

# WELCOME

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**MISSION STATEMENT** *We will live and proclaim the message of the Gospel :  
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**29th April 2026 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**WYONG CATHOLIC PARISH**

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

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## REFLECTION

Good Shepherd Sunday is a day when we focus on what it means to be a pastor to the People of God, but our text today has more to say about the sheep rather than the shepherd. Jesus' sole comment about the shepherd is stark and challenging to the pastors among us—the shepherd leads from the front, taking the risks of meeting danger, leading his sheep to good pasture. And the sheep follow the sound of his voice.

This is not how our society usually presents sheep. The metaphor 'like sheep' is used to describe people who follow others without thinking for themselves. It can also be used to describe people who blindly follow the masses without questioning any underlying motives. But sheep have actually been rated above cows and slightly below pigs on animal intelligence tests—yes, someone got paid to do that! They just have a more relaxed attitude to life and let the shepherd do the worrying.

Notice how the sheep are seen in this passage, they are not passive. Typically, they know the voice of their Good Shepherd and only follow him. Biblically, three sheep metaphors are used repeatedly: Psalm 23(22) sees Godly people as sheep, trusting in their shepherd, Jesus as 'the Lamb of God' and the sheep that gets lost only to be found by the shepherd. The kind of sheep we most identify with says much about our own discipleship in Christ. What sheep are you?

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"I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe"

**John 10:9**

### FREE TIMBER

There are some timber slates in St Cecilia's Car park if anyone would like them please help yourself to them. They are parts of the old fence. Thank you!

### PIETY STORE



We are pleased to announce our Piety Store has reopened on Sunday mornings after 7:30am and 9:30am Mass, located near the sacristy at Wyong.

All proceeds will go to the Parish.

We are in need of *volunteers* to keep it open on weekends. If you are able to assist with this please contact the office on 02 4352 1011.



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We're seeking volunteers to help support our parish community! Whether you can lend a hand occasionally or more regularly, your time and care make a meaningful difference. Join us in serving, connecting, and strengthening our parish together.

- Church Maintenance/Mowing upkeep
- Altar Servers
- Catechist
- Linen Upkeep
- Choir/Musician
- Piety Store
- Cleaning
- Program/Event Helpers
- Children's Liturgy Helper (Sun)

*You may have a talent or skill not mentioned above, that you feel called to share. Contact us on 02 4352 1011 so you can put your faith in action!*

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.



### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

First Friday of the Month: Friday: 1st May  
St Cecilia's During 8.00am & 11.30am Mass  
St John Fisher 9:15am

### WORKING BEE @ WYONG—24th May

We will be carrying out maintenance work focusing on two areas: clearing and replacing the gutters on the Parish office/Hall, and the erection of a new shed.



Thank you to anyone who can contribute their time and effort to help care for our Parish property.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY CALLING ALL CHILDREN !

⇒ Children's Liturgy is held every Sunday, and we warmly invite all children to join us for the **Liturgy of the Word** — a joyful space where kids meet Jesus through stories, prayer, and engaging faith activities designed just for them.

⇒ Each week, children take something beautiful home in their hearts: a sense of belonging, a Bible story they understand, a message from Jesus to guide their week, a new faith word like mercy, hope, or kindness, simple prayers and lessons on love and forgiveness, confidence to speak about God, the reminder that "Jesus is with me," ideas for kindness at home and school, a craft to remember the Gospel, and a heart ready to pray for others.

\*Children return to the church for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

\*(Children under 5yrs of age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times.)



**St Barnabas Church Yarramalong**  
1st Sunday of the Month  
Mass will be celebrated at St Barnabas Church, Yarramalong  
**3rd May at 11.15am.** All are welcome.

### SIP NOTICE

The next meeting of **Spirituality in the Pub** is 7.30-9.00pm on **Tuesday 5th May** at the Grange Hotel, Wyoming. The guest speaker is **Pastor Gray Knight** who migrated to Australia from the UK after years of missionary activities throughout Europe and passionately believes that the Church is the hope of the world.

Hotel bistro opens at 5.30pm. SIP enquiries: 0415 129250 or 0439 678608.

### Vox Populi— 22 April 2026

An ordination is always a great joy for a Diocese. It marks the commitment of a man to offer his life in service to the People of God in that Diocese.

Pope Benedict XVI said through the Sacrament of Ordination "the priest is totally inserted into Christ, so that by starting from him and acting in his sight he may carry out in communion with him the service of Jesus, the one Shepherd, in whom God, as man, wants to be our Shepherd."

