

# 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*

**27TH AUGUST 2023 TWENTY-FIRST 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)**

## A Warm Welcome

**We would like to welcome to the Parish our new priest, Fr Teody, who will be joining Fr Raul and Fr Alex.**

**We also welcome Fr Ronald, Regional Priest Servant (Superior) who will be staying in our Parish for the next couple of weeks.**

## **Reflection 27.8.2023 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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*The key to this Sunday's scripture is found in Paul's rhetorical question in the second reading: "Who could ever know the mind of the Lord?" Isaiah could have posed this question to Shebna and his replacement Eliakim as one was supplanted by the other. In the Gospel, when Peter declares 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God' we know that Peter has only an inkling of what his declaration actually means. He has responded correctly without fully comprehending what he is saying. Yet his words are sufficient to be given an extensive affirmation of authority by Jesus: the keys of the kingdom and power to bind and loose. When much later, Peter came to exercise his authority, perhaps Isaiah's oracle to Shebna and Eliakim would remind him of its provisional nature. In our exercise of authority, large or small, may we remain conscious that it ultimately comes from God and is to be directed towards his kingdom.*



**SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT**  
**2023-2024**

**Listen, Love, Learn**

Australia's Catholic bishops have called on the nation to seek "a new engagement" with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in their annual Social Justice Statement.

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, chair of the Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service says, "We want Catholics to understand that Catholic social teaching and Catholic social action are not simply theoretical and academic exercises."

The theme for this year's statement was chosen in May 2022, well before the Voice was mooted. We ask the Church in Australia to make efforts to lead the way for our fellow Australians" in pursuing reconciliation."

Bishop Long continues "Our attitudes and actions towards First Nations Peoples need to be grounded in justice, love and humility," We need to listen with deep respect and learn from them about what needs to be done to improve their situations. We need to walk with them, day by day, and work with them to bring about change for the better – for their people and for all of us.

Strengthening our relationship with our First Peoples is integral and indeed critical to the strengthening of the whole nation."

The complete Social Justice Statement 2023-2024 is available at: - <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/media/6475/2023-24-social-justice-statement-listen-learn-love-final.pdf>

**Bunnings' Barbecue Fundraiser 2023**

Wyong Parish has been allocated a fundraising sausage sizzle at Bunnings, Tuggerah on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2023**

This is an opportunity to generate substantial fundraising and as this is the Saturday after Father's Day, business should still be brisk. Parishioner help is essential with four people, as well as the BBQ Captain required for each shift. **A roster sheet is available at the back of both Churches, where volunteers can record their name in a time slot which suits.**

Regulations and other guidelines must be strictly adhered to. All volunteers will be advised of these regulations prior to the 9<sup>th</sup> September to ensure we are meeting all requirements, Your help is most appreciated and thank you to all who can help.

**Thank You—From Helen Bath**

My Dear Parishioners

It has been a real privilege being part of your parish life and serving you as Parish Secretary over the past 18 years.

The time has come for me to retire and I take this opportunity to thank you, Fr Raul, Fr Alex and Jo for your support, warmth and friendliness during this time.

A very sincere thank you for all your good wishes and prayers.

It was lovely to share your friendship with a meal at my Parish farewell last Wednesday.

Thank you to all for making this a most enjoyable and memorable day.

I will miss you, but I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless.

**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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26/27th Aug	Weekly	143	Peter Clark	202	Kathleen Payne

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## White Elephant Stall

Support our Pastoral Works Appeal  
Rae will once again be having a stall at all our Masses at Wyong on the weekend of 26/27th August.

She will have a variety of items for sale, everything but the kitchen sink!!

If you are able, please support us with this appeal.

Thank you.

## WE ARE LOOKING FOR Volunteer leaders

IF YOU ARE 18-30 YEARS OLD AND PASSIONATE  
ABOUT SHARING THE GOSPEL WITH YOUNG PEOPLE.  
THIS IS THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU.

COMMITMENT IS 7-9PM EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT  
(DURING SCHOOL TERM)

PLEASE CONTACT PARISH YOUTH COORDINATOR GABBI ON  
0401395366 IF YOU ARE INTERESTED

We welcome the children who are preparing for the Sacrament of First Eucharist and their families to our Masses over the coming weekends. This is a sacred time for them and we encourage you to support and pray for them as they deepen their experience of God's love for them.

We warmly welcome the children from St Cecilia's School who are to be baptized this weekend into our Parish Community.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus bless them and their Families.



