

# 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 NOVEMBER 2023 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

WYONG CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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## **Reflection 26.11.2023 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

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*I love the feast of Christ the King. It reminds me of Jesus' sovereignty in my life and over the world. This frees me from the worldly notion that I'm in charge of my life and answerable to nobody. And our reading today shows us what kind of sovereign our Lord is. He is not a remote king who enjoys 'lording it over' us. But rather, he is a king who came to serve, and we are to follow his example. At the end of our life we will be called to account on how well we have done. It can be easy to say we love and serve Jesus. But in today's reading we learn that the real test is how we have loved and served others, for in doing so, we have loved and served Jesus. Have we clothed the hungry and fed the poor or given a drink to the thirsty? Have we visited those in prison or even the lonely family member who is shut inside their home? As we prepare to enter Advent, the Feast of Christ the King calls us to examine our lives, to take a spiritual audit and prepare ourselves for the great feast of Christmas to come.*

## ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO BECOME A CATHOLIC?

Dear Parishioners,

This is Clint Warren-Davey, Religious Education teacher at St. Peter's Catholic College. With the support of Fr Raul, Fr Alex, Fr Teody and Jo Helm (Parent Engagement Coordinator), I will be running **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)** through Wyong Parish in 2023-24. This is for people who are curious about becoming Catholic, or lapsed Catholics who want to re-examine their Faith.

I will be explaining the core doctrines of Catholicism along with rational arguments for why we believe them. If you have any questions about the Faith, this is the place to ask them!

The program will run from November 2023 to March 2024, with a one-hour session every second **Saturday at 3pm at St. Cecilia's Church, Wyong.**

The first session will be **3pm, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November.**

If anyone is curious about this, please contact myself or Joanne Helm.

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Or go online by scanning the QR code or visiting: [bbccatholic.org.au/pastoralworks](http://bbccatholic.org.au/pastoralworks). Thank you.

## SAVE THE DATE!!!!!!

The Parish Christmas Function will be held on **Friday 15 December** in the school hall at **St John Fisher, Tumby Umbi**. We hope everyone will join us, so please mark your calendar.

## PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY ORGANISATION MEETING

A meeting will be held on next **Tuesday 28 November at 11:00am at Mingara** to plan the Parish Christmas thank you gathering. Any parishioner who would like to be involved in this will be most welcome. See you on Tuesday morning.

## Christmas Cards & Calendars

Christmas cards and calendars are now available at the back of the church before and after Mass. Cards are \$10 for a pack of 10 & calendars are \$10 each. Proceeds go to the **St Vincent de Paul Society**.

## November Pray Intentions For the Pope

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

## 250 Club Update

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING SUPPORT**

### 250 NUMBERS SOLD

Weekly Prizes are \$50 – 1<sup>st</sup> & \$20 – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Monthly Prizes are \$200 – 1<sup>st</sup> & \$50 – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
and will be last weekend of the month.

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25th/26th November	Monthly	228	Susan Higgins	144	Margaret Croke

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### Parish Vocations Volunteer

The Broken Bay Vocations Team is seeking your help to nurture a culture of vocations in our local Church. As a Parish Vocations Volunteer, you could play a vital role in promoting vocations awareness, encouraging prayer, and supporting local events in your parish. If you feel called to this rewarding service, your involvement would be greatly valued. To express your interest, simply scan the QR code provided and follow the prompts. In Christ, Fr Sam.



**THANK YOU -  
TUMBI UMBI**

### White Elephant Stall

Thank you to all who were able to support our Pastoral Works appeal we have raised \$415.00 through this stall with special thanks to Rae.

### NEXT WHITE ELEPHANT STALL – ST CECILIA’S CHURCH, WYONG

Our next White Elephant stall will be held at all weekend masses at St Cecilia’s Church, Wyong

On the 9<sup>th</sup> of December after 5pm Mass & 10<sup>th</sup> Of December after 9:30am Mass to support our Pastoral Works appeal once again.

