

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 OCTOBER 2025— 30TH 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—Who are we as we come before God today? Poor, humble, weak, broken-hearted, ill, exhausted, in need of God's mercy? God's face is always turned towards such people. In the Mass today, the penitential rite is a great opportunity to stand in that place of humility with the tax-collector. Presiders sometimes use their own words to introduce the prayers of mercy, I have heard one ask us to come to our God of love and compassion 'for forgiveness of our sins, for peace in our hearts and for healing in our lives'. Another calls us to 'reflect on our need for healing in our relationships with God, others, ourselves and our environment'. The penitential rite is a great equalizer and reality-check; we can all recognise aspects of ourselves that are rough or broken. We come to receive Jesus' gift of himself in Communion not because we are perfect, but because we are in need of him. He wants to feed and nourish us because we are hungry and thirsty. If we come to him full of ourselves, we may not appreciate this gift and we may leave unchanged. So let us be open to God's mercy and healing today.

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ALL HALLOWS EVE - 31ST OCTOBER



DID YOU KNOW? Halloween has significant Catholic roots, originally named All Hallows' Eve and celebrated as the vigil before All Saints' Day on November 1st. While modern Halloween has secular aspects, its name and origin are tied to the Catholic tradition of honoring saints and is the start of a three-day observance that also includes All Souls' Day on November 2nd.

Celebrating this Christian Holy day helps remind the faithful of **the reality of heaven and hell**, the saints and the damned, demons and angels, and the holy souls suffering in purgatory. It reminds us that life is short, and we should use our time wisely. *Memento mori*, say the saints. "Remember your death."

This time of year also reminds us to pray for the souls of the deceased. It is a reminder that we, too, will one day die, and should always strive to live good and holy lives so that we can be ready to enter eternity and stand before God.

PARISH CALENDAR—IMPORTANT DATES

- ◆ 25th Oct—Marian Spirituality Retreat
- ◆ 25/26th Oct—Infant Loss Mass
- ◆ 1st Nov—All Saint Day
- ◆ 2nd Nov— All Souls Day
- ◆ 9th Nov—Deceased Spouse Mass
- ◆ 5th Dec—Ecumenical Christmas Carols
- ◆ 19th Dec—Parish Christmas Dinner at SJF school hall

Jubilee Year Events: Multi-cultural Dinner, Marian Spirituality Day & Pilgrimage Day.

With all of our wonderful Parish events coming up, they require many hands and lots of organization to keep them going. We would love your help! Should you wish to volunteer for any of these events, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible. Many Thanks.

Spouses Remembrance Masses 8th & 9th November

At all Masses 8th & 9th Nov, all parishioners are invited to remember and pray for deceased spouses and loved ones.

We will invite you to light a candle during our Mass for your loved one.

WYONG PARISH JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE PILGRIMAGE

Thank you everyone who attended our Jubilee Pilgrimage. It was a wonderful and memorable day!

A huge thank you to St Peters Catholic Collage for allowing us to use their buses and to our wonderful bus drivers, Michael and Ash, without you this day would not have been possible.

We are grateful to the following parishes, Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara, Our Lady of Dolour's, Chatswood, St Mary's Immaculate Church, Manly and St Patrick's Church, Gosford that hosted us, it was moving to



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.



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.

GRANDPARENTS' DAY 26TH OCTOBER 2025

It's a special occasion that celebrates grandparents, Elders, grand-friends, relatives, and those who generally take on the role of a grandparent or Elder within their family or community.



"Where there is no honour for the elderly, there is no future for the young" - Pope Francis

Lord God almighty, bless our grandparents with long life, happiness, and health. May they remain constant in your love and be living signs of your presence to their children and grandchildren. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

"HOLYWINS"

👉 DRESS UP AS YOUR FAVORITE SAINTS

👉 SHARE THEMED FOODS AND TREATS

👉 COME UP WITH PLAYFUL ACTIVITIES ABOUT THE SAINTS

👉 DECORATE YOUR HOME ALTAR AND PRAY AS A FAMILY.

