

# 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*

**2ND JULY 2023 THIRTEENTH 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)**

*'Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me'*

*Matthew 10:37-42*



## **Reflection 2.7.2023 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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*Our readings for this Sunday speak of the challenge and rewards of true discipleship. The woman in our first reading recognizes holiness in the prophet Elisha, and her kindness to him is repaid with the blessing of a child. The second reading reminds us that baptism in Christ means entering into death with him – death to sin. Jesus expands further on this point in the Gospel. He reminds his followers that discipleship means putting God above any other attachments, even the bonds of family. It means carrying challenges and sacrifices, with the knowledge that we are accompanied and led by Jesus. It means losing our life – the things that make us comfortable and secure – in order to find God. These are not easy words to read, and not easy things to do, yet we know we are not alone in them. In the Gospel, Jesus encourages the Twelve to follow in his footsteps. He is always leading. How will I follow him today?*



**Parish Christmas in July  
Tues 18th July 12 Noon  
St Peter's College**

Our annual 'Christmas in July' is fast approaching. As usual, the students from St Peter's College will be catering and the meal, no doubt will be mouthwatering.

Any aged parishioner who wishes to attend this function, please contact the Parish Office on 4352 1011, Jo Helm 0424 763 734 or Kerry Bugden 4388 2938. Numbers are restricted, so an early booking is essential.

A special fund-raising raffle will be on sale on the day with all proceeds going towards the Youth Ministry.

**CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP**

**Liturgical Gathering**

A very lively, animated information session was held last Saturday morning. Over fifty liturgy volunteer parishioners were in attendance to listen to Fr Borg's presentation on current liturgical practices. He highlighted a few changes which we will need to implement. As always, all parishioners will be notified of the changes in advance, and we ask you to work with us on their implementation.

For those who would like to read more on these current practices, information can be found in 'The General Instruction to Roman Missal, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition' by Entering **Australia girm 3<sup>rd</sup> edition** into Google.

Please continue to pray for our parish as we move forward in the coming months in our 'Call to Discipleship' and spreading the 'Good News'.

**Thank You & Congratulations**

As most of you are aware our Jo Helm will no longer be with us in her role as Parish Coordinator: our heartfelt thanks and gratitude Jo for all your love and faithful dedication you have given over the years.

Fortunately, this does not mean that we will be losing such a valuable person in our parish. Jo has secured the position of Parent Engagement Coordinator (PEC) for both St Cecilia's Primary School and St Peter's College. Congratulations on your new role. We know this role will be beneficial for the young families of our parish and the parish itself, as we work together under your leadership.

May God Bless you always.



*Happy  
90<sup>th</sup>  
Birthday*

*Congratulations to  
Moya Wicks.  
May all God's Blessings be  
with you.*

**New Allocated Planned Giving Envelopes for  
Financial Year 2023/2024**

Your Giving Envelopes for the new financial year are ready this weekend for collection from St Cecilia's Church and St John Fisher Mass Ctr.

To minimise our Planned Giving Envelope costs we have consolidated some envelope numbers.

Parishioners who previously had envelope numbers greater than 460 will now have a new number issued. To assist us in our records, we ask you please not to use the old envelope numbers.

If you do not have a set of giving envelopes and would like some, please contact the Office. Once again we are very grateful for your generosity and support. 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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1/2 July	Weekly	169	Libby & Mike Gleeson	193	Arlene Barnett

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## Sacrament of Confirmation

We continue to pray for the children in our Parish who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. We welcome them and their families to our weekend Masses.

*We pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to grow in their hearts.*



## Court Morning Teas to Resume

St Cecilia's Care Group was formed by a group of dedicated parishioners in 1993. They attended Wyong Court every Thursday providing morning tea (coffee, tea & biscuits) for those attending court. A donation was made for this service which amounted \$ 12,950 between the years 1993—2020 when we had to cease because of the Covid Pandemic. Over that time all the money raised was donated to local Charities.

Following a visit to the court this week, our Care Group is starting up again. We need volunteers, who are willing to offer their services on a Thursday morning for two hours. If we have eight to ten volunteers you will only be required once each month.

