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 July 2025— 17th Sunday in ordinary time

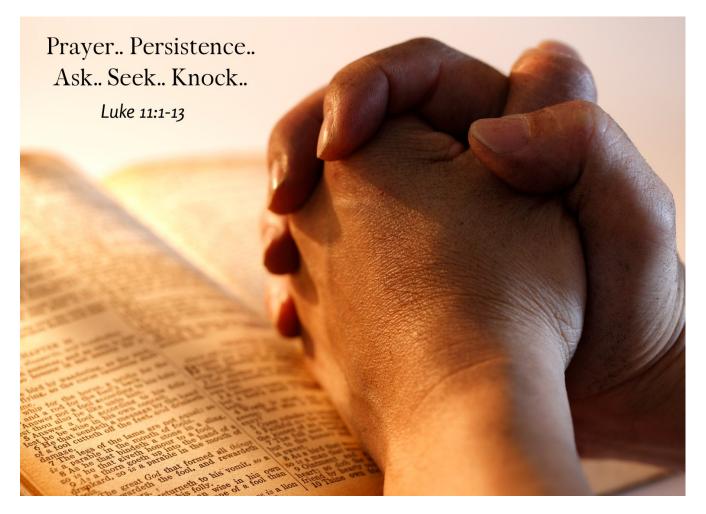
WYONG CATHOLIC PARISH
ST CECILIA'S CHURCH, ST JOHN FISHER MASS CTR & ST PETER'S CHAPEL
Under the Pastoral Care of the
Society of Our Lady of The Most Holy Trinity (SOLT)

REFLECTION

17th Sunday Ordinary Time

If we've wondered 'how to pray', we can find words of guidance in Jesus' instructions to the disciples. He invites us to call God 'Father', an intimate term which indicates how God sees us, as his children. The words 'may your name be held holy' could also be termed: 'Father, may we always honour you, and know how special you are. There is no-ones else like you.' Jesus encourages us to acknowledge and voice our desire to do God's will in our lives, that God's kingdom of love, goodness, mercy, compassion and salvation be our reality. We pray that our needs are met, and that our sins are forgiven. And just as God the Father forgives our sins, we too are called to forgive the sins of others. 'And do not put us to the test' could also sound like, 'we pray that we can bear what life brings us, with your grace and with the help of the Holy Spirit'. God wants to hear from us, to speak to us in our hearts. May we always find time to pray to God, to speak to God our Father who loves us more than we can imagine, and who wants to give us all we ask for, in the name of his Son.

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PARISH CALENDAR—IMPORTANT DATES

29th July—Christmas In July 11:45am(we have reached capacity)

13th Sept-Bunnings BBQ

10th Oct—Jubilee Multi-cultural Dinner 6pm at SJF school hall (please bring a plate to share!)

15th Oct—Jubilee Pilgrimage Day

25th Oct - Marian Spirituality Day

5th Dec—Ecumenical Christmas Carols

19th Dec—Parish Christmas Dinner at SJF school hall

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

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.



Don't let your talents go to waste - let us come together and praise God in song as one.

PRACTICE ON TUES 5PM AT ST CECILIA'S CHURCH

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.

LEGION of MARY

The Legion of Mary is a group of dedicated parishioners which meets every Wednesday at 9am to discuss and pray.

They have been running in our parish since 1974. They visit the sick at home, in nursing or hospitals and give Communion to those who need it. Over the years this group has become smaller and is on the verge of closing. We are calling to all those who having been thinking about it or want to give back and don't know how, here is your way.

The Legion of Mary is asking you to dedicate 2hrs a week.

If you are interested of having any question please contact Irene on 02 4393 6033.

NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY—JULY

There will be no Children's Liturgy for the Month of July.

We look forward to welcoming all the children back to Children's Liturgy in August.

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GOD'S WORD

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God bless you all and your beautiful families!

LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY

O God, our Father, protector of those who hope in you, bestow in abundance your mercy upon us and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure. Amen.





GOD'S WORD 2026

We are now taking Pre-orders for God's Word 2026, \$20 a book.

Please contact the parish office to pre-order.

JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us

the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of evil vanguished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us. Pilgrims of Hope, a vearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise forever.

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 receive until Tuesday midday.

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PHYSIOTHERAPY

Parish E-Bulletin—If you would like to have the bulletin emailed to you, please send an email with "e-bulletin" as the subject to: wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au

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Get Involved in the Social Justice & Vinnies Ministry

Would you like to make a difference in our local community - even in a small way? The Social Justice and Vinnies Ministry at our parish is a beautiful way to live out our faith in action. From helping with appeals to visiting those in need or supporting local initiatives, there are many ways to get involved – and no contribution is too small.

Our wonderful parishioner Kerry Bugden has been carrying this important work and would warmly welcome others to join her. The more people involved, the lighter the load becomes – and together we can make a lasting impact.

If you're a parent, this is also a powerful way to show your children what it means to live the Gospel through love and service.

Interested?

Pick up a Volunteer Interest Form after Mass at the back of the Church, or, email: wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au to learn more. Your "yes" could be the hope someone else is waiting for.



HELPERS NEEDED

Our Confirmation Ceremony is fast approaching on Saturday 16th August and we need helpers to usher people into the carpark and the hall. If you

can assist us we would greatly appreciate it. We will need you from approx. 8.45am-10am and 11.15am for pack up. We'll invite volunteers to stay for lunch with Bishop Anthony.



WORKING BEE

SATURDAY 30TH AUGUST

BUNNINGS BBQ

SATURDAY 13[™] SEPTEMBER

Volunteers will be needed and much appreciated for both of these events.

Please contact the office and advise if you're able and willing to assist on these dates on 02 4352 1011 or wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN OUR PARISH

Heard the saying "many hands make light work"? There are plenty of areas where your Parish could use a hand. We're in need of Church cleaners, Children's Liturgy members & Choir members – just to name a few!

If you're willing and able to assist in any way, please contact the Parish office. Thank you.



During the month of July, Pope Leo invites us to pray for formation in discernment. Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

Main Liturgical Feasts: July

July 21: St. Lawrence of Brindisi July 22: St. Mary Magdalene, July 23: St Briget, July 24: St. Charbel Makhlouf July 25: St. James the Apostle, July 26: Sts. Joachim & Anne, July 29: Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus, 29: St. Peter Chrysologus, July 31: St. Ignatius of Loyola

PLANNED GIVING—Dear Parishioners, should you wish to donate electronically, please see details below.

We appreciate all offerings and support gifted to our Parish!

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BSB: 062 195 Acc no: 1022 9389

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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.



WE WARMLY WELCOME THE CHILDREN WHO ARE TO BE BAPTIZED THIS SUNDAY INTO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY. MAY THE GRACE OF THE LORD JESUS BLESS THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES





MYTH BUSTER EDITION

Myth: Catholics Think They Can Earn Their Way to Heaven.

Fact: The Church clearly teaches that **salvation is a free gift of grace** from God, made possible through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We are saved by grace through faith—and that faith must be **living**, not dead. That's where good works come in. As St. James writes, "Faith without works is dead" (James 2:26).

Good works don't earn heaven—they're a response to grace. When we love, serve, forgive, and live out the Gospel, we're cooperating with God's grace, not trying to "buy" our way into heaven.

Taken from ChristianCatholicMedia.com

200 Club 2025

Thank you to everyone who purchased a number in this vear's 200 club. A total of 185 have been sold.

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

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Reconciliation/Confession Saturday morning after the 8am

Mass & Saturday at 4.30pm

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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: 0414 494 823

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

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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



KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS

Prayer: The most valuable gift you can give someone.

SICK: Irene Dainty, Michael McDermott, Michele Bolton, Jeanine Doueihi, Lisa Glanville, Margaret McDermott, Dave Rodney, Danae Roe, Milva Kefu, Georgina Mastroianni, Baby Vinnie, Tahnia Ahuriri, Mary Anne Xuereb

RECENTLY DECEASED: Finn McConnon, Sue Evans, Carolynne Vanderpoel

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 Housten, Ian Smith, Eddie Donnelly, Tarcisio (Charlie) Maccari

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.

