

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*

31ST DECEMBER 2023 THE HOLY FAMILY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

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 31.12.2023

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS MARY AND JOSEPH

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The Gospel reading on this feast centres on the family that is attuned to God. Luke presents Joseph and Mary as particularly faithful to the tradition of their people. Joseph and Mary bring the Child Jesus to the Temple in obedience to the law of the Lord, 'Every first-born male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord.' As the firstborn son (Lk 2:7), Jesus is consecrated to the Lord as the law requires (Ex 13:2, 12). While holding the child Jesus in his arms, the old man Simeon blesses God who has fulfilled his promise of salvation-'a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.' When they have fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law, they return to Nazareth where Jesus will spend thirty years of 'hidden life'-waiting for the hour of his manifestation to Israel.



On January 5, 1964, speaking in the Basilica of the Annunciation in Nazareth, St Paul VI gave this beautiful message: 'May Nazareth teach us what the family is, in its communion of love, its austere and simple beauty, and its sacred and inviolable character! Let us learn from Nazareth that the formation which one receives here is gentle and irreplaceable, and that, on the social level, it is primordial and without comparison.'

'Oh Nazareth, home of the "carpenter's Son"! It is here that we would like to understand and celebrate the hard and redemptive law of human work; to re-establish the consciousness of the noble value of labour; to remember that work cannot be an end in itself, but that its freedom and nobility, in addition to its economic value, come from the values that underlie its end. And in this place we wish to salute all the workers of the world and show them their great model, their divine brother, the prophet of all their just causes: Christ our Lord!'

Please note:

The Parish Office will be closed from Wednesday 27th of December 2023 and reopen on Tuesday the 9th of January 2024.

God's Word—Daily Reflections Book 2024

Books are now for sale \$20.00 each. Please come and see me in the office to purchase.

Margaret



Wishing you all a very
Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year & May God's blessings be upon you all and your families.
From Fr Raul, Fr Alex, Fr Teody & Margaret

St Barnabas Church Yarramalong Mass will be celebrated at St Barnabas Church, Yarramalong **Sunday 7th January at 11.15am.** All are welcome.

A BIG THANK YOU

to all those who organized and participated in all the Christmas Masses; you made the celebration of Christmas more meaningful and very memorable.

May we imitate the Holy Family and make Jesus the center of our families.

We wish you all the Blessings of the New Year as we strive to follow in the footsteps of Jesus in our everyday lives.

May God Bless you all.

VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL

A huge thank you to all who donated food and cash to our appeal. The response has been fantastic. You are a very generous parish.

To date we have received \$3855 in cash as well as a good supply of Christmas fare. It will be a big help for those struggling to make ends meet.

Anointing of the Sick

Friday 5th January

First Friday of the Month

St Cecilia's During 8.00am & 11.30am Mass

St John Fisher During 9.15am Mass

250 Club Update

THANK YOU FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING SUPPORT

250 NUMBERS SOLD

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

DATE	Type	1 ST		2 nd	
23rd/24th December	weekly	153	Val Martin	11	Clara Banda

Major Draw 15 December at Christmas Function

1st \$500 No 50 Maureen Cross
 2nd \$250 No 239 Anne Brady
 3rd \$150 No 215 Anonymous C
 4th \$100 No 113 Val Martin

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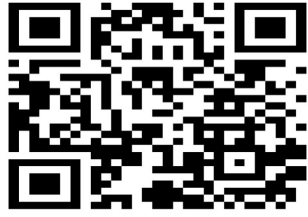
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The Broken Bay Vocations Team is seeking your help to nurture a culture of vocations in our local Church. As a Parish Vocations Volunteer, you could play a vital role in promoting vocations awareness, encouraging prayer, and supporting local events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



Wyong Catholic Parish Filipino-Australian Santo Nino Devotees'

Sinulog sa Central Coast 2024



SUNDAY | **21** | AT 11:00AM

JAN

ST PETER'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE
84 Gavenlock Road TUGGERAH



Fiesta Celebration

- 11:00AM Mass
- 12:00NN Procession
- 12:30PM Sinulog dance with all the devotees
- 12:45PM Lunch will be served buffet style

