

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*

26th July 2026

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WYONG CATHOLIC PARISH

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

**Under the Pastoral Care of the
Society of Our Lady of The Most Holy Trinity (SOLT)**

REFLECTION—17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

It would be wonderful to know more about Martha, Mary and Lazarus of Bethany than we can glean from the Gospels of John and Luke. The closeness of Jesus to this household is reflected in the directness with which Martha can address him. There is no inhibition in her approach when she questions Jesus, but she also reciprocates with attentive listening; Martha accepts Jesus' affirmation of her sister Mary sitting at his feet like a disciple and affirms her faith in him as the Christ even though grieving the death of her brother Lazarus. Like the prophet Jeremiah, Martha, Mary and Lazarus of Bethany devoured the words of God and were called by name by Jesus.

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The Sixth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, 26 July 2026

'I will never forget you' (Is 49:15) is the theme chosen by the Holy Father for the *Sixth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly* which aims to emphasise how God's love for each person never fails, even in the fragility of old age.

Taken from the book of the prophet Isaiah, the chosen verse is intended to be a message of consolation and hope for all grandparents and the elderly, especially those who live in solitude or feel forgotten. At the same time, it is a call to families and ecclesial communities not to forget them, recognising them as a precious presence and a blessing.

The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, established by Pope Francis in 2021, is celebrated on the fourth Sunday of July and is an opportunity to bring the Church closer to the elderly and to value their contribution to families and communities. This year, the date coincides with the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, Sunday 26 July, and the Holy Father invites everyone to celebrate the Day with a Eucharistic liturgy in the Cathedral Church of each diocese.





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 toward the running and upkeep of our 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.



FREE WILLS SEMINAR & MORNING TEA

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Attendees may be eligible for a complimentary will*



Parish Hall at Our Lady Star of The Sea
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10:30AM-12:30 PM

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YOUTH GROUP—FRI 7th August

Our next youth group gathering is on **Friday 7th August** in the Parish Hall @6pm till 8pm. Ages 13-18yrs are welcome. Parent/Guardian consent required, please contact Christine in Parish office: Christine.Sassine@bbccatholic.org.au



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION – JULY 2026

For respect for human life: Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognising it as a gift from God.

WHAT IS FIRST FRUITS OFFERING

First Fruits Offerings is a way to prayerfully consider God's blessings in our lives, and how He may be calling us to respond with thanksgiving and discipleship, through our financial offerings. The First Fruits initiative is an invitation to enter more deeply into the life of your parish through regular, meaningful contributions to the First and Second Collections. Your commitment sustains the mission, ministries and ongoing maintenance of your parish. Please use the QR code below or envelopes in the Church.



PLANNED GIVING/FIRST FRUITS OFFERING

Dear Parishioners, should you wish to donate electronically toward 1st or 2nd collection or Pastoral Works, please use the QR Code provided and following the prompts. You have the option give regularly or once off. **We appreciate all offerings and support gifted to our Parish!**



CHILDREN'S LITURGY—JULY

Children's Liturgy at St Cecilia's 9.30am Mass will not be on during the month of July. Children's Liturgy at St John Fisher 5pm Sundays will be running as usual. We looking forward to welcoming you all back to Children's Liturgy at St Cecilia's in August.



DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE

Domestic and family violence is never acceptable. Every person is created in the image and likeness of God and has the right to live in safety, dignity, and peace. Our parish is committed to supporting those affected by abuse with compassion, respect, and confidentiality. If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic or family violence, help is available.

CatholicCare Central Coast Family Centre

Phone: **1800 324 924**

Email: info@catholiccareddb.org.au

Address: **10/10 Pioneer Avenue, Tuggerah Business Park NSW 2259**

You are not alone. Support is available, and there is hope.

For those who have died due to family or domestic violence, may God welcome them into the fullness of eternal life, comfort those who mourn them, strengthen all who have survived violence, and guide our communities to protect the vulnerable and foster homes of peace and love. Amen

MARIAN PILGRIMAGE & SOUTH AMERICA 2027

Fr Raul Balute, SOLT, will be leading the Group to **Our Lady of Guadalupe, MEXICO and South America (PERU, ARGENTINA & BRAZIL)**.