ALL HALLOWS' EVE

THE VIGIL OF ALL SAINTS

let's celebrate light not fright!

4 ways to celebrate
"All Saints' Eve"
with your family

31ST OCT



CHILDREN'S LITURGY—YOU'RE INVITED !

All children are invited to attend the children's Liturgy at our weekend masses. Children's Liturgy is when the children leave the congregation to celebrate and reflect on the Sunday Gospel reading in an age appropriate way.

The children are led through prayers, songs and readings that are adapted to their level of understanding. (Please ensure there is a parent/guardian for children under 5yrs old; all parents/guardians welcome).

Attending Mass together is a part of being a Catholic Family, while Children's Liturgy allows children to enter the celebration more fully by catering to their needs.



Mass with Children's Liturgy:

St Cecilia's Church, Wyong Sunday 9.30am

St John Fisher Mass Centre, Tumby Umbi—Sunday 5:00pm



Volunteers always needed & appreciated! Speak with Maria or office staff to find out more.

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CATHOLIC MISSION PARISH APPEAL 18 & 19 OCTOBER 2025

During World Mission Sunday, we are called to be 'Missionaries of hope among all peoples', and we invite you to extend Christ's love to those in need in Zambia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/mission, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.



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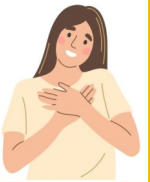


COMMUNION BLESSING

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.



Condolences

Our Parish extends our condolences to the family and loved ones of Barbara Barry who has recently passed away.

The funeral will be held on: **Wednesday 5th November at 11am.**

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



St Barnabas Church Yarramalong—1st Sunday of the Month

Mass will be celebrated at St Barnabas Church, Yarramalong
Sunday 2nd November at 11.15am. All are welcome.



Day for
Daniel

Day for Daniel Friday, 31 October 2025

October closes with Day for Daniel, Australia's largest national day of action for child safety and protection. Now in its 20th year, the Daniel Morcombe Foundation invites us to wear red, educate children about personal safety, and stand together in promoting awareness and prevention.

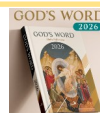
Held each year on the last Friday of October, Day for Daniel honours the memory of Daniel Morcombe and reminds us that safeguarding is a shared responsibility across families, schools, parishes, and communities. By taking part, we help build awareness and equip children and young people with the knowledge and confidence they need to stay safe.

JUBILEE OF THE WORLD OF EDUCATION—31 October-2 November

The Jubilee of the World of Education celebrates all forms of education – early learning, school (both primary and secondary), and tertiary education.
[NCE Jubilee Resources/Jubilee of the World of Education.pdf](https://www.nce.edu.au/resources/jubilee-of-the-world-of-education.pdf)

BOOK: GOD'S WORD 2026

God's Word 2026, \$20 a book.
Please contact the parish office if you would like a copy.



Pope's Prayer Intention—OCTOBER

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

Mass/Prayer Envelopes—Please note all Mass/Prayer Intention Envelopes can be given directly to our Priests. If they are placed on the collection plate they will not be received until Tuesday.

PLANNED GIVING—Dear Parishioners, should you wish to donate electronically, please see details below.
We appreciate all offerings and support gifted to our Parish!