Sunday Mass - 27 July 2025

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading - Genesis 18:20-32

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No,' he replied, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will be only forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.' The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

Second Reading - Colossians 2:12-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation - Romans 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit, we call God our Father. Alleluia!

Gospel - Luke 11:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

"Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come;

give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us.

And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it to him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. what father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!' The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMAGE

COINCIDES WITH CELEBRATION OF JUBILEE OF CATECHISTS 25th SEPTEMBER to Return to Sydney 4th OCTOBER 2025

ROME, LANCIANO, POMPEI, AMALFI COAST, Optional trip to St Carlo Acutis



Email enquiries to pp@mibp.org.au or Text a message to 0417 259 617

Some Highlights

Join in the Program for Jubilee of Catechists, including Sunday Mass with Pope Leo XIV.

Optional Day trip to St Carlo Acutis, at Assisi.

Walk through Holy Doors of a couple of Rome's Major Basilicas. See some of Rome's holy places and other places famous in Rome (e.g. Trevi fountain). Stay at Domus Australia. Daily Mass.

Day trip to Lanciano (Eucharistic Miracle).

Visit Pompei's Major Basilica going to the Amalfi Coast. On the way back, visit the famous Abbey of Montecassino (where St Benedict is buried). Visit Cathedral at Amalfi (Relics of St Andrew).

Pilgrimage Cost, plus Cost of Airfare,

Share Accommodation w/ breakfast & dinner

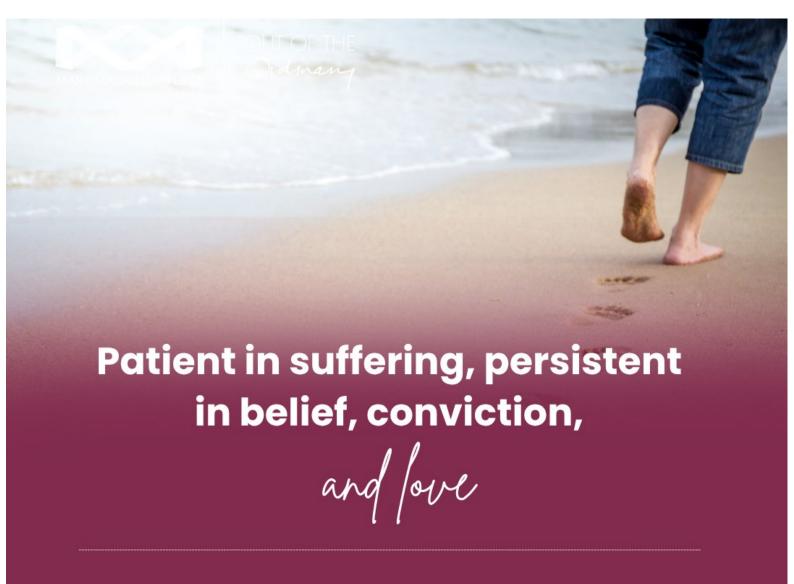
(for single room, add a single supplement cost)

25-30 September: Hotel Domus Australia 15 minutes walk from Roma Termini.

30/9-2/10: Hotel Panorama in Maiori which is on the Amalfi Coast.

2/10-3/10: Hotel near Rome airport after returning from Amalfi Coast, chance to rest before flight home, or extend your stay to return to Sydney later.

Several Airlines flying to Rome including: Qantas has 3 direct flights a week to Rome (best Tues 23/9 arriving a day earlier to our hotel booking), some will travel with Emirates, Etihad, Thai Airways, Qatar. The Parish can help you in booking Qantas and Emirates flights to be able to access flight discounts with Qantas and Emirates. But prices are going to be better the earlier you book.





9:30am - 2:10pm Wed. 30 July



Joachim Forbes Room Mary MacKillop Place Meet in Museum Entry 7 Mount St, North Sydney



RSVP and questions ministries@mmp.org.au 02 8912 4846 Rooted in St Paul's letter to the Romans (8:15–30) and illuminated by the wisdom of Vatican II's Gaudium et Spes (Joy and Hope), this reflection invites us to consider how faith endures through suffering with conviction, belief, and love.