It will therefore be one of the greatest joys in the history of the Diocese when Deacons Tân Nguyễn, Shayne D'Cunha and Huy Trần are ordained by Archbishop Anthony Randazzo as priests for Broken Bay on 29 April at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara at 7:30pm. The Diocese has been blessed with many ordinations in the past few years but it will be the first time since 2021 when three are ordained as priests at one time.

All three Deacons have spent the past few months serving in their respective parishes of Hornsby Cathedral, Epping & Carlingford and Chatswood, preaching the Gospel, performing baptisms and witnessing marriages.

As priests, they will continue to serve the People of God in Broken Bay through celebrating the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, pronouncing absolution and anointing the sick.

They come a Jesus Christ did, not to be served, but to serve.

We keep Deacons Tân, Shayne and Huy in our prayers as they make their final preparations for priestly ordination.

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**Invitation to celebrate Weekday Mass with the students from St Cecilia's Mondays 9.15am & St John Fisher Tuesdays 9.15am (School Term only)**

We encourage and extend a warm welcome to ALL parishioners to this beautiful half hour week day Mass.

\*Please Note—Mass at St Cecilia's may vary depending on weather conditions.

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### MOTHERS DAY STALL—2nd & 3rd May

This stall will be held on the weekend of the 2nd & 3rd May. There will be various items for sale, something for everyone! Come and have a look before or after Mass. We look forward to seeing you there.

### BIBLE STUDIES EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

If there is anyone interested in attending a Bible Studies group on Saturdays at 3pm, Fortnightly or Monthly please use the QR Code provided or contact the parish office. This will be a space for questions, discussions and sharing information. Lets us support each others formation and share the light of Christ as we delve into his Word. "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." Mt 18:20

Bible Studies Expressions of Interest



### 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.**



### ANZAC DAY— LEST WE FORGET

On April 25<sup>th</sup>, all around Australia, in Churches and at various shrines of remembrance and War Memorials, people will gather to honour those men and women who have gone off to war.

It is the dawn of another ANZAC DAY.

It is a day of remembrance of the deaths and sufferings in war, the valour of fighting women and men and the ever present hope for the people of the world to live together in harmony and lasting peace.

On this day let us remember those people who live the reality of war each day.....for the people of many other countries who as you read this are experiencing the devastation of conflict. Let us remember all those who are striving to bring peace to these war torn environments.

On this Anzac Day may we pray that in all our dealings we promote a peace-filled world.



### 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.

### MOTHERS' DAY RAFFLE

Tickets for the Mothers' Day raffle will be on sale on the weekends of 18/19 and 25/26 April. Cost for each ticket is \$2.00. Funds raised will go towards the outside safety updates at St Cecilia's and the erection of the outside covering at St John Fisher. Drawn: 2nd May.



### Extra Mower's Required

If there is any person who would be kind enough to join us in mowing on the Church grounds please contact Brian Bugden on 4388 2938. Depending on numbers, you will only need to mow approximately 3 times a year.

To make life a little easier our equipment consists of 2 ride-on-mowers and 2 self-propelled mowers. Thank you!

### WYONG PARISH HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAM 2026

Wyong Parish will be commencing their Sacramental Program For Holy Communion in May 2026. Please use the QR Code provided to enrol your child into our Holy Communion Sacramental Program for 2026 and stay updated. Your welcome to contact the Parish Office on 02 4352 1011 or email Christine, christine.sassine@bbcatholic.org.au, if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you at the Parent information night.

**AS PART OF OUR PROGRAM WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO ATTEND MASS EVERY WEEKEND IF YOU DO NOT DO SO ALREADY, THE PERIOD LEADING UP TO THE CEREMONY IS CRUCIAL TO THE SPIRITUAL JOURNEY IN WHICH YOUR CHILD IS EMBARKING. ALL CLASSES HELD IN ST CECILIA'S CHURCH HALL, 23 BYRON ST, WYONG (BEHIND THE CHURCH)**

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (THIS INCLUDES RECONCILIATION)

FOR CHILDREN IN YEAR 4 AND ABOVE WHO HAVE COMPLETED CONFIRMATION

Parent Information Evening:

Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 6.30pm @ St Cecilia's Church Hall &

Tues 28<sup>th</sup> April, 6.30pm @ SJF Mass Centre

Reconciliation Ceremony:

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> May, 5pm @ St Cecilia's Church &

Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 5pm @ SJF Mass Centre

Holy Communion Mass:

Wed 17<sup>th</sup> June, 5pm @ St Cecilia's Church &

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> June, 5pm @ SJF Mass Centre

More information regarding classes etc when you scan the relevant QR Code.