To support the Priests (1st Collection):
Acc name: SOLT Australia Inc
BSB: 062 195
Acc no: 1022 9389

To support the running & upkeep of the Parish (2nd Collection):
Acc name: Wyong Catholic Parish
BSB: 062 784
Acc no: 100 001 943

All Saints Day

SATURDAY 1ST NOV
ONLY AT ST CECILIA'S: 8AM

All Souls Day

SUNDAY 2ND NOV

INCLUDES SAT 5PM VIGIL MASS

ST CECILIA'S: 7.30AM & 9.30AM

ST JOHN FISHER'S: 8.30AM & 5PM



St Cecilia's Old Mothers Club & Friends get together on **Thursday 30th October** at the Royal Hotel Wyong at 11:30am. Hope to see you all there—Marie Dyer

200 Club 2025

Prize change:

First prizes have been lowered by \$50.
Monthly Prizes: 1st \$250; 2nd \$150; 3rd \$100; 4th \$50
Major Prizes: 1st \$450; 2nd \$250; 3rd \$150; 4th \$100

DRAW RESULTS:

- 1 \$250 No 108 David Crass
2. \$150 No 45 Joe Cesca
3. \$100 No 1 Frankie Mifsud
4. \$50 No 133 Barbara Peers

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Date: Thursday 30 October 2025

Time: 7 pm – 8.30 pm AEDT (NSW/VIC/ACT/TAS)



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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 Po Box 385 Wyong 2259

OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday, 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**

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

FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/wyongcatholicparish

KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

SICK: Michael McDermott, Michele Bolton, Jeanine Doueihy, Lisa Glanville, Margaret McDermott, Dave Rodney, Danae Roe, Milva Kefu, Georgina Mastroianni, Tahniahuriri, Mary Anne Xuereb, Tony Sabat, Colleen Goodwin, Maureen Cross, Vince Bosco, Josephine Imer

RECENTLY DECEASED:
Irene Dainty, Barbara Barry

ANNIVERSARY OCTOBER: Margaret Donnelly, Frank Costa, Kerry (Andrew) Baldwin, Eileen Preston, James Smith, Dot Myers



Children's Liturgy at the following Masses

St Cecilia's 5:00pm Mass Saturday

St Cecilia's 9.30am Mass Sunday

St John Fisher 5pm Mass Sunday

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE

Mass St Barnabas, Yarramalong

1st Sun of month 11.15am

Filipino Mass St Cecilia's Church

3rd Sun of the month 12pm

Anointing of the Sick

First Friday of the Month

St Cecilia's During 8.00am & 11.30am Mass

St John Fisher During 9.15am Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

St Cecilia's Daily 7am-8am

St John Fisher 1st Fri 8.45 - 9.15am

Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual

Help Saturday—St Cecilia's & Wednesday—St John Fisher (after the 8am Mass)

Devotion to the Divine Mercy

St Cecilia's Fri after the 8am Mass

St John Fisher Fri after the 9:15am Mass

Prayer groups

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

St Cecilia's Legion of Mary 9am Wed Meetings

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

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

PPC Secretary: Kerry Bugden

Ph: 02 4388 2938

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 Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

The Lord is a judge

who is no respecter of personages.

He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man,

he listens to the plea of the injured party.

He does not ignore the orphan's supplication,

nor the widow's as she pours out her story.

The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted,

his petitions will carry to the clouds.

The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds,

until it arrives he is inconsolable,

nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him,

acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement.

And the Lord will not be slow,

nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 32:2-3, 17-19, 23

R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

Second Reading 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me - may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation 2 Corinthians 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;

and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 18:9-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else. "Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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INFORMATION



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FRIDAY

31 OCTOBER

**activities
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6pm start

**in Our Lady of the Rosary Parish grounds,
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Halloween ('All Hallows Eve'), is the evening before the feast of All Saints - the feast in which we celebrate the glory of God in His Saints. We will be celebrating the victory of light over darkness and Jesus's victory over death!

Make this a memorable night for your children - encourage them to dress as their favourite Saint or in white. Everyone else attending please wear something white as a reminder that this is a Night of Light!!

