. Alternatively, you can ring the Centre on (02) 4368 2805. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Sr Helen

A promotional poster for Australia's Biggest Morning Tea at St Joseph's. The background is dark blue with a pattern of yellow teapots, blue mugs, and green leaves. A large white circle on the left contains the text 'Australia's Biggest Morning Tea at St Joseph's'. To the right, a dark blue box contains the event details: '22 May 2025', '10.30am', and 'Tickets: \$25'. Below the circle, text describes the location and purpose of the event.

**Australia's  
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Tea**  
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10.30am  
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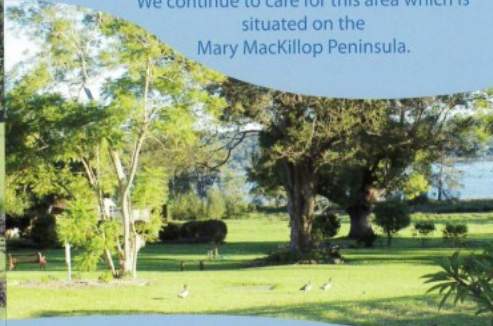
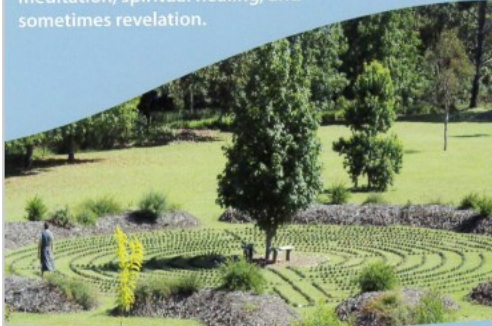
# St Joseph's Spirituality and Education Centre Kincumber South

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

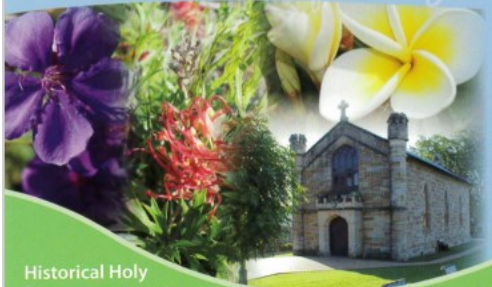
The labyrinth is a place for prayer, meditation, spiritual healing, and sometimes revelation.

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



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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.

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## 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  
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Small Group Meetings  
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Prayer Days

Sound and visual equipment for conferences are available on request.

### Walking Tracks and Gardens

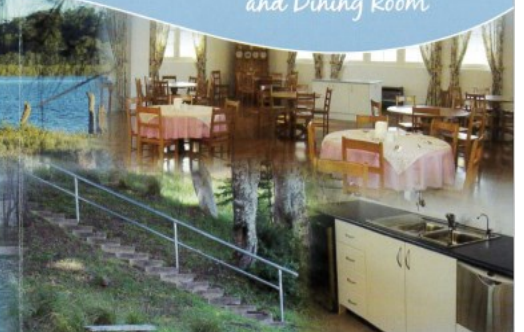
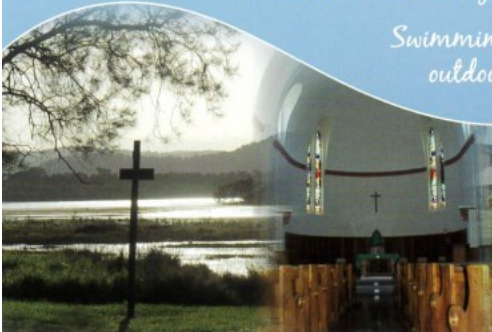
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### Swimming pool and outdoor patio

### Chapel and prayer rooms

### Conference Rooms

### Lounge, Tea Bays and Dining Room





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## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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  
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## 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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[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) •  
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Mexico City (2)*

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

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# Jubilee Pilgrimage of Hope

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



**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

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Assisi



Orvieto



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

## Itinerary

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

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

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

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

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

*Assisi overnight (BD)*

### DAY 3: FRIDAY 03 OCTOBER - ASSISI

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Assisi overnight (BD)*

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

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

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

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

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

*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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## **FOOTSTEPS OF ST PAUL (7th-18th October 2025)**

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## **SHRINES OF OUR LADY (18th Aug- 3rd September 2025)**

Fr Johnson Malayil, CRS, would like to invite you for a 16-day Jubilee pilgrimage, departing on the 18th of August 2025. This pilgrimage features Fatima, Avila, Loyola, Lourdes, Turin, Milan, Padua, Assisi, Rotondo, and Rome for an all-inclusive price of \$8890 + tips (30+ pilgrims).

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- excellent cuisine and traditional folklore dinners
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- 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
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Of course, we have English-speaking guides and TE available.

We especially recommend the following programs:

- Krakow in 4/5 days
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- Poland Pilgrimage
- Prague/Vienna/Budapest or Poland combined with any of these cities
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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)



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# Key Telephone Numbers

## KEY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

### **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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