St John Fisher Students only



St Cecilia & State School Students



### Pope's Prayer Intention for: April—For priests in crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

### PLANNED GIVING

Dear Parishioners, should you wish to donate electronically, please see details below or use the QR Code provided.

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



### COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP

Resumes Term 2  
Mon. 4th May 9:15am—10:15am



### YOUTH GROUP—FRI 1st MAY

Our next youth group gathering is on **Friday 1st May** in the Parish Hall @6pm till 8pm. Ages 13-18yrs are welcome. Parent/Guardian consent required, contact Parish office if required.

### OFFICE CLOSURE—ANZAC DAY

Please be aware the Parish office will be closed on Monday 27th April due to the Anzac Day Public Holiday. We hope you all have safe a blessed long weekend!

Serra Weekly Vocations Prayer Calendar. Please pray for those in formation or already serving the Church.



27/4	Deacon Paul Simmons
28/4	Deacon Kevin Hale & Deacon Kevin McGregor
29/4	Fr Ireneuz Czech SDS
30/4	Fr Brendan Lee & Fr Anoop Devasia
1/5	Deacon Peter McCulloch
2/5	Fr Roger Delmonte
3/5	Fr Vitalis Oguh

**Daily Prayer for Vocations**—Heavenly Father, we praise You for Your goodness and thank You for Your gifts. Help us respond to and live out our mission in the Church. Assist all Your people to know their vocation in life and help them to prepare for it. Call many to be priests, deacons and consecrated men and women for Your greater glory, and for the service of Your people. Give those whom You call the grace to respond generously and to persevere faithfully. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen



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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: 0410 202 823

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**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday -Wednesday & Friday 9.30am to 2.30pm

### PARISH CONTACTS

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Assistant Priest **Fr Teody Medina, SOLT Ph: 0410 202 823**

Parish Secretaries **Margaret Vandenberg & Christine Sassine**

SRE Catechist Co-Ordinator: **Margaret Vandenberg**

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

### 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

St Cecilia's Sat after 8am Mass

St John Fisher Wed 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, Wed 9.15am in Parish Hall.

### Meetings

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

### **Parish Pastoral Council Meeting**

PPC Secretary: Kerry Bugden

Ph: 02 4388 2938

**BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS**  
PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE



### KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

**SICK:** Jeanine Doueih, Margaret McDermott, Dave Rodney, Danae Roe, Milva Kefu, Tahnia Ahuriri, Badwi Laoulach, Vince Bosco, Rik, Rita Kerr, Tony Sabat, Frank & Marie Dyer, Courtney, Michael Parry

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Delma Baker, Antoni Szczur, Peter Meury, Susan Monk, Fr John McCall, Margaret Mahoney, Enid Kennedy, Norma O'Sullivan

**ANNIVERSARY APRIL:** Aaron Collins, Kay Taylor, Leanne Smith, Leslie Smith, Beryl Moloney, Roberta (Robbie) Jones, Dominga & Eutiquio Diaz, Jack Gill, Deceased members of Croke & Kenny families, Margaret Hines, Janet Milroy

### 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 2:14, 36-41**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.' Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 22:1-6**

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**Second Reading 1 Peter 2:20-25**

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation John 10:14**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

**Gospel John 10:1-10**

Jesus said: "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber.

But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers." Although Jesus used this figure of speech, the Pharisees did not realize what he was trying to tell them.

So Jesus said again, "Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Catholics interested in finding out about the Franciscan charism are warmly invited to join us at our next small group Franciscan Prayer meeting 1.00pm to 2.30pm on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May at The Entrance Catholic Church in the Reynolds Room. Newcomers welcome.  
Further information about who we are is on our national website ofsaustralia.org.au

Pax et Bonum

Sandrea Petith

OFS Central Coast Fraternity Minister

## SIP Notice

**Spirituality in the Pub (SIP)** Meeting 7.30-9.00pm on **Tuesday 5th May** at the Grange Hotel, Wyoming (cnr. Renwick St & Pacific Hwy). The guest speaker is **Pastor Gray Knight** who passionately believes that the Church is the hope of the world.