Making the Light shine on Halloween again!!! Go to this link to learn more about Night of Light:

<https://youtu.be/MCemOgw0QQ0>

you're invited to an

ALL SAINTS' DAY PARTY



ST MARY'S PARISH TOUKLEY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31



**5pm Rosary at the Grotto
5:45pm Costume Party
Games & Dinner.**



**Light refreshments provided or
Bring some meat for the BBQ**



**Dress up like your
favorite saint!**



MISSION BROKEN BAY

Looking ahead - Upcoming Events:

25 October—Liturgical Formation Day Series Four:
Rekindling the Wonder

8-9 November—Engaged Encounter Weekend

29 Nov-3 Dec—ACYF, Melbourne

WANT TO JOIN OUR FRIENDSHIP PROGRAM?

CatholicCare are seeking volunteers for our Aged Care Volunteers Visitors Scheme (formerly known as the Community Visitors Scheme). As a volunteer, you will visit seniors in a local aged care facility or in their own home and help improve their quality of life. Our volunteers have the flexibility to choose a day and time that suits them, we just ask for a commitment of at least one hour per fortnight.

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Day 1	Sat 29 Nov	Departure (Travel Day)
Day 2	Sun 30 Nov	ACYF
Day 3	Mon 1 Dec	ACYF
Day 4	Tue 2 Dec	ACYF
Day 5	Wed 3 Dec	Return (Travel Day)

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- Return airport coach transfers
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- Broken Bay Pilgrim T-Shirt

Not included:

- Travel insurance
- Lunches and dinners on festival days

Pilgrimage is open to young people in Year 9 at school, through to the age of 25, and their leaders and clergy.

BROKEN BAY PILGRIMAGE ONLINE INFORMATION EVENING



7PM MON 11 AUGUST 2025
TO REGISTER VIA EMAIL -
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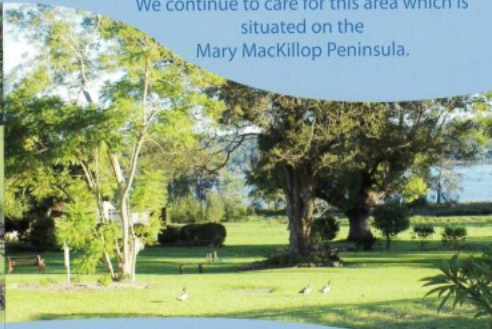
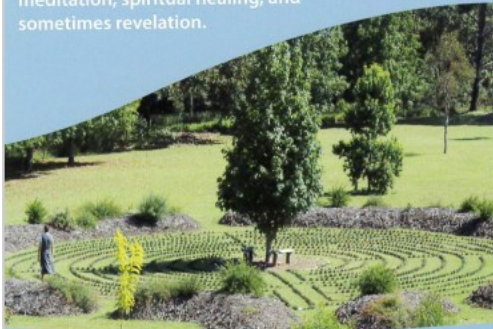
St Joseph's Spirituality and Education Centre Kincumber South

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

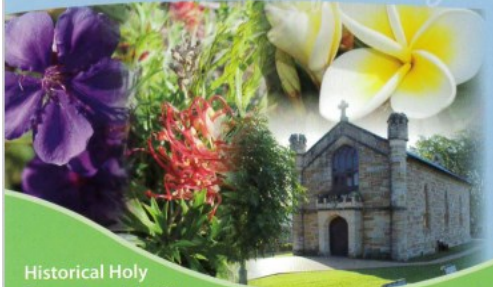
The labyrinth is a place for prayer, meditation, spiritual healing, and sometimes revelation.

We acknowledge the original owner of this land and pay tribute to The Darkinjung Nation and the Guringai people who have cared for this land with love and respect.

We continue to care for this area which is situated on the Mary MacKillop Peninsula.