## Sunday Mass 27th August 2023

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### First Reading Isaiah 22:19-23

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace: I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiyah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

#### Responsorial Psalm Ps 137:1-3, 6, 8

**R.** Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

#### Second Reading Romans 11:33-36

How rich are the depths of God - how deep his wisdom and knowledge - and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

#### Gospel Acclamation Matthew 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

#### Gospel Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.



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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

**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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Parish Secretary **Margaret Vandenberg ph: 02 4352 1011**

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

### 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, Fay King, Joan Mabbutt, Irene Dainty, Eoin, Paula, Peter Meury, Lyn Nash, Jai Coleman, Danielle, Frank Farrugia, Betty McDermott, Carmel Myers, Clara Banda, Adam

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Richard Mahinay,

Carol Dafter, Raymond (Ray) Baker

**ANNIVERSARY AUGUST:** Lucy Smith, Ruth & Cecil Booth



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### Safeguarding Message

Wyong parish is committed to safeguarding. All children, young persons and vulnerable adults have a right to feel safe and be safe. If you have a concern about the safety of anyone in the parish, please raise your concern with Fr Raul, Fr Alex or Joanne. The contact details are on the back to the Bulletin.

## Vocations

### Annual Seminarian Benefit Dinner

Calling all #BrokenBay faithful! Come join us for an amazing evening Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023. Enjoy delicious food, friendly company and musical performances put on by our very own seminarians. Most importantly, support our diocese's commitment to inspiring vocations! Seats are limited. Tickets are \$60pp, all are welcome! Secure yours now at the [link](#).

**Date:** Saturday, September 2, 2023, at

**Time:** 6:30pm, after the 5pm Vigil Mass.

**Venue:** Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood Parish – Harrington Hall, 94 Archer Street, Chatswood 206

**Tickets:** \$60 per person

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## Areté Missionary Leadership Course 2024 – Applications Now Open


Applications for the Foundations of Missionary Leadership Program are now open for 2024. The Foundations program equips people with the knowledge, skills, and values to become effective missionaries and leaders in their parishes and communities. Through an enriching curriculum and immersive experiences, students will gain a deeper understanding of their faith, the centrality of evangelisation, and leadership principles of ministry.

Subsidies are available from Evangelisation Broken Bay. Please contact Pina Bernard to discuss further on 0432 682 239 or [pina.bernard@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:pina.bernard@bbcatholic.org.au)

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Fr Simon Lobo CC  
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Fr Rob Galea  
Executive Director  
FRG Ministry



Professor Renee Kohler-  
Ryan  
National Head of the  
School of Philosophy and  
Theology, University of  
Notre Dame



Emma Plant  
Communications  
Manager  
Evangelisation  
Brisbane



## WYONG PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2023

We are delighted that you are bringing your child to receive the Sacraments, we look forward to sharing with you and your child, this journey of faith as he/she prepares to receive this sacrament.

In Baptism, your child began a life-long journey and a way of life. At Confirmation, the graces received in Baptism were sealed with the reception of the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit. First Eucharist completes their reception of the Sacraments of Initiation into the Christian life.

The Family plays a central role in the faith formation of children, and as parents, you are your child's primary teacher as he/she develops a relationship with the person of Christ and his Church. We are also grateful to the grandparents, godparents, aunts and uncles, older siblings, other relatives, and family friends who undertake this role.

As family, friends, parish personnel, teachers, and volunteers work with the children in the activity of preparing them for the sacraments, the Holy Spirit inspires and draws them into the relationship with Christ. It is a sacred time and we encourage you to enter this process whole-heartedly with the children as they prepare to receive this sacrament.

Wyong Parish will be commencing their Sacramental Program for 2023 in February. Please contact the Parish Office on 0424 763 734 to make arrangements for your child to receive instruction for Confirmation, Reconciliation, and First Eucharist. We look forward to seeing you at the Parent information night.

### **RECONCILIATION FOR CHILDREN IN YEAR 4 AND ABOVE WHO HAVE COMPLETED CONFIRMATION**

**Parent Information night** 7 pm Monday 20th February St Cecilia's Church 23 Byron Street Wyong

Enrolment Presentation weekend at all weekend Masses 25th /26th February

Children will be asked to attend Mass for the 4 weeks leading up to the Reconciliation Ceremony.

Reconciliation Ceremony Tumbi Monday 20th March 4 pm

Reconciliation Ceremony Wyong Tuesday 21st March 4 pm

### **CONFIRMATION FOR CHILDREN IN YEAR 3 AND ABOVE WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTISED**

**Parent Information night** 7 pm Monday 29th May St Cecilia's Church 23 Byron Street Wyong

Enrolment Presentation weekend at all weekend Masses 3rd /4th June

Children will be asked to attend Mass for the 4 weeks leading up to the Confirmation Ceremony

Confirmation Ceremony St Peters College Saturday 15th July

### **FIRST EUCHARIST FOR CHILDREN IN YEAR 4 AND ABOVE WHO HAVE COMPLETED CONFIRMATION & RECONCILIATION**

**Parent Information night** 7 pm Monday 7th August St Cecilia's Church 23 Byron Street Wyong

Enrolment Presentation weekend at all weekend Masses 12th/13th August

Children will be asked to attend Mass for the 4 weeks leading up to the First Eucharist Ceremony

First Eucharist Ceremony Friday 8th September St John Fisher Mass Ctr 5 pm and 6.30 pm

First Eucharist Ceremony Friday 15th September St Cecilia's Church 5 pm and 6.30 pm