For more information, please contact Kay Muir on 0419 021 214 or email [muirk@gmail.com](mailto:muirk@gmail.com)

## Vacant Position

### Parish Secretary – Wyong Catholic Parish Permanent, part-time role

Could you see yourself as the face of our Wyong Parish community, providing a sense of warmth and welcome to visitors?

Wyong Parish is seeking to recruit a part-time Parish Secretary, working 3 days per week. This role plays an important part in the Parish team, providing support for Parish communications, administration, financial processes, Parish property, compliance and Diocesan support.

The ideal candidate will have a comprehensive knowledge of office administration processes and procedures and a sound understanding of Microsoft Office Suite, MYOB, bookkeeping or accounting practices.

As you will often be the first point of contact for our parish, well-developed communication and interpersonal skills are crucial.

An ability to work autonomously while remaining a team player, with a commitment to be accountable for performance, and an ability to work collaboratively across a wide spectrum of stakeholders, supported by a good understanding of, and commitment to, Catholic values and teachings will be crucial to your success.

If you have high developed administration skills coupled with well-developed relational and rapport building skills and this role interests you, please email a brief cover letter and CV to [wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au)

Applications close **Wednesday, 12 July 2023**

[The Diocese of Broken Bay is committed to and promotes a culture of safety and care for all people, especially for children and others in the community who are vulnerable. Our Diocese has no tolerance to Child Abuse and is committed to ensuring our staff and volunteers understand the joint responsibility to safeguard all those within our community.](#)

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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:** Mon to Thurs 9.30am to 2.30pm & Fri 9.30am to 12pm

### PARISH CONTACTS

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email: [raul.balute@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:raul.balute@bbcatholic.org.au)

Assistant Priest **Fr Alex Barnedo, SOLT** ph:0432 947 245

Parish Coordinator **Jo Helm** ph: 0424 763 734 (Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri)  
email: [jo.helm@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:jo.helm@bbcatholic.org.au)

Parish Secretary **Helen Bath** ph:02 4352 1011 (Wed & Thurs)

**PARISH EMAIL:** [wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au)

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**FACEBOOK:** [www.facebook.com/wyongcatholicparish](https://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 night 5pm to 6pm

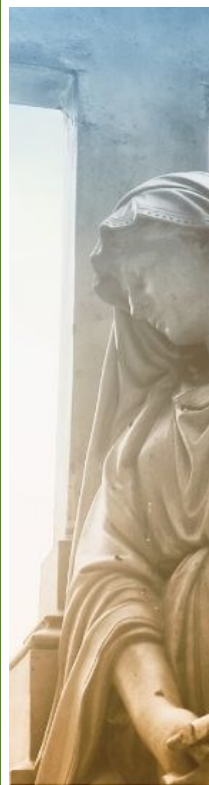
### KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS

**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, Margaret Hobbs, Christine, Jacqui Stacey, Josie Campbell, Carol Dafter, 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.

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

**ANNIVERSARY JUNE:** Thomas Mayne  
Fr Williams, Brian Myers, Margaret Skimmings, Tom Dermondoy, Bridget Dermody, Frank Costa.



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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.

## **Pope Francis' Prayer Intention July**

### **For a Eucharistic Life**

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

**Sunday 2nd July 2023**

**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD (Year A)**



### **First Reading 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16**

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

### **Responsorial Psalm Ps 88:2-3, 16-19**

**R.** For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

### **Second Reading Romans 6:3-4, 8-11**

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

### **Gospel Acclamation 1 Peter 2:9**

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.

Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

Alleluia!

### **Gospel Matthew 10:37-42**

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'



## Office of the Bishop

### Vox Populi 29 June 2023

There are always anniversaries to welcome and celebrate in our Diocese. It may be anniversaries of parishioners, even our parishes, our clergy and our schools.

This past week St John the Baptist Primary School (SJB) at Woy Woy celebrated their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary! In the 1920's Woy Woy had a small but growing population which necessitated a school.

The first classrooms were in the St John the Baptist Church and Sisters of St Joseph came daily from Kincumber to teach the children. Purpose-built classrooms and a convent for the Sisters were eventually completed. From just 50 young students the school now has more than 500 enrolled, and is lovingly nurtured by the community.