**Pastor Gray Knight:** Gray migrated to Australia from the UK after 7 years of running Bible teaching camps and missionary activities throughout Europe. Working as Connect Group Pastor in a number of locations including the Central Coast. Gray sees his call is to teach the Word of God and to show people how to live it. He passionately believes that the Church is the hope of the world. He intends to use his wide range of life and ministry experiences to fulfil that calling at Gosford Wyoming Uniting Church.

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

Many thanks in anticipation,

Tony

SIP Committee



15 April 2026

## LETTER ON ARRANGEMENTS PRIOR TO MY DEPARTURE

Dear Fathers & Deacons, my dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

It has now been three weeks since my appointment by the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, as Prefect of the Dicastery for Legislative Texts. I am deeply grateful for the many good wishes that I have received on the announcement. They have meant a great deal to me.

Since that time, it has been a joy to celebrate the Easter mysteries with you, to baptise twelve people at the Easter Vigil, and once again to recount the joy of the Resurrection. I pray that the peace of the Risen Christ continues to enliven the hearts of all people.

Now, it is time for me to prepare for my departure for Rome. In recent days I have had the opportunity to consider how the next months might unfold, and it is opportune for me to share something of how the months ahead might look.

There are a number of pastoral encounters that had been scheduled in my diary prior to the news of my new appointment, which will now need to change, and my office will be in contact with those communities and persons who may be affected.

Notwithstanding, with great joy I am looking forward to the Ordinations to the Priesthood of Deacons Shayne D'Cunha, Tân Nguyễn and Huy Trần on Wednesday 29 April 2026 at 7:00pm in Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara and being with them in the days following as each celebrates his Mass of Thanksgiving. From 7-14 May 2026 I will participate in the Plenary Meeting of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and then travel for meetings in Rome until 22 May 2026, returning for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for Adults on Pentecost Sunday on 24 May 2026.

At the end of that week, we celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Diocese with Mass on the evening of Thursday 28 May 2026. This will also be my Mass of Thanksgiving with you, and we will have the opportunity to gather at The Light of Christ Centre following the Mass for me to express my gratitude. I am hopeful, however, that a number of us may still come together for our Anniversary Diocesan dinner on Friday 29 May 2026 at the Epping Club which will also be an occasion to celebrate our Catholic life and Christian discipleship through our annual presentation of awards.

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I will then have two other public occasions: the celebration of the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the parish of St Agatha's, Pennant Hills on Sunday 31 May 2026, and the patronal celebration of the Parish of St Ives on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi on Sunday 7 June 2026, at which time I shall install Fr Paul Durkin as the new Parish Priest.

I will depart for Rome on Wednesday 24 June 2026.

Through this period, the Holy Father has appointed me as Apostolic Administrator for the Diocese, and on my departure, it will be the duty of the College of Consultors to elect a Diocesan Administrator until such time as the Holy Father nominates a new Bishop for the Diocese.

During this time of Administration, the College of Consultors continues, as does the service of the Deans. I am grateful for the continuing service of Fr David Ranson as my Vicar General until the time of my departure, along with the Diocesan Chancellor, Mrs Kelly Paget and Vice Chancellor, Miss Ruth Moraes, whose roles endure throughout the period of Administration. The Council of Priests, however, ceases until such time as my successor is appointed. Regrettably, given that the See is vacant, our journey towards a Diocesan Synod now needs to be placed on hold until the Holy Father grants the Diocese a new Shepherd.

I am pleased to share that given the stage to which it has already developed, the Cathedral Precinct Project, which I have discussed with the Holy Father, may continue with its current momentum, and those processes related to its planning may progress - albeit, of course, in a way that is open to my successor to review.

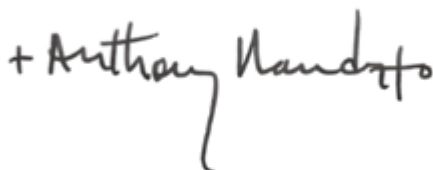
It will be for the one entrusted with governance subsequent to my departure to consider those events that are planned for the remainder of the current year.

Throughout, it is vital that the ordinary life of our parishes and communities continues under the pastoral care of our priests. Likewise, the mission of evangelisation throughout the Diocese continues to be supported by our faithful Chancery team. The Clergy/Parish Personnel Day on 22 April 2026 will be a very worthwhile occasion to ensure that the good work already undertaken continues to grow.