Peace and Tranquility



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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

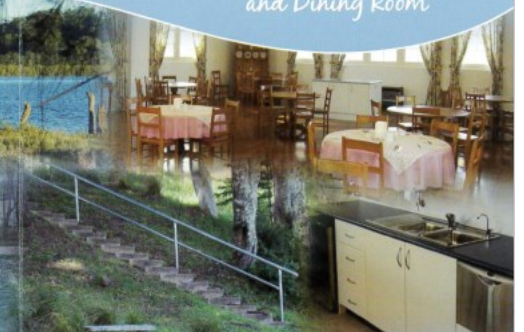
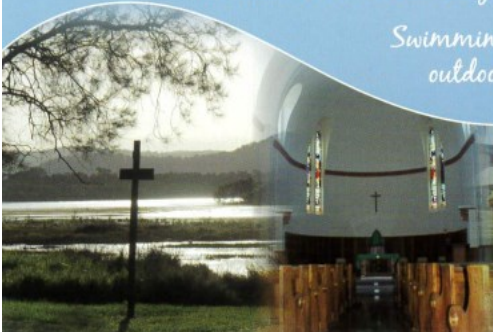
Meditation Areas and Mary of the Cross Walk

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?

Take a photo of this completed form and email to info@catholiccaredbb.org.au or text a photo of the form to 0481 602 046. Thank you.



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THEOLOGY
of the **BODY I**

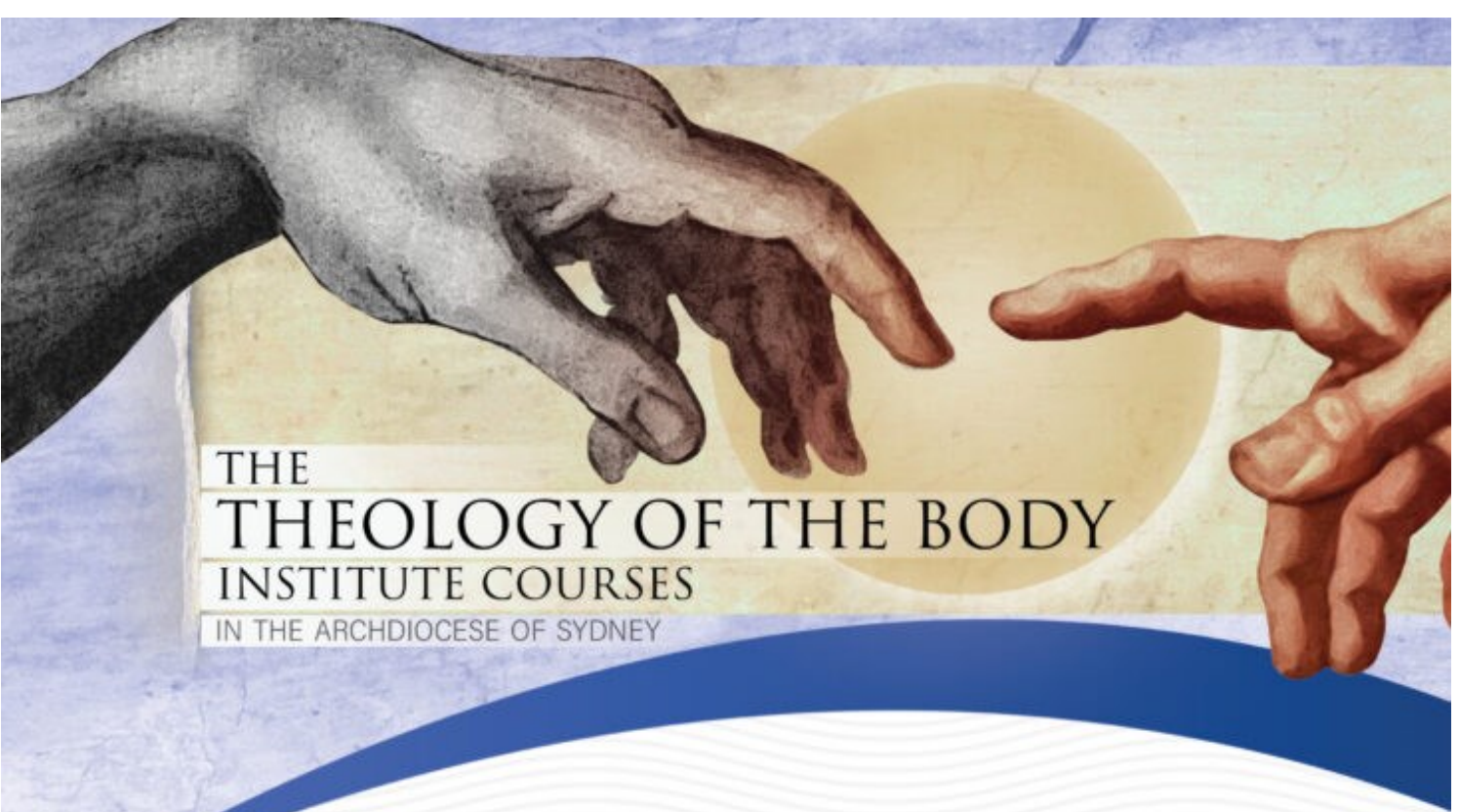
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THE THEOLOGY OF THE BODY INSTITUTE COURSES