An INFO session will be held soon, with the date & venue to be advised (TBA). Register your interest or contact "itravel with Susan Clark" – 0405 429 988 or email: susan@itravel-au.com for further details. Alternatively, you're welcome to contact Fr Raul on 0450 115 099 or Raul.Balute@bbccatholic.org.au

PARISH PASTORAL SERVICES

Our Priests can offer Reconciliation, Communion and Anointing of the sick to those who are house bound or unable to come to Mass.

Our Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Legion of Mary Group offer Communion and Pastoral Care Visits.

If you or a loved one would like to receive and of these above mentioned Pastoral Services please contact the Parish Office.

If you wish to discuss any of these services further please feel free to contact Margaret or Christine in the Parish Office.



SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB

(SIP) Meeting 7.30-9.00pm on **Tuesday 4th August** at the Grange Hotel, Wyoming (cnr. Renwick St & Pacific Hwy).

The guest speaker is **Tony Davis**; with his wife Mechelle. Tony is passionately committed to making a difference in the lives of others less fortunate, Tony and not-for-profit The Bikers Hand gather food, drink and clothing and provide storage and distribution points for over 75 community groups and charities. For their efforts, the Bikers Hand were awarded the 2025 Central Coast Council Community Group Award.

Tell anyone else who may be interested. Bistro opens at 5.30pm. SIP enquiries: 0415 129250 or 0439 678608. Many thanks in anticipation, Tony.

FAITH IN ACTION—PARISH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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
- ♦ Choir/Musicians
- ♦ Catechists
- ♦ Altar Servers
- ♦ Program/Social Event
- ♦ Helpers
- ♦ Cleaning
- ♦ Children's Liturgy Helper (Sun @ Wyong)



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

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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.

BIBLE STUDIES—6TH AUGUST

Bible Studies Group will kick off in August! We will hold Bible Studies on the first Thursday of every month from 7-9pm.

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



CatholicCare Homelessness Appeal - 8 & 9 August

This year's CatholicCare Broken Bay Homelessness Appeal will be held across our parishes on the weekend of Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 August, coinciding with the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

The Appeal supports vital services such as Mary Mac's Place (Woy Woy) and Dom's Place (Hornsby), offering meals, practical assistance, and pathways to housing for those experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity. Last year, parishioners generously raised over \$118,000 for this important ministry. Please give generously and keep all who experience homelessness in your prayers.

CONFIRMATION 2026 – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Wyong Parish's Sacrament of Confirmation this year will be held on **Friday 11th September 6pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, The Entrance.** We are reaching out to those who would be available to help on the evening to usher people to their seats and direct traffic in the parking lot. Please contact the parish office if you can help wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au

WYONG PARISH CONFIRMATION PROGRAM 2026

Wyong Parish will be commencing their Sacramental Program For Confirmation in August 2026. Due to Archbishop Anthony Randazzo concluding his service in our Diocese in late June 2026 there have had to be some changes made to Confirmation dates across the Diocese. We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Please come along to the respective Parent Information session and use the QR Code provided to enrol your child into our Confirmation Sacramental Program and stay updated. You're 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.

CONFIRMATION

FOR CHILDREN IN YEAR 3 AND ABOVE WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTISED. Parent Information Evening: (for Parents/Guardian's)

Tues 11th August, 6.30pm @ SJF Mass Centre (for SJF student parents only)

Wed 12th August, 6.30pm @ St Cecilia's Church Hall

Ceremony:

Friday 11th September, 6pm Our Lady of The Rosary, The Entrance (due to unavailability @St Peter's)

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

St John Fisher
Students Only



St Cecilia & State
School Students



JOIN OUR CCD TEAM AND BECOME AN ASSISTANT CATECHIST IN OUR PARISH TODAY!

We cater to 6 state primary schools and are always looking for members to assist our catechists.

Are you available on TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS OR FRIDAYS to become an assistant catechist?