All are welcome!



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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INVITATION TO SANTA MARIA FESTA (OUR LADY OF MARY FEAST) ON THE 17TH OF AUGUST 2025

The Santa Maria Central Coast Association celebrates the Feast of Our Lady (Santa Maria Festa every August at the St Mary of the Cross Mackillop Church Warnervale.

We invite you to join for us for mass at 3pm at St Mary of the Cross Mackillop Church, Warnervale followed by a procession around the church at 4pm. Mass will be celebrated by **Most Reverend Anthony Randazzo Bishop of Diocese of Broken Bay**. Traditional Maltese sweets and pastizzi will be on sale. This will be followed by celebratory fireworks at 6pm.



Over 300 people including Maltese people who travel from Sydney and from all over the Central Coast attend this joyous celebrations. We have people from other communities attending and celebrating.

This is a tradition in Malta and celebrated for the last 15 years on the Central Coast of New South Wales .

We invite you to join us in this joyous celebration this year on the 17th of August 2025 3pm at

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Church

91 Sparks Road Warnervale NSW 2259 Australia

FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT

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LET'S SHOW THE WORLD WHAT SYDNEY IS TRULY MADE OF.



For more information and to register







THE HOLY YEAR OF HOPE 2025 JUBILEE OF CATECHISTS

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD JCL Bishop of the Diocese of Broken Bay

will present to the Catechists of Broken Bay

on

Friday 26 September from 10:00am - 12:30pm

at

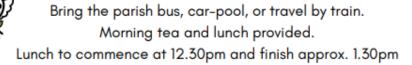
Caroline Chisholm Centre

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Come and reflect on your ministry, receive encouragement, and gain a new inspiration for your work.

Bishop Anthony will address the crucial role of the catechist in sharing the message of Christ's hope, love, and compassion.

The Jubilee of Hope for Catechists highlights the importance of prayer, formation, and participation in the life of the Church, so come along and enjoy a day of formation and fraternity within the CCD community.



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9:30am - 2:10pm

The Pilgrim's call to hopefulness in human happiness and holiness.

Refreshing our sense of Vatican II's teaching on God's Self-Revealing Word in human-beinghood.



9:30am - 2:10pm

Patient in suffering, persistent in belief, conviction and love.

Reflecting on St Paul's letter to the Romans especially 8:15-30 and a glimpse into Vatican Il's "Gaudium et Spes" [Joy and Hope].

July WED



9:30am - 2:10pm

Recognising Signs of hope among us and being sources of hope for others in need.

Recognising the "Universal Call to Holiness" in Vatican II's document "Lumen Gentium" [The Light of the World].

Sept



9:30am - 2:10pm

Anchored in hope of being the Body of Jesus Christ, opening doors of healing, forgiveness, support and encouragement for others.

Glimpsing Vatican II's document on the Christian community's participation in the Sacred Liturgy.

Nov



MARY MACKILLOP PLACE



JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE REFLECTION DAYS WITH THE SISTERS OF SAINT JOSEPH

All are welcome to join us for a series of Wednesdays dedicated to prayer, reflection, and faith enrichment, inspired by the 2025 Year of Hope, accompanied by Sr Virginia Bourke rsj, held at Mary MacKillop Place.

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For more info or questions:



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BROKEN BAY PILGRIMAGE ONLINE INFORMATION EVENING

7PM MON 11 AUGUST 2025 TO REGISTER VIA EMAIL -PLEASE SCAN



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Not included:

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- 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.



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.

St Joseph's Spirituality and Education Centre Kincumber South





A Ministry of the Sisters of St Joseph **NSW Province**

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

St Joseph's Spirituality & Education Centre

8 Humphreys Road, Kincumber South, NSW 2251 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 guiet 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

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.

Conference Rooms





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.