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“ And this is why it's already changing so many lives around the world. The Pope's teaching helps us distinguish between the real million-dollar bill and the counterfeit. It helps us 'untwist' our disordered desires and orients us towards the love that truly satisfies.

- Christopher West.

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As part of its commitment to leadership and formation, expressed in the mission plan Go Make Disciples, the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation in the Archdiocese of Sydney has partnered with the Theology of Body (TOB) Institute to provide more accessible opportunities for Catholics in Sydney and beyond to be trained and formed in the Theology of the Body as proclaimed by St. John Paul II.

The TOB Institute are the leading providers of outreach and educational offerings of Theology of the Body and are dedicated to making these profound riches available in the lives of men and women around the world.

Through this partnership, our hope is that Australians are introduced and re-energised with this most important and crucial 'masterwork' and reach men and women in every state of life with a hopeful, liberating vision of human identity that appeals to the deepest yearnings of the heart for love and union.

“ It is a huge blessing to be doing this course together with my husband, as it has opened the way for us to share more deeply with each other and understand each other better as husband and wife.

- Jane, Wife and Doctor

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THEOLOGY OF THE BODY I: HEAD & HEART

IMMERSION COURSE

18-23 JANUARY 2026

3PM SUNDAY TO 1PM FRIDAY

Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, Grose Vale

- Five and a half days of live-in learning & interactive lectures (30 hours of graduate/master's level instruction)
- All course workbook and materials to help you focus more on listening and receiving
- Daily Mass, adoration, and confession
- 5-night accommodation in a **twin shared room** and delicious meals throughout the week
- Time for relaxation and networking
- Gorgeous retreat setting grounds to soak in God's natural beauty

Course Description

This course is a dynamic introduction to St John Paul II's groundbreaking *Theology of the Body* — a series of teachings from his 129 Wednesday addresses — that explore what it means to be human, made in God's image, and called to love.

Students will unpack themes like identity, freedom, gender, vocation, fall and redemption, and discover how our deepest desires can be a path to God — not a detour.

More than just head knowledge, this course invites a journey from insight to transformation — from head to heart, and into daily life.

Learning Objectives

The course is designed to:

- Explore and understand the philosophical foundation on which John Paul II built his theology of the body;
- Synthesize John Paul II's "adequate anthropology" and apply it to the Christian vocations of celibacy and marriage;
- Apply John Paul II's anthropology to a range of questions such as sexual morality, bio-ethics, gender issues, the sacramental life, and the new evangelization;
- Evaluate alternative anthropologies in comparison and contrast with John Paul II's vision of man and woman;
- Integrate the principles of John Paul II's Theology of the Body in one's own life and relationships.

This course is perfect for adults (18+) - lay, clergy, seminarians, religious, ministry leaders, parish coordinators, teachers and those who have a passion and desire to dive deeper into "the rediscovery of the meaning of the whole of existence, the meaning of life". No prerequisite is required to take this course.