Rae will have many items for sale. if you are able, please support us with this appeal.

Thank you!

### Talk on Hearing God’s Call through Scripture

Is God calling me to do something? How has God called people in the past? Am I worthy to be called by God? These are questions which Broken Bay Seminarian, Shayne, will explore by looking at the life of St Peter in the Gospels. Peter was an ordinary fisherman who became the Catholic Church’s first Pope, a journey which will change the way you understand God’s plan for you.

**Where:** St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Warnervale

**Time:** Sun 10th Dec, 615pm-715pm

Finger foods to be provided after 5pm Mass.

We warmly welcome the children who are to be baptized this weekend into our Parish Community. May the grace of the Lord Jesus bless them and their Families.



### Mothers’ Union Christmas stall – St James Anglican Church, Wyong

**Sunday the 10th of December between 8am –12pm**

Please support our neighboring church with their Christmas stall, if you are able to.

They will have a range of goods including:

-Homemade Crafts

-Plants

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### ST CECILIA'S CHURCH

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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

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**Weekday Mass**

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**Reconciliation/Confession** Saturday at 4.30pm

### EMERGENCY PRIEST CONTACT

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*Children's Liturgy at the following Masses*

St Cecilia's 5pm 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* Sat St Cecilia's & Wed 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

### KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Richard Mahinay, Carol Dafter, Raymond (Ray) Baker, Fay King (Regina Preston's Aunt).

**ANNIVERSARY NOVEMBER:** Ron Mahoney, Marie Therese Bartlett



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### Safeguarding Message

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# Sunday Mass 26th November 2023

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest - it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 22:1-3, 5-6

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

### Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in the proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation Mark 11:9, 10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia!

### Gospel Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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



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## Installation Process for the St Cecilia Reliquary



### Timeline

<b><u>1 May 2023</u></b>	Father Raul approached Bishop Anthony to determine the authenticity of the relic.
<b><u>17 May 2023</u></b>	Bishop Anthony decreed the relic is authentic and would be installed.
<b><u>September 2023</u></b>	A committee was formed to begin the liturgical processes required
<b><u>October 2023</u></b>	The committee determined the date for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the official launch,</li> <li>• preparation of banner and</li> <li>• prayer cards.</li> </ul>
<b><i>OFFICIAL LAUNCH</i></b>	9:30 am Mass on Sunday, <b>26 November 2023</b> , followed by a celebratory morning tea.
<b><u>December 2023</u></b>	Committee will visit the Shrine of St John Paul at Gosford. Father Skulski will provide information on the process for the development of our Shrine and many other considerations.
<b><u>2024</u></b>	Throughout 2024, the committee will investigate and determine the best ways to meet all liturgical and other requirements. These include Safety, Presentation (incl memorabilia), Location and Security Measures for the relic itself, as well as infrastructure and policy changes necessary to ensure these can be met.
<b><u>November 2024</u></b>	INSTALLATION OF THE RELIC
<b><u>Ongoing Activities</u></b>	Pastoral Activities e.g., Pilgrimages, Faith Formation, Workshops Shrine Activities e.g., Special Masses, Healing Evenings.

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# ST PETER'S NEWS

CHALLENGING OUR STUDENTS THROUGH A FOCUS ON EXCELLENCE



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## TRANSFORMING EDUCATION: THE VISION BEHIND EILEEN O'CONNOR SCHOOL

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Students

Our Bishop, Most Rev Anthony Randazzo, has been committed to ensuring that Catholic Schools Broken Bay provides an inclusive model of education which caters for all students with a disability. In response to this commitment Catholic Schools Broken Bay is transforming inclusive education by establishing a new school, Eileen O'Connor School.

Eileen O'Connor School (EOS) will provide a flexible and responsive model of education for students with disability through the structure of a Base School and a network of Support Classes in local parish schools. Transition between the Base School and Support Classes, or Support Classes and local parish school enrolment is facilitated.