MACKILLOP

AN OFFICIAL PILGRIMAGE LEAD AND RUN BY THE SISTERS OF SAINT JOSEPH OF THE SACRED HEART



Led by Sr Annie Bond, a Sister of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart, this pilgrim focuses on prayer and reflection as an integral part of pilgrimage. At each of the sites around Australia we visit we take time to pray and reflect on our own lives in the light of Mary MacKillop's life.

We start in Melbourne and end in Sydney at the tomb of Saint Mary MacKillop. Anyone at any stage of their faith journey is welcome to join us!

For all inclusive costs and more information please get in touch:

For more information:

national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au

(+61 406 195 861

Or visit our website and navigate to the pilgrimage section:
 www.marymackillopplace.org.au



Our Lady of Guadalupe

With Fr Peter De Souza

Mexico City (2 nights) • San Miguel de Allende (1) • Guanajuato (1) • Guadalajara (4) • Pátzcuaro (1) • Mexico City (2)

Commences 22 September 2025. 12 Days.

Experience the rich faith of the Mexican people and the miraculous story of Our Lady of Guadalupe. View the miraculous tilma of Juan Diego that bears an inexplicable image of Our Lady that is revered the world over.

Jubilee Pilgrimage of Hope

Every 25 years, the Church proclaims a Holy Year, a special gift of grace and mercy for all God's people. Not only is Italy a land of unforgettable charm and beauty, it is also a land made rich in grace by its colourful history of holy men and women. In this dedicated Jubilee year, be inspired to encounter the pathways of some of the Church's greatest saints, from St Francis and Clare in Assisi to St Peter and Paul in Rome, the Eternal City, where we cross the threshold of the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica and receive the Jubilee blessing.



COMMENCES WEDNESDAY 01 OCTOBER 2025 • 10 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS

Rome Airport vicinity (1) • Assisi (2 nights) • Orvieto • Rome - Jubilee (6 nights)

Accompanied by Fr Hien Vu



The dome of St Peter's over the River Tiber, Rome

the genuine pilgrim experience

harvest





MEAL CODE: (B) = Breakfast (D) = Dinner

Hinerary

DAY 1: WEDNESDAY 01 OCTOBER - ARRIVE ROME

Welcome to Italy! On arrival at Rome airport, please make your way to the group hotel where this evening we will enjoy our first group dinner. Rome overnight (D)

DAY 2: THURSDAY 02 OCTOBER - ROME TO ASSISI

This morning we will travel north to the pilgrimage centre of **Assisi**, where St Francis tended the poor and sick and founded the Franciscan Order.

We will visit the Basilica of St Mary of the Angels down on the plains where St Francis spent most of his life. Here we will see the Portiuncula (meaning 'small portion of land') where St Francis returned for prayer, the thornless rose bush, and the chapel where he died in 1226. On Palm Sunday 1211, Francis received in this church Clare of Assisi and dedicated her to the Lord.

Assisi overnight (BD)

DAY 3: FRIDAY 03 OCTOBER - ASSISI

This morning we awake to the sound of chapel bells, cobblestone footsteps and the tangible spirit of St Francis preserved within the medieval walls of this holy town.

Our day begins with Mass and a guided exploration of the buzzing Basilica of St Francis which occupies the entire western end of the upper town. Construction began in 1228, just two years after the death of Francis and was finally completed in 1250. The Upper Basilica houses the famous fresco cycle of the life of St Francis, historically attributed to Giotto. Wander through the marvels of the Upper Basilica before our tour descends to the crypt of the Lower Basilica where Francis was laid in

1230 and where we will take some time to seek the intercession of this spiritual legend.

We then walk to the Church of Santa Maria Maggiore - Sanctuary of the Spogliazione, where we are blessed with the opportunity to visit and pray at the tomb of Blessed Carlo Acutis - a young Catholic from Italy with a passionate devotion to the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and an aptitude for computer programming. From the ages of 12 to 14, he designed a website cataloguing Eucharistic miracles that have occurred around the world, which he launched in 2005. He died of leukemia a year later at the age of 15, offering his suffering for the pope and for the Church.

Onto the Church of San Damiano and the actual chapel where it all began when the voice of Christ spoke to Francis in the year 1205 (some may prefer to approach by foot down the hillside path in the spirit of St Francis). Adjacent to the chapel we find the first monastery of the Order of St Clare where Clare built her community in close friendship with Francis.