You don't need to be an expert, you just need to have a willing heart and love for children.

If you've been discerning a ministry to partake in and are interested in joining our team, contact Margaret Vandenberg on 02 4352 1011.



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.



COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP

**Every Monday
8:15am—10:15am
All welcome—Meet in Parish Hall!**



We warmly welcome the children who are to be Baptised this Sunday into our Parish community. May the grace of our Lord Jesus bless them and their families.

Main Liturgical Feasts: July

Sharbel (Charbel) Makhloof, Opt. Mem. 26. Joachim and Anne, Memorial 29. Martha, Mary and Lazarus, Memorial 30. Peter Chrysologus; Solanus Casey, Opt. Mem. 31. Ignatius of Loyola, Memorial

St Barnabas Church Yarramalong

1st Sunday of the Month Mass will be celebrated at St Barnabas Church, Yarramalong **2nd August at 11.15am.** All are welcome.

PARISH SUPPORTERS CLUB 2026

Draw Results : Monthly Draw

1st - \$90 No 34 Jenny Douglas
2nd - \$40 No 57 Maureen & Les Cross
3rd - \$20 No 109 Marie Fogarty
Thank you for your support!

Serra Weekly Vocations Prayer Calendar.

Please pray for those in formation or already serving the Church



27/7	Deacon Kevin Hale & Deacon Kevin McGregor
28/7	Fr Ireneusz Czech SDS
29/7	Fr Brendan Lee & Fr Anoop Devasia
30/7	Deacon Peter McCulloch
31/7	Fr Roger Delmonte
1/8	Fr Vitalis Oguh
2/8	Fr Stephen Hume

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

23 Byron St Wyong

Saturday Vigil / Sunday Mass Times

Sat Vigil 5.00pm Sun 7.30am & 9.30am

Weekday Mass

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

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

ST JOHN FISHER MASS CENTRE

Hicks Lane Tumbi Umbi

Saturday Vigil / Sunday Mass Times

Sat Vigil 5.00 pm Sun: 8.30am & 5pm

Weekday Mass

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

Reconciliation/Confession Saturday at 4.30pm

EMERGENCY PRIEST CONTACT

Fr Raul Ph: 0450 115 099

Fr Alex Ph: 0432 947 245

Fr Teody Ph: 0410 202 823

PARISH OFFICE: 23 Byron Street Wyong

Phone: 02 4352 1011 **Mail:** Po Box 385 Wyong 2259

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

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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**

Youth Group Coordinator: **Christine Sassine**

PARISH EMAIL: wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au

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Children's Liturgy at Mass

St Cecilia's 9.30am Mass Sunday

St John Fisher 5pm Mass Sunday

Youth Group

St Cecilia's Parish Hall

1st Fri Night of the Month (May vary- check bulletin for details)

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

Bible Studies

First Thursday of every month
7-9pm in the Parish Hall

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

**FOR SACRAMENTS PLEASE
CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE**

KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS

Prayer: The most valuable gift you can give someone.

SICK: Jeanine Doueichi, Dave Rodney, Danae Roe, Milva Kefu, Tahnia Ahuriri, Badwi Laoulach, Rik, Rita Kerr, Michael Parry, Regina Preston, Adriana Milligan, Jean Jackson, Gabriel Molise, Helene Hussein

RECENTLY DECEASED: Enid Kennedy, Norma O'Sullivan, Frank Dyer, Fr David Taylor, Fr Robert Crawford, Brenda Hindmarsh, Peter Gill, Elliott Gill

ANNIVERSARY JULY: Pauleene Crass, John Dwyer, Nora Dillon, Bridget Dermody, Sr Sylvia Markulin, James Bastick, Phyll Angela Reeves, Bridget Dermody, Carol Dafter, Helen & Edwin Kingsley, Raymond (Ray) Baker, Phill Houston, Ian Smith, Eddie Donnelly, Tarcisio (Charlie) Maccari, Carol Dafter



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.