The Eileen O'Connor school base school will be constructed on our site here at Tuggerah. The base school will be a K – 12 school where educators and allied health professional work collaboratively to provide resources and service that will help our children with disabilities flourish. The base school will have capacity for up to 200 students and will feature small adult to student ratios. It will have 20 general Learning areas catering for 2 streams of primary school classes and a single stream of secondary. The site will host flexible workspaces for Kitchen, technologies and Visual Arts as well as a state of the art library. Sensory indoor and outdoor play spaces and complimentary learning spaces will provide the support best needed to cater for the needs of the students who attend the school.

Building works are scheduled to begin on our site in 2025 with the first enrolments of the base school commencing in 2027 with Year 1, Year 2 and Year 7 students.

This is an exciting project for our system and will provide quality learning for students with a disability as well as supporting our families in an inclusive model that will enable the participation and success of all learnings.

If you would like more information about the Eileen O'Conner school please use the QR code or the CSBB website <https://csbb.catholic.edu.au/our-strategy/eileenconnor/>

*Tim Hildebrandt*  
Principal



**Eileen O'Connor School**  
**represents a key**  
**NSW education**  
**initiative.**



## THE NEED

### WE KNOW...

- Raising a child with a disability can significantly impact many aspects of family life.
- Searching for the ideal school for a child with a disability can leave parents feeling overwhelmed.
- Parents deserve the right to choose the most appropriate educational setting for their child.
- 1 in 12 school-aged children have a disability.
- Disability diagnoses among school students is increasing.
- 60,000 more children will be attending schools in NSW over the next decade.
- Demand for disability support is growing at 4 times the rate of enrolment.
- Successful transition between support and mainstream classrooms is reliant on building teacher capacity in specialised and inclusive education.

### WE BELIEVE...

- All children have the right to quality education regardless of financial means.
- Children must be at the centre of decision-making.
- Education systems have a moral imperative to provide disability supports within an **inclusive model of education to enable the participation and success of all learners.**
- Large school systems should not continue outsourcing this responsibility to small scale providers.
- Effective and respectful partnerships between schools, parents and carers, and allied health professionals best supports students' engagement in an inclusive environment and curriculum.
- Streamlining education and therapy support and services places the child at the centre.

# TRANSFORMING THE APPROACH

Catholic Schools Broken Bay (CSBB) is transforming quality, inclusive education for students with a disability by:

- **Building staff capacity** across the region to meet the needs of students with disability in mainstream classrooms.
- **Establishing a network of Eileen O'Connor Support Classes** across the region in existing CSBB Primary and Secondary schools, offering:
  - Small class sizes with skilled teacher and teaching assistant teams, typically 1:3 and no more than 1:4 ratio.
  - Opportunities for students to generalise their learnt skills in mainstream environments.
  - Opportunities for students to participate in school events and activities with their age-peers.
- **Building a K-12 Eileen O'Connor Base School** using land located within St Peter's Tuggerah - in the Central Coast region of the Diocese of Broken Bay, where educators and allied health professionals work collaboratively to provide resources and services that will help our children with disabilities flourish.

Eileen O'Connor School will provide an **inclusive model of education in action** - in purpose-built facilities - focusing on student strengths and high expectations for learning growth. Learning will be tailored to individual differences through systematic delivery of contemporary innovative curriculum to meet the needs of students with disability.

The establishment of Eileen O'Connor Base School and Support Classes will broaden

CSBB facilities and support for students with disability, affording parents with enrolment options tailored to the specific needs of their children.