“ The Theology of the Body Institute takes the great scholarship of St John Paul II and translates it into a language, images, music and stories that are understandable and resonate in the heart of the average person.
- Christopher West. ”

“ The greatest gift Theology of the Body gave me as an affirmation that the deepest longings, desires and yearnings of my own heart for love, fulfillment and intimacy were not only good but holy.
- Marie, university student ”

Meet your Instructors and Team:

CHRISTOPHER WEST



Dr Christopher West is the most dynamic and compelling evangelists renowned for his mission in spreading the teachings of St John Paul II's Theology of the Body. His global lecturing, best-selling books and multiple audio and video programs have made him the world's most recognised teacher of St John Paul II's "Theology of the Body" – a bold, biblical vision of love and sexuality. He is the co-founder, president and senior lecturer of Theology and Christian Anthropology at the Theology of the Body Institute and a devoted husband and father.

JASON CLARK



Since 2010, Jason has served as Christopher's closest collaborator in overseeing the global mission and outreach of spreading St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body. He has a passion for drawing people closer to the heart of Christ and has been doing so since the early 1990s as a youth and young adult minister, a seminarian, a worship leader, a speaker throughout the United States and abroad, and, most importantly, as a husband and father of five.



**LIFE, MARRIAGE
AND FAMILY**
SYDNEY CENTRE FOR EVANGELISATION

The **Life, Marriage and Family** team in the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation serves parish communities through initiatives that affirm the dignity of the human person and build a culture that supports marriages and families in their vocations. We provide opportunities for spiritual encounter, growth and formation in the areas of RCIA, sacramental life, marriage, family life and men's and women's ministry.

VISIT: www.sydneycatholic.org/lmf

The team will serve as your local support and point of contact for any queries about the program. They will also be present to assist with any needs during the course.

**REGISTRATION
INFORMATION**
REGISTRATIONS CLOSE
8 DECEMBER 2025



EARLY EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

- **Cost:** \$2100 AUD
- **Inclusion:** Immersion Course with all materials, five nights (twin-shared occupied) accommodation and meals.
- **Apply:** tobi.sydneycatholic.org

ERNESTO TRAVEL, an inbound tour operator in Poland and Central-Eastern Europe, is always at your disposal to organize trips or provide services in our beautiful country and our part of Europe.

Why Poland? It is a destination:

- that guarantees customer satisfaction
- that boasts beautiful cities and UNESCO sites, such as Krakow, Warsaw, the Wieliczka Salt Mine, Torun, Malbork Castle, etc.
- with a moving history: Auschwitz-Birkenau, Schindler's Factory, the Warsaw Uprising Museum, etc.
- with spectacular nature: Zakopane, national parks, rafting down the Dunajec River
- excellent cuisine and traditional folklore dinners
- and other special attractions such as the Chocholowskie thermal baths or a boat trip on the grass (Kanal Elblaski)
- for pilgrimage groups, many places of devotion: Wadowice and John Paul II Shrine, the Shrine of Divine Mercy in Lągowo, and St. Faustina Shrine in Czestochowa
- with many direct flights.

Of course, we have English-speaking guides and TE available.

We especially recommend the following programs:

- Krakow in 4/5 days
- Warsaw and Krakow in 5-6 days
- Poland in 8 days
- Poland Pilgrimage
- Prague/Vienna/Budapest or Poland combined with any of these cities
- Lithuania/Latvia/Estonia
- European programs 20-21 days.

Everything is always quoted on a tailor-made basis, upon request. To prepare the offer, we need you to inquire and inform us of the flights, arrival and departure cities, the base number of people, and the group profile.

We are pleased to provide you with information regarding our fam trip schedule for Krakow from October 30th to November 3rd, 2025: please visit www.buykrakow.com or www.icortap.com

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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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