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Sunday Mass - 26 July 2026

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

A reading from the first book of the Kings

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130

R. Lord, I love your commands.

Second Reading Romans 8:28-30

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation cf Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 13:44-46

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples:

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field,
which a person finds and hides again,
and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.
Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant
searching for fine pearls.

When he finds a pearl of great price,
he goes and sells all that he has and buys it.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea,
which collects fish of every kind.

When it is full they haul it ashore
and sit down to put what is good into buckets.

What is bad they throw away.

Thus it will be at the end of the age.

The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous
and throw them into the fiery furnace,
where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.

"Do you understand all these things?"

They answered, "Yes."

And he replied,

"Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven
is like the head of a household
who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



20 July 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A PASTORAL LETTER TO THE PEOPLE OF GOD IN THE DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY ON RECENT EVENTS IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA

As we embark upon our journey during this period of Diocesan Administration awaiting the appointment of our next Bishop, I write to you mindful of the concerns and questions that many carry regarding events presently unfolding in the life of the Church in Australia.

Over the coming weeks, a number of matters will attract considerable public attention: the commencement in Perth on Tuesday 21 July of a 15-day trial by jury of Bishop Christopher Saunders, formerly of the Diocese of Broome, for multiple historical sexual offence charges; the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) inquiry involving Catholic Schools NSW (CSNSW) commencing in Sydney on Monday 27 July; and the continuing scrutiny of the liability of the Religious Congregation of the Christian Brothers in Australia.

The events to unfold over the coming weeks touch different dimensions of ecclesial life. Some concern questions of personal conduct and accountability; others concern governance and stewardship; still others remind us of the changing face of Religious Life in Australia and the responsibility that must be carried for those who have been wounded by the crime of sexual abuse. Together they may prompt anxiety and confusion, disappointment, sadness, or uncertainty among us.

In particular, the reports of the ICAC Inquiry may have raised some questions about the role of CSNSW in respect to our own diocesan Catholic schools. It is important to note that CSNSW has no governance or operational role in our schools. CSNSW does support the work of Catholic Schools Broken Bay (CSBB) by liaising with the Federal and State governments, particularly in relation to regulatory compliance, and it plays a key role in distributing government funding to CSBB and other Catholic School Systems. Yet, while CSNSW has an important role in promoting and supporting Catholic education, CSNSW does not run, manage, make day-to-day operational decisions, or collect school fees for CSBB schools. The Director of Schools and the Board of Catholic Schools Broken Bay are responsible to the Bishop for the governance and operations of our Parish Primary and our Secondary schools.

At such moments as those we are about to enter, the Word of God offers wisdom and perspective. In the Gospel of this last Sunday, the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Jesus presented the parable of the wheat and the weeds (Matthew 13:24-43). A field sown with good seed is found also to contain weeds. The servants, disturbed by their presence, seek immediate action.

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Yet the master counsels patience: "Let both of them grow together until the harvest." Jesus' teaching does not excuse wrongdoing, nor does it diminish the seriousness of human failure. Rather, it acknowledges a reality that runs throughout history of salvation: God's work unfolds within a human community marked by both grace and frailty. The Church is holy because Christ is holy. Yet, she is also a pilgrim people whose members continually require repentance, purification, and renewal.

Subsequently, the Gospel invites us to embrace three dispositions. First, we are called to remain committed to truth. We must never fear the truth. Where there are questions to be examined, they should be examined honestly. Where accountability is required, it must be pursued. Where justice is sought, it must be respected. The credibility of our witness to the Gospel depends not upon the absence of human weakness but upon our willingness to walk in the light of truth. Christ himself assures us that the truth sets us free.

Second, we are called to persevere in hope. Public inquiries, court proceedings, and institutional challenges can easily dominate headlines and shape perceptions. Yet they do not tell the whole story of the Church. Every day throughout our Diocese, the Gospel continues to be proclaimed, children continue to be educated in faith, the vulnerable continue to be served, families continue to gather for prayer, and communities continue to celebrate the Eucharist. The quiet and faithful work of God's Kingdom rarely commands public attention, but it remains the deeper reality.