Creating a **flexible and responsive model of education for students with disability** through the structure of the Eileen O'Connor School as a Base School and network of Support Classes in mainstream setting will:

- Provide appropriate resources and opportunities throughout a child's school journey.
- Provide opportunities for transition between Base and Support Classes, or Support Classes and mainstream classes.
- Allow greater accessibility to specialist services provided by the Base School for students across the region.
- Promote dissemination of pedagogy, staff expertise and curriculum delivery strategies developed by the Eileen O'Connor Base School across a broader teaching community in CSBB schools.
- Offer tailored adult: student ratios allowing for individualised instruction at students' point of need.
- Create smaller class sizes to provide safe, responsive learning environments.

Eileen O'Connor School will promote inclusive practices according to the Disability Discrimination Act (1992) and the Disability Standards for Education (2005). Placement in Eileen O'Connor Base School and Support Classes will be based on set criterion that will allow for flexibility to target the functional impact of the disability.



**Where education and therapy  
come together to ensure positive  
student growth**

# EILEEN O'CONNOR BASE SCHOOL

A concept design and fly-through for Eileen O'Connor Base School has been created by Stanton Dahl Architects and includes:

- Capacity for 200 students.
- Small adult : student ratios (specialist teacher and teaching assistant teams).
- 20 General Learning Areas catering for 2 streams of Kindergarten - Year 6 and a single stream Years 7-12.
- Flexible workspaces for Kitchen, TAS/STEAM, Visual Arts.
- State of the art Library.
- Sensory indoor and outdoor play spaces.
- Complimentary learning spaces to
- support collaboration with allied health professionals for tailored interventions and in-class support.
- Amenities, storerooms and staffroom.
- Co-located on CSBB owned land alongside St Peter's Catholic College, Tuggerah.

Subject to funding, the Eileen O'Connor Base School will be constructed in 2 stages across 3 years.

- First enrolments will begin in 2027 with Kindergarten, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 7 students.
- The school will be at capacity by 2032.

Eileen  
O'Connor  
School

## WHY DO WE NEED A PURPOSE-BUILT FACILITY?

**60,000**



more children will be in NSW schools over the next decade.

**1 in 12**



school-aged children have a disability.

**4 x**



demand for disability support is growing at four times the rate of enrolment.

# EILEEN O'CONNOR SCHOOL

**Learner diversity matters**



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- Maureen Roast 0435 245 849
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# Knox Public Lecture 2023

Tuesday 28 November 7.30pm  
Live videostream via Zoom

## *Truth and Peace: Timeless Twins*

Presented by Dr Susan Connelly RSJ



Dr Susan Connelly, a Sister of St Joseph, is an educator and activist who advises the Australian Bishops Commission for Social Justice. She has worked with the East Timorese people for almost 30 years in cultural support and justice advocacy.

Susan is the author of *East Timor, René Girard and Neocolonial Violence: Scapegoating as Australian Policy* (Bloomsbury, 2022) and her current concerns include the Australian espionage against Timor-Leste in 2004, the prosecutions of “Witness K” and Bernard Collaery, and the oppression of the people of West Papua.

Susan will reflect on the critical challenges to truth telling in public life, in the light of Catholic social teaching on justice and peace.

Join us for this important conversation as we mark the 60th anniversary of Pope John XXIII’s landmark encyclical on international peace, *Pacem in terris*.



To book scan the QR code or go to [trybooking.com/CMYVM](https://trybooking.com/CMYVM)

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20.11.2023

Dear Supporters,

Thank you for continuing to promote our Gaza Crisis Appeal. As the situation continues to deteriorate, Caritas Australia is continuing to respond and we have further ways the Australia community can support this vital humanitarian work. We would appreciate your support in sharing the information below.

1. **Service of Solidarity (Webinar)** – Next Monday 27 November 2023 at 4:30 pm AEDT

An opportunity to come together in love, prayer and support as we share messages of hope. Hear from Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Sally Thomas (Caritas Australia's Humanitarian Lead) and Michael McGirr (Caritas Australia's Mission Facilitator).

**Monday 27 November**

**4:30 to 5:00 pm AEDT**

Everyone is welcome.

Please register in advance for this webinar:

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