I will have several opportunities over the coming weeks to reflect with you more on our journey of faith together over these past six and a half years. However, with this letter I hope that the shape of the coming months may be a little clearer.

Please continue to keep me in your prayers, in the knowledge that the clergy and people of Broken Bay are very much in mine,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "+ Anthony Randazzo". The signature is written in a cursive style with a cross at the beginning.

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD JCL  
Prefect of the Dicastery for Legislative Texts  
Apostolic Administrator of Broken Bay



15 April 2026

Dear Fathers, Deacons, Sisters and Brothers,

### **CLERGY DEVELOPMENTS AND APPOINTMENTS IN THE DIOCESE**

I write to share various clergy developments and appointments that I have made and that are forthcoming in the next several weeks.

Firstly, I express my warm gratitude to Fr Biju Mathew who concludes his time with us in the Diocese on 21 April 2026, Fr Biju is returning to his Diocese of Maranthavady, Kerala in India after just over five years of service with us, most recently as Assistant Priest in the Parish of French's Forest. We pray that this new chapter in his priestly ministry will bring much blessing for him.

As I have shared earlier, Fr Paul Durkin has been appointed Parish Priest of the Parish of St Ives, effective 22 April 2026, along with Deacon Tân Nguyễn who, following his Priestly Ordination on 29 April, will be appointed Assistant Priest to the Parish of St Ives.

Fr Shiju Thomas OSH, who arrived in our Diocese early February 2026 and who has been on induction at the Parish of Epping-Carlingford since, will assume his first appointment as Assistant Priest in the Parish of French's Forest, effective 29 April 2026.

Upon their Priestly Ordinations on 29 April 2026, Deacon Huy Trần will be appointed as Assistant Priest to the Cathedral Parish of Hornsby and Deacon Shayne D'Cunha will be appointed as Assistant Priest to the Parish of Epping-Carlingford.

Given the continuing uncertainty of the grant of his new visa, Fr Aldrin Valdehueza, currently in the Philippines, will conclude his current appointment as Assistant Priest at the Parish of Epping-Carlingford on 29 April 2026 and receive a new appointment upon his return to us.

I have appointed Fr Anoop Davasia MS, currently Assistant Priest in the Cathedral Parish of Hornsby, Assistant Priest to the Parish of Epping-Carlingford, effective 27 May 2026.

Please keep our men who are making transitions in your prayer. I thank them greatly for the generosity of their service.

I will have some further developments to share in the coming months.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD JCL  
Prefect of the Dicastery for Legislative Texts  
Apostolic Administrator of Broken Bay

17 March, 2026

**Re: Introduction to Pastoral Care Course**

Dear Fathers and Parish Secretaries,

I am writing to inform you that CatholicCare will be offering our *Introduction to Pastoral Care Course* (IPCC) on five consecutive **Wednesdays: April 29, May 6, 13, 20 and 27 between 9:00am and 3:00 pm** at the Ambrose Centre, 12 Ashton Ave, The Entrance (behind Our Lady of the Rosary Church).

Volunteer Catholic Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion visit hospitals throughout the Diocese of Broken Bay providing comfort and care to Catholic patients. Our Diocese and NSW Health require that 40 hours of training is completed to perform this important role. Our IPCC is open to those who already volunteer in a hospital context, or in local health and aged care facilities, and to those who might be deciding if they are suited to this ministry.

This course will be **free** for participants and has been created particularly for a Catholic pastoral community. It is supported by the Australian Catholic University and endorsed by the Civil Chaplaincies Advisory Committee NSW. It will provide your Parish volunteers with the minimum training required by our Diocese and NSW Health.

As the recruitment and training of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion is the responsibility of the Parish Priest, and each Parish has its own protocols, it is essential that any of your Parishioners who may be interested in participating in this course have been prepared and approved by you. Therefore, I have attached to this email a "Letter of Recommendation", an "Outline" with details of the course and an item to place in your Parish Bulletin.

May I suggest the following procedure for enrolment in the course:

- ❖ advertise the course, both verbally and in your Parish Bulletin (using the item attached)
- ❖ ask interested Parishioners to speak with you about their possible participation in the course
- ❖ if you consider them to be suitable, provide them with the "Outline" containing the course details
- ❖ complete the "Letter of Recommendation" signed by you and email a copy to:  
[denis.obrien@catholiccareddb.org.au](mailto:denis.obrien@catholiccareddb.org.au)
- ❖ both you and your Parishioner will be contacted to confirm their enrolment in the course

I would appreciate it if you would advertise our course both verbally and in your Parish Bulletin over the coming weekends prior to the course commencing on April 29. Please contact **Denis O'Brien, CatholicCare Diocese of Broken Bay, on 0439 009 932** if you have any queries or concerns.