Bishop Anthony celebrated the anniversary Mass, however he was joined by two former SJB students – the Director of Vocations for the Diocese, Fr Sam French and his younger brother and seminarian Matthew French .

Two of our clergy are also approaching a milestone anniversary.

Fr Robert Borg and Fr Brian Moloney will celebrate their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood in August. Seminary classmates they were both Ordained for the Archdiocese of Sydney and were founding clergy of the Diocese of Broken Bay when it was established in 1986.

Fr Brian will be celebrating at the 5.00pm Mass on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> of August in the Church of Our Lady of the Rosary, The Entrance followed by a light supper in the parish centre. Fr Robert will be celebrating at the 9.30am Mass on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> of August in the Church of St Joseph, Narrabeen followed by refreshments in the parish hall. They welcome everyone to share in this happy occasion.

In a couple of months, Saturday, 14 October, Fr Peter de Souza and his parish will celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Our Lady of the Rosary, Wyoming. A Golden Jubilee or 50 years is certainly a milestone.

We also celebrate feast days throughout the year and this Thursday, 29 June, is a very special one. The Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, both Apostles and martyrs of the Christian faith.

As we know St Peter was the first Pope and founder of the Roman Catholic Church and St Paul, while not having met Jesus, was responsible for much of the New Testament, spreading the teachings of Jesus and Christianity far and wide.

Both are considered cornerstones of the Church.

## 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



Inviting all pilgrims, their families,  
friends, and Community Leaders to the

## **PILGRIM BLESSING MASS**

**5pm Friday 14 July, 2023**

**Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral  
Waitara**

After Mass, supper and formalities will occur in  
**The Light of Christ Centre**



With the departure date nearing, 167 pilgrims and leaders are in the final preparations for their pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal. The final gathering before departure will be the Commissioning Mass on 14 July with Bishop Anthony at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara followed by dinner and distribution of travel documents. Please join us at this Mass to pray for our pilgrims and leaders for an amazing experience and safe return.

## Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday – 2 July



Every year, on the first Sunday in July, Catholics come together to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday. It is an opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the gifts of Australia's First peoples to our Church, our country and our communities.

The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council has developed a Resource Kit to assist parishes and schools in celebrating the day. Titled **A new life in Christ.....** it includes liturgical resources, Universal Prayers, homily notes, suggested events and video retreat presentations.

Importantly, a youth activity has been developed that provides young people with the space to explore the upcoming Referendum from a Catholic and moral point of view.

The resources and associated multimedia assets are available at <https://www.natsicc.org.au/2023-atsi-sunday.html>

For all enquiries, please email [Evangelisationea@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:Evangelisationea@bbcatholic.org.au)

## Welcome and Hospitality Workshop

**You're Welcome Here!**

**A Welcome and Hospitality Workshop for Parishes**

Discover how welcome and hospitality can make your parish a warmer place and become a cornerstone of parish renewal

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Pina Bernard 8379 1627 [faith\\_formation@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:faith_formation@bbcatholic.org.au)

Evangelisation Broken Bay Parish Renewal and Discipleship

"You're Welcome Here!" is a new workshop offered by the Parish Renewal and Discipleship Team and available to all parishes of the Diocese of Broken Bay.

Each weekend, first-time attendees come to our Masses. Their experience of welcome can be a deciding factor as to whether they will return.

This workshop looks at a wide variety of aspects of hospitality in our parishes, including:

- The theology around hospitality from our sacred Scriptures and Church tradition
- Why we need radical hospitality today – inviting people to belong can be a first step towards discipleship
- A variety of suggested initiatives around:
  - Welcome at Mass (eg greeters, welcome desk etc)
  - Welcoming at all parish events
  - Ways to help everyone see their role as welcomers
  - Ensuring we have a welcoming environment (eg foyer, signage)
  - Reviewing our website to make it welcoming to outsiders
  - Practical formation for greeters at Mass
  - A list of resources

To discuss how this workshop could be used in your community, please contact Pina Bernard, Team Leader Parish Renewal and Discipleship, on 0432 682 239 or [pina.bernard@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:pina.bernard@bbcatholic.org.au)