Third, we are called to trust in the providence of God. The parables that follow in Matthew's Gospel speak of the mustard seed and the yeast. Both images remind us that God's Kingdom often advances in ways that are hidden, gradual, and surprising. At times the Church may appear diminished, challenged, or overshadowed by events beyond her control. Yet the Holy Spirit continues to guide the Church as has been the case throughout every age. As Catholics, we do not place our hope in the absence of difficulties. Rather, we place our hope in the promise that God continues to bring forth good even amid challenge, purification, and change.

For this reason, I ask us all to pray in the months ahead for all victims of abuse and injustice, for those involved in judicial and investigative processes, for those entrusted with leadership and governance within the Church, for religious communities facing uncertainty about the future, and for our Diocese during this time.

At this particular moment, our local Church is itself living through a period of waiting. Such times can feel uncertain. We naturally look towards the future and wonder what lies ahead. Yet the Scriptures repeatedly teach us that waiting is not an absence of God's action. Rather, it is often the privileged place where God's purposes quietly unfold. The Gospel's image of the wheat and the weeds reminds us that growth takes time and that God's work is not always immediately apparent. The farmer does not abandon the field because difficulties arise within it. He remains confident in the harvest to come. So, too, must we remain confident in the Lord's fidelity to his Church. Indeed, if we look back over the forty years of our Diocese, we see abundant signs of God's providence. Through changing circumstances, the Holy Spirit has continued to guide and sustain us. New communities have emerged, ministries have flourished, schools and agencies have grown, vocations have been nurtured, and countless people have encountered the love of Christ through the life of our Diocese.

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The same Spirit who has guided us in the past continues to accompany us now. As we await the next chapter in the life of our Diocese, let us resist discouragement and cultivate instead the virtue of Christian hope. Hope is not optimism that circumstances will always be favourable. Hope is the confident trust that God remains at work, even when the path ahead is not yet fully visible. It is the conviction that the Lord, who has begun a good work among us, will bring it to fulfilment.

The harvest of which Jesus speaks belongs ultimately to God. The final word over the Church is not failure, scandal, decline, or uncertainty. The final word belongs to the risen Christ, who continues to gather, purify, and strengthen His people.

Entrusting us all to the maternal care of Mary, Star of the Sea, I assure you of my prayers and ask you to remember me in yours.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



CAMPION COLLEGE OPEN HOUSE 11.15AM-2.00PM SAT 1 AUG 2026

Open to prospective students and their families.
A great opportunity for high-school students who
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Join Our **Homelessness Week Launch Event**

*Beyond Crisis: Reimagining Our
Homelessness Response*

 **3rd Aug 2026**

 **2.45pm-6.30pm**

[Register Now](#)

**Join us at NSW Parliament for the
Homelessness Week 2026 Launch Event**



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MBB FORMATION DAY:

Martha & Mary

MINISTRY OF WELCOME AND HOSPITALITY FOR PARISHES

Saturday **1 August** and Saturday **22 August 2026**

Caroline Chisholm Centre, Pennant Hills

Satellite Hub: Ambrose Centre, The Entrance



REGISTER HERE:



Presented by Kelly Paget, this Formation Day is grounded in the Gospel witness of Martha and Mary and our calling to be a people of welcome. This gathering is designed to support parishes in cultivating a consistent, intentional, and Christ-centred culture of radical hospitality within their local communities and across the Diocese.



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VENUE 1

CAROLINE CHISHOLM CENTRE
Wednesday, 26th August at 6pm,
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VENUE 2:

AMBROSE CENTRE
Thursday, 27th August at 6pm,
12 Ashton Avenue,
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This is a REPEAT of the session at the CCC, not a separate event.

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This formation session will explore a range of considerations on both the supply chain side (machine learning and human training of AI, data centres, etc), and the consumer side of AI.

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📅 Friday, 24 July 2026

🕒 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

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🕒 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

📍 Harrington Hall of Our Lady of Dolours Church
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🕒 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

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Ticket required for entry.