Regards,

Peter Brown  
Practice Manager Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care  
CatholicCare Diocese of Broken Bay



**Introduction to Pastoral Care Course 2026**

For more information and enrolment please contact:

Denis O'Brien

CatholicCare Diocese of Broken Bay

0439 009 932

**Aims:**

To provide learning opportunities for participants to:

- Comply with the expectations of our Diocese and NSW Health
- Provide a 40 hour course to introduce the concepts of Clinical Pastoral Education to Catholic Pastoral Care Workers
- Identify, develop and enrich their pastoral practice and identity as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion within the hospital context
- Provide an introduction to the ministry of Catholic hospital pastoral care and feel a sense of community

**Learning Outcomes:**

For participants to begin to:

- appreciate their role as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
- understand their role within the Diocese's definition of pastoral care
- understand their boundaries as they interact with patients, families, peers, and other pastoral care and health professionals within a hospital context
- appreciate the difference between denominational and multi-faith pastoral care
- use basic interpersonal skills in active listening
- respond to patient's spiritual-care needs within a hospital context
- grow in their understanding of loss, grief, and bereavement
- grow in their understanding of action/reflection learning
- use and understand a verbatim
- increase their theological understanding and reflection
- understand pastoral supervision and its value

**Course Outline:**

The participants will begin to learn and understand:

- the significance of Eucharistic Ministry in the hospital context
- how to actively listen and respond pastorally
- the vulnerability of a patient
- the impact of loss and grief in the life of the patient and their family
- how to work cooperatively with other pastoral care and health professionals
- how to use a verbatim
- how to use theological reflection to enhance pastoral ministry
- the purpose and need of pastoral supervision
- how to care for themselves

**Course Time:** The course consists of 40 hours, one day per week for five weeks, including 10 hours of personal reading and reflection at home.

**Assessment:** Participants shall be assessed by their attendance, a weekly learning journal, a written verbatim, active participation and an awareness of the importance of process in the course.

**Recommended Reading:**

*Welcome, Inclusion, Attentive Presence: The Central Role of Pastoral Care in Catholic Health and Aged Care* by Maryanne Confoy

*Where the Hell is God* by Fr Richard Leonard

*Good Grief* by Mal McKissock

*Tuesdays with Morrie* by Mitch Albom

*The Art of Theological Reflection* by Killen, Shea and de Beer.



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**April Session: Discover Palms Online!** Scan this QR-

**Date:** Thursday 30 April 2026

**Time:** 7 pm – 8:30 pm AEST



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**Date:** Thursday 21 May 2026

**Time:** 4 pm – 5:30 pm AEST



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For details:

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### **Cecilia Figueroa**

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## RESIDENTIAL RETREATS FOR 2026

Starts on Friday at 5:30pm &  
Ends on Sunday, 4:00pm

JAN	<b>BIBLE CONVENTION</b> (Led by Fr Antony) Jan 31st- 1st Feb) 9am-4pm
FEB	27Feb-1Mar, Lenten Retreat
MAR	20-22, Preparation for Holy Week Retreat
APR	17-19, Deliverance Retreat
MAY	15-17, Preparation For Pentecost Retreat
JUN	19-21, Inner Healing Retreat
JUL	10-12, Family Healing Retreat
AUG	14-16, Dei Verbum Retreat
SEP	11-13, Deliverance Retreat
OCT	2-4, Marian Retreat
NOV	13-15, Inner Healing Retreat
DEC	11-13, Advent Retreat

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Healing Prayer Service, 7:00pm-9:00pm  
at St Patrick's Church, 11 Macquarie street, WALLSEND

### Third Friday (Epping)

Holy Mass & Adoration, 6:00pm-8:00pm  
at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, 31 Oxford St, EPPING

### Fourth Thursday (Adelaide)

Spiritual Healing Retreat, 7:00pm-9:00pm  
St Peter Claver Church, 8 Stuart Road, Dulwich,  
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Please register by 23 April or 7 May for the respective sessions.



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Dear Friends,

We have a retreat coming up at Jamberoo Abbey in the month of June. Below is a short description of it.