Our day concludes with a visit to the Hermitage (Eremo delle Carceri), an oasis of peace and tranquillity in the woods built on the site of a simple cave where St Francis often withdrew to spend many hours in prayer. The cave and the Chapel of Our Lady are preserved in the Hermitage grounds.

An (optional) opportunity presents itself before dinner to attend **Vespers** in the **Basilica of St Clare** and listen to the angelic voices of the Poor Clare nuns. Housed in this church is the famous crucifix from which Jesus spoke to St Francis.

Assisi overnight (BD)

DAY 4: SATURDAY 04 OCTOBER - ASSISI VIA ORVIETO TO ROME

We farewell Assisi and journey south to the amazing medieval town of **Orvieto** with its **Duomo** (Cathedral), which has one of the world's most famous facades. The feast of the Body of Christ (Corpus Christi) was first proclaimed here in 1263 following the Eucharistic Miracle of Bolsena. We celebrate Eucharist in the chapel where the sacred cloth from that event is preserved and enjoy a special visit to the Signorelli Chapel.

After our visit we then travel on to Rome, the Eternal City, rich in the traditions of our Church. Rome overnight (BD)

DAY 5: SUNDAY 05 OCTOBER - ROME: CHRISTIAN MARTYRS

The Jubilee Year is a time for the faithful to renew their commitment and strengthen their relationship with God. It is also a time for Catholics to come together as a community and to celebrate their faith. The 2025 Jubilee Year is sure to be a memorable and meaningful event for people around the world, to be blessed and refreshed for the mission that lies before us.

Some of the spiritual activities that pilgrims are encouraged to participate in during our time in Rome are:

- · Attend Mass and receive the Eucharist
- Make a pilgrimage to the many shrines and holy sites in Rome
- Pray for forgiveness
- · Renew our commitment to our faith
- · Strengthen our relationship with God
- Come together as a community and celebrate our faith

Following Mass this morning we will proceed to **St Peters Square** where the Holy Father is expected to pray the **Angelus** with pilgrims from around the world (subject to the Pope's presence in Rome).

This afternoon we enter into the most visited attraction in Rome - the Colosseum. In 1749, Pope Benedict XIV declared the Colosseum a sacred site, as it was a place where early Christians had been martyred. View also the Circus Maximus and the Roman Forum en route.

Rome overnight (BD)

DAY 6: MONDAY 06 OCTOBER - ROME: THE VATICAN & MAJOR BASILICAS

Commence our pilgrimage with a spectacular Mass at St Peter's Basilica before coming to the nearby Vatican Museums. Wander the spectacular chambers leading to the Sistine



Chapel to view Michelangelo's masterpieces, including the magnificent fresco of the Last Judgment. Continue through to the awe-inspiring St Peter's Basilica, the largest church in the world for an informative exploration. Our guided tour will feature among other highlights Michelangelo's stunning Pieta, the tomb of Pope St John Paul II, the great Confessional and the Crypt containing the tombs of several Popes.

In the afternoon, visit the impressive St Mary Major Basilica. Onwards to the Basilica of St John in Lateran (First Papal residence) and the adjacent Holy Stairs brought from Jerusalem to Rome in 326AD by St Helena (as a favourite of pilgrims, these steps may only be ascended on the knees). Visit the Basilica of Santa Croce in Gerusalemme with its extraordinary collection of relics from the Holy Land.

Rome overnight (BD)

DAY 7: TUESDAY 07 OCTOBER - ROME: ST PAUL'S & THE CATACOMBS

Journey this morning out to the majestic Basilica of St Paul Outside the Walls. Originally consecrated in 324, the saint's tomb is visible now under the Papal Altar. We will celebrate a wonderful Mass here as a special tribute to the Church's greatest evangelist.

Continue then along the ancient Appian Way, the oldest road from Roman times to the ancient Catacombs for a memorable guided tour to marvel at these underground burial tunnels for Christians and Hebrews. On the way, drive by Domine Quo Vadis – the chapel that stands at the site where, according to tradition, St Peter met Christ when he fled from Rome to escape martyrdom.