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17th July: 3rd Friday Service, EPPING NSW
Healing Prayer Service, 6:00pm–8:00pm
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Healing Prayer Service, 7:00pm–9:00pm
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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
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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
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Eucharist28 Update – This is My Body, Given For You

The International Eucharistic Congress in Sydney in 2028 ('Eucharist28') will be a global gathering of the Church centred on the Eucharist, the source and summit of our Christian lives, culminating in a Papal Mass with Pope Leo XIV. It will be a festival of faith, rich with worship, prayer, testimonies, art, music – a truly 'once in a lifetime' experience, and a transformative moment for our nation.

The theme for Eucharist28 is 'This is My Body, Given For You', which invites us to reflect on the words that Christ spoke as he instituted the Eucharistic Sacrifice.

At each Mass, the priest repeats Jesus' words from the Last Supper, and the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ.

This miraculous change does not end with the gifts. As we receive the Body of Christ, we are transformed into the Body of Christ, carrying His presence into our homes, workplaces, schools, parishes and communities.

Just as He gave His life for us, we too are called to offer our lives in sacrifice and service to God and to those around us.

This national journey to Eucharist28 is an invitation for all of us to share in the breaking of the bread and allow Christ's presence to transform us. The journey begins now, in our own hearts and in our own parishes.

For catechetical material to help your parish and community prepare for this moment, head to **eucharist28.org/resources**.





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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.
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- 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.
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Copenhagen - 5 nights

- Travel to Denmark via ferry. Visit Kronborg Castle (Hamlet's Castle).
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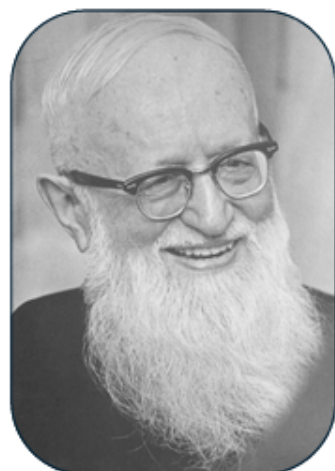
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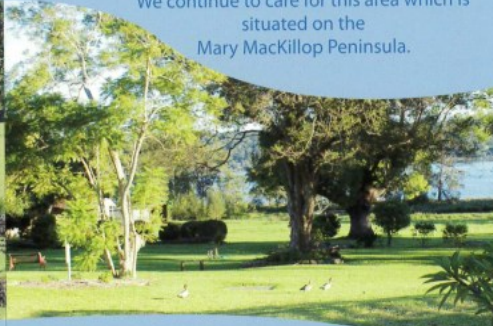
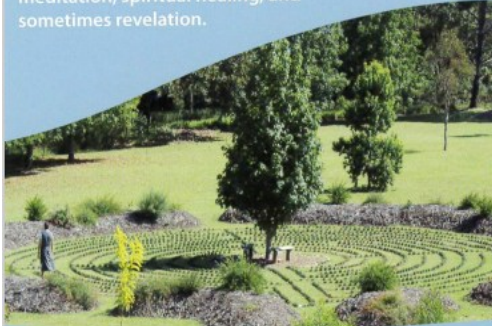
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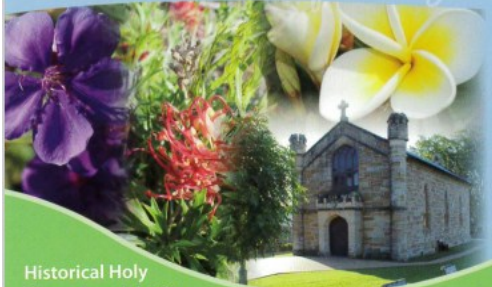
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NSW Province

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

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

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

St Joseph's Spirituality & Education Centre

8 Humphreys Road, Kincumber South, NSW 2251
Phone: 02 43682805 : Fax: 02 43683849
Email: bookings@stjosephsretreat.org.au
Web: www.stjosephskincumber.org.au



Location

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

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

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

Services

Dedicated staff are on hand to advise and to ensure the smooth running of your group's activities.