Go to [our website](#) for more information and how to register.

We would like to enable as many people to attend our retreats. If you require assistance with the registration cost, please don't hesitate to contact us at [onlineretreat@jamberooabbey.org.au](mailto:onlineretreat@jamberooabbey.org.au).

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Benedictine Nuns of Jamberoo Abbey

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- \$25 per session: General audience
- \$40 per session: Teachers applying for Catholic school accreditation

See the next page for the list of topics and presenters.

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# May 2026

Registrations essential!

Please note that registrations close at 5pm two business days before each session.

Day	Title and Presenter
Monday 4 May 7pm - 8.30pm	<b>Can a Scientist Believe in God?</b> Rev. Dr Chris Mulherin
Tuesday 5 May 7.30pm - 8.30pm	<b>Interculturality and Its Relevance for the Church Today</b> Rev. Dr Jake Mudge
Wednesday 6 May 5.30pm - 7pm	<b>Democracy and Education</b> Prof. Jānis Ozoliņš
Thursday 7 May 7pm - 8.30pm	<b>Enriching Our Understanding of Being A Christian in Our World Today</b> Dr Frances Baker RSM
Tuesday 12 May 7.30pm - 9pm	<b>John 1: 19-51: Jesus' Baptism and the Call to Discipleship</b> Br Dr Paul Creevey FMS
Wednesday 13 May 5.30pm - 7pm	<b>Old Testament Law: Is It Still Relevant?</b> Rev. Dr Kris Sonek OP
Thursday 14 May 7pm - 8.30pm	<b>Community and Communion: A (Gentle) Introduction to Canon Law</b> Rev. Adi Indra
Monday 18 May 7pm - 8.30pm	<b>The Gospel According to Matthew: A Tapestry</b> Dr Rosemary Canavan
Tuesday 19 May 7pm - 8.30pm	<b>Religion and Ethics: Exploring Some Connections</b> Dr Frances Baker RSM
Wednesday 20 May 7pm - 8.30pm	<b>An Introduction to AI and Transhumanism ... for Christians</b> Rev. Dr Chris Mulherin
Thursday 21 May 7pm - 8.30pm	<b>After Death — What?</b> Rev. Dr Paul Connell
Tuesday 26 May 7pm - 8.30pm	<b>Why Study the Ancient Biblical Languages?</b> Rev. Dr Trevor Tibbertsma

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## ABOUT OUR HOST

### FR. CHRISTOPHER WATERHOUSE



The Rev'd Christopher Waterhouse is Rector of St James' King Street, Sydney. Prior to his appointment, he served as Precentor and Chaplain

for the Arts at St David's Cathedral, Hobart. Born in the United Kingdom and raised and educated in Tasmania, Christopher developed an early passion for the performing arts, particularly theatre and music. He appeared in numerous stage productions across Tasmania before relocating to Sydney to work with the Sydney Theatre Company, and later moving to London where he worked at the St James' Theatre.

He subsequently left the theatre industry to work at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, while undertaking ministry studies. Christopher returned to Australia in 2017 to become Director of the St James' Institute. He has more than 25 years' experience as a radio presenter in Hobart, London and Sydney, and has served on the boards of a range of philanthropic, church, education and arts organisations. These include the national board of the Anglican Board of Mission, the Council of St Andrew's College, and 2MBS Fine Music Sydney.

# Scandinavia Itinerary Overview

## Stockholm 5 nights

- Arrival in Stockholm with airport transfer.
- Guided city tour featuring City Hall, the Old Town (Gamla Stan), the Royal Palace and Parliament.
- Scenic boat cruise through the Stockholm Archipelago.
- Full-day guided excursion to Sigtuna and Uppsala, exploring Viking-era sites, the historic university precinct and Uppsala Cathedral.
- Free day to explore Stockholm independently, with the option to use the Stockholm Pass.
- Visits to ABBA The Museum and the Vasa Museum.

## Vadstena - 2 nights

- Travel south with a stop at Östanbäck Monastery.
- Guided walking tour of medieval Vadstena.
- Visits to Vadstena Abbey and Vadstena Castle.

## Malmö - 3 nights

- Travel to Malmö.
- Visit Malmö Castle and key churches. Church service.
- Excursion to Skanörs Church and final sightseeing in Malmö.
- Full-day excursion along the Skåne coast. Visits to Ystad and Simrishamn.
- Stop at the Kivik Grave and visits to historic churches including St Nicolai Church and St Olof's Church.