Rome overnight (BD)

DAY 8: WEDNESDAY 08 OCTOBER - ROME FREE DAY

Our day is free to discover more sights of Rome – perhaps throw a coin in the **Trevi Fountain**

before strolling to the Piazza Navona to soak up the vibrant atmosphere. Indulge in a gelato or enjoy a coffee while absorbing and admiring the history of this ancient city. Strolling through the streets is like walking through the pages of a history book.

OR

For the next two days participate in the Jubilee of Consecrated Life spiritual and cultural events taking place around Rome.

This evening join with fellow pilgrims for a prayer vigil.

Rome overnight (BD)

DAY 9: THURSDAY 09 OCTOBER - ROME: PAPAL MASS

We make our way to St Peter's Square this morning for a memorable Papal Mass in celebration of the Jubilee of Consecrated Life.

This afternoon, we explore the vibrant Trastevere district. Our first stop is the charming Basilica of Santa Maria in Trastevere, a historic church dating back to the 12th century. We continue on to the Basilica of St Cecilia, built on the site of the former house of the saint who was martyred in 230A.D. The body of the saint is venerated in the crypt.

Afterwards, we wander on to enjoy an enchanting evening filled with food and traditional music at a typical Italian trattoria, marking our farewell to Rome and our pilgrimage.

Rome overnight (BD)

DAY 10: FRIDAY 10 OCTOBER - DEPART ROME

This morning we bid farewell to the Eternal City as we make our way to the airport for our homebound flights or ongoing travel connections. (B)

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PILGRIMAGE DETAILS				
TOUR CODE	PV25102			
STARTS	Wednesday, 01 October 2025			
FINISHES	Friday, 10 October 2025			
LAND COST	AUD \$5390 (Twin Share) *			
SINGLE ROOM	AUD \$1950 Supplement *			
PREPAID TIPPING	AUD \$150 Per Person			

* Costs are indicative and have been based on prices as at January 2025 and must remain subject to possible change in the event of significant exchange rate variations, tax increases or minimum group size factors beyond Harvest's control. Refer to Harvest Booking Terms & Conditions for more details.

INCLUDED

ACCOMMODATION & MEALS: Based on quality religious houses or 3 and 4-star hotels • Meals as specified in Itinerary.

TOURING & TRANSPORTATION: Deluxe air-conditioned touring coach • Professional English-speaking Tour Escort and local guides • Sightseeing and entrance fees

OTHER: Fully escorted by priest chaplain • Daily Masses • Porterage (where available) • Harvest Travel Pack: backpack, travel wallet, pilgrim's iournal and sunbrella.

NOT INCLUDED

International airfares • Travel Insurance • Visits and entrances not listed • Passport and visa costs (if applicable) • Other meals not stated • Drinks with meals • Items of a personal nature • Prepaid Tipping

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SHRINES OF OUR LADY (18th Aug- 3rd September 2025)- Few more seats are available.

Fr Johnson Malayil, CRS, Glenmore park parish would like to invite you for a 16-day Jubilee pilgrimage, departing on the 18th of August 2025. This pilgrimage features Fatima, Avila, Loyola, Lourdes, Turin, Milan, Padua, Assisi, Rotondo, and Rome for an all-inclusive price of \$8890 + tips (30+ pilgrims).

The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in 4-star

Premium Hotels, Catholic priest, Meals + English speaking professional guides + Entrances as per

itinerary and more. For inquiries & bookings call 03 8839 6615 or email

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- excellent cuisine and traditional folklore dinners
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- for pilgrimage groups, many places of devotion: Wadowice and John Paul II Shrine, the Shrine of Divine Mercy in Lagiewniki, 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.icortap.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 sugges-



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



FOR NON-ENGLISH SPEAKERS

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

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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





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Tell one of our designated persons in authority

- Fr Raul 0450 115 099
 Maureen Roast 0435 245 849
- Anne Hooley
- 0428 149 793

Contact will be made with Dioscesean Safeguarding Office





Our Community is SAFE