You can be certain of our personalised & professional service from start to finish for your conference, meeting or seminar.

The Centre is open to people of all faiths and beliefs and is a warm and welcoming place respecting cultural and religious differences.

Meals are prepared on site, catering for special dietary requirements.

Morning and afternoon tea are all homemade.

Facilities

St Joseph's is a smoke free environment.

The quality and presentation of the accommodation add to the overall ambience of the Centre.

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

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

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

Sound and visual equipment for conferences are available on request.

Walking Tracks and Gardens

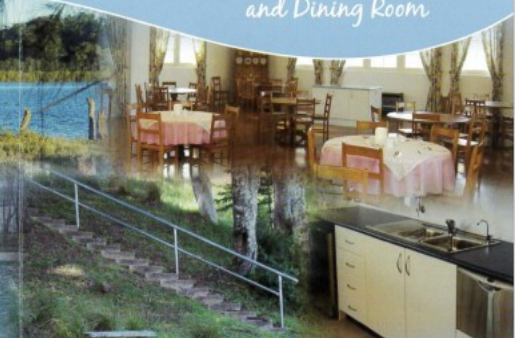
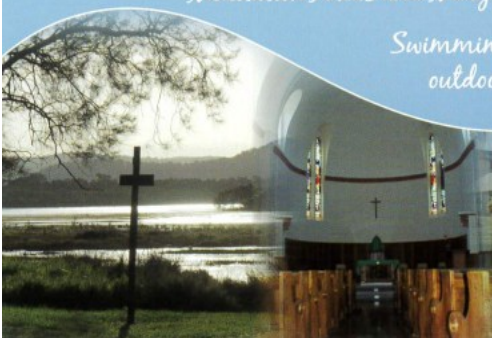
Meditation Areas and Mary of the Cross Walk

Swimming pool and outdoor patio

Chapel and prayer rooms

Conference Rooms

Lounge, Tea Bays and Dining Room



CATHOLICCARE BROKEN BAY

Do you have a problem that you can't solve on your own?

When feelings become overwhelming or confusing, counselling can be very helpful. We work with you to overcome challenges and stress. We work with you, assisting you to face challenges and stressors, coming up with suggestions to tackle or resolve these challenges. We listen, talk through experiences and help you think about ways forward. Common issues addressed in counselling include family transitions, communication issues, work/life balance, conflict, parenting after separation, grief and loss and decision making. We offer a welcoming, inclusive environment and a safe space for all ages. CatholicCare offers Government funded, fee for service and NDIS approved therapy options for yourself, your children and as a family unit.

To access this service please call 1800 324 924 or visit www.catholiccaredbb.org.au.



Key Telephone Numbers

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POLICE: 000

Call the Police for immediate assistance.

1800 RESPECT: 1800 737 732

A national 24-hour 7 day a week service, for advice or support in relation to sexual assault and domestic violence. The service also connects victims to the nearest help according to their location.

FOR NON-ENGLISH SPEAKERS

Call 131 450 for an interpreter. Ask them to ring 1800 RESPECT for you.

CATHOLICARE BROKEN BAY

CatholicCare provides a range of services to assist women and children experiencing domestic violence

Central Coast: 1800 324 924	Northern Beaches: 1800 324 924
Naremburn: 1800 324 924	Waitara: 1800 324 924

MEN'S REFERRAL SERVICE: 1300 766 491

A national 24-hour 7 day a week anonymous and confidential counselling, information and referral service to help men stop using violent and controlling behaviour.

FOR FEMALE MIGRANTS UNDER A TEMPORARY VISA

Migrants are especially vulnerable to abuse because they are in unfamiliar territory without knowledge of the laws and emergency services they can access.

If you are experiencing domestic violence, you can take out an Apprehended Violence Order (AVO) against your partner.

Under the Migration Act you can apply for permanent residency due to domestic violence.

Ring any of the following numbers:

Immigration Advice and Rights Centre	02 8234 0777
Immigrant Women's SpeakOut Association	1800 656 463
Legal Aid NSW	1300 888 529 (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

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