## Copenhagen - 5 nights

- Travel to Denmark via ferry. Visit Kronborg Castle (Hamlet's Castle).
- Scenic coastal drive along the Strandvej to Copenhagen.
- Guided city tour including Nyhavn, Amalienborg Palace, Christiansborg Palace and The Little Mermaid.
- Canal cruise and visit to the Church of Our Lady. Excursion to Roskilde, including the Viking Ship Museum and Roskilde Cathedral.
- Full-day excursion to Odense, visiting H.C. Andersen's House and Odense Cathedral.

## Inclusions & Important Information

- Depart Australia: 24 September 2026
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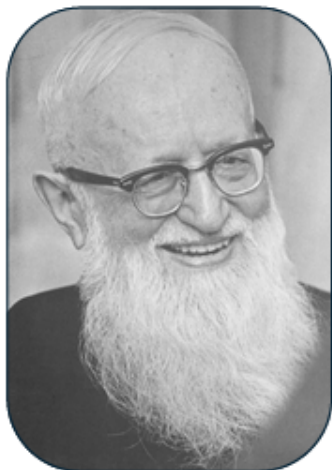
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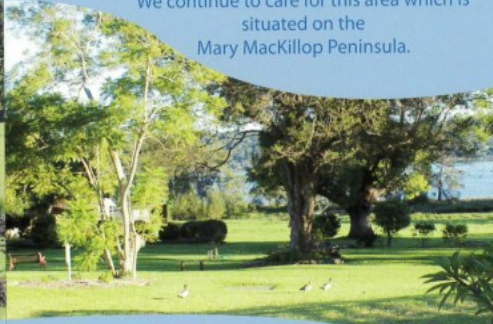
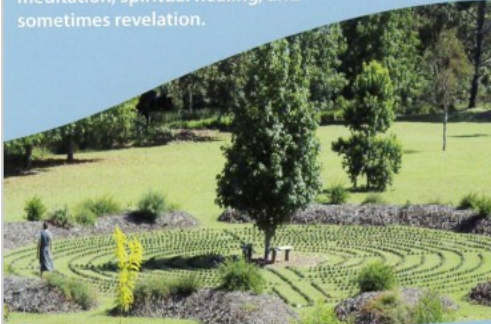
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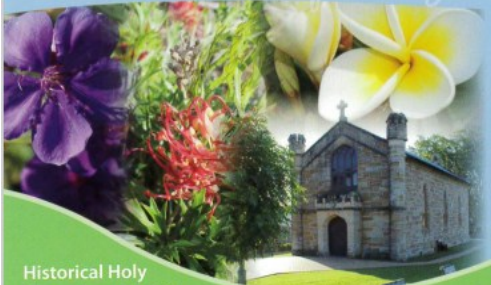
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A Ministry of the Sisters of St Joseph  
NSW Province

*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 & Education Centre

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

*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.*



## 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

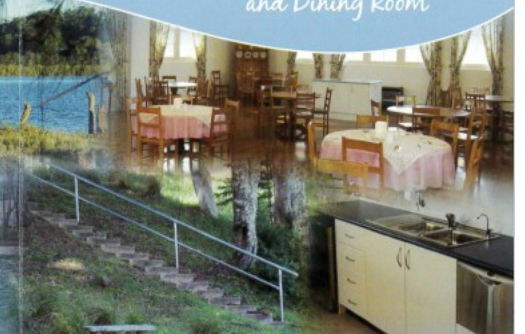
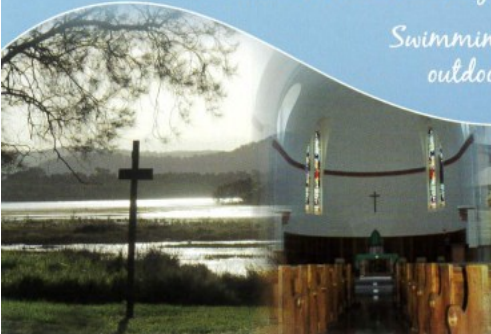
### Meditation Areas and Mary of the Cross Walk

### 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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Take a photo of this completed form and email to [info@catholiccareddb.org.au](mailto:info@catholiccareddb.org.au) or text a photo of the form to 0481 602 046. Thank you.

## 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 sugges-

tions 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

## 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.

### **CATHOLIC CARE 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 **SAFE**