You may also buy from the food and market stalls around, please being cash

Contact

- Peps Burlat 0403 211 643
(For volunteering)
- Marfi Aguanta 0478 249 413
(Stall holders)
- Lennie Sebing 0403 765 598
(Financial donations/pledges)
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(Liturgy/Novena)
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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

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Fr Alex ph: 0432 947 245

Fr Teody ph: 0414 494 823

PARISH OFFICE 23 Byron Street Wyong

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OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 9.30am to 2.30pm

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Children's Liturgy at the following Masses

St Cecilia's 5pm Mass Saturday

St Cecilia's 9.30am Mass Sunday

St John Fisher 5pm Mass Sunday

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE

Mass St Barnabas, Yarramalong

1st Sun of month 11.15am

Filipino Mass St Cecilia's Church

3rd Sun of the month 12pm

Anointing of the Sick

First Friday of the Month

St Cecilia's During 8.00am & 11.30am Mass

St John Fisher During 9.15am Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

St Cecilia's Daily 7am-8am

St John Fisher 1st Fri 8.45 - 9.15am

Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual

Help Sat St Cecilia's & Wed St John

Fisher (after the 8am Mass)

Devotion to the Divine Mercy

St Cecilia's Fri after the 8am Mass

St John Fisher Fri after the 9:15am

Mass

Prayer groups

St Cecilia's Rosary Group Tues after

8am mass followed by Divine Mercy

St Cecilia's Legion of Mary 9am Wed

Meetings

St Cecilia's Choir practice every Tues 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: 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, Terence (Ted) Dafter, Finn McConnon, Christine, Jacqui Stacey, Josie Campbell, Dave, Rodney, Gwen Dwyer, Helen Waters, Rod & Pauline Cornwell, Marie Rheinberger, Hannah Hopwood, Joan Mabbutt, Irene Dainty, Eoin, Paula, Peter Meury, Jai Coleman, Danielle, Frank Farrugia, Betty McDermott, Marc Sabat, David Myers, Adam Smith, Darcy, Frank Laoulach,

RECENTLY DECEASED: Richard Mahinay, Carol Dafter, Raymond (Ray) Baker, Fay King (Regina Preston's Aunt), Moira Grace, Maureen Murphy

ANNIVERSARY DECEMBER: Bill Martin, Larry George Hooley, John Taylor, James Bastic, Rove Varman, Claire Baxter, John Taylor



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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 Fr Teody. The contact details are on the back to the Bulletin.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3 (Year B)

A reading from the book of Genesis

The word of the Lord was spoken to Abram in a vision, 'Have no fear, Abram, I am your shield; your reward will be very great'.

'My Lord,' Abram replied 'what do you intend to give me? I go childless.' Then Abram said, 'See, you have given me no descendants; some man of my household will be my heir'. And then this word of the Lord was spoken to him, 'He shall not be your heir; your heir shall be of your own flesh and blood'. Then taking him outside he said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

The Lord dealt kindly with Sarah as he had said, and did what he had promised her. So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the time God had promised. Abraham named the son born to him Isaac, the son to whom Sarah had given birth.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 104:1-6, 8-9 (Year B)

R. The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

Second Reading Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 (Year B)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Hebrews 1:1-2 (Year B)

Alleluia, alleluia!

In the past God spoke to our fathers through the prophets;
now he speaks to us through his Son.

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 2:22, 39-40 (Year B)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Installation Process for the St Cecilia Reliquary



Timeline

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

The Christian's Final Journey: Catholic Cemeteries and Crematoria and partner, the ACU Centre for Liturgy, are offering a one-day workshop on Catholic funerals on **13 February 2024**.

It has been designed for all those interested in Catholic funerals including parishioners, clergy, Funeral Directors, Bereavement Teams, Pastoral Associates, Parish Secretaries and Family Faith Educators, and all school staff. Catholic practices around burial and cremation will be investigated as well as **preparation of a funeral (for future discussion with the funeral celebrant)** and how to support the grieving.

It will be held at Club Ashfield, 1-11 Charlotte Street Ashfield NSW. Time: 9am-5pm (registration from 8.30am). Registration is essential by 7 February. Cost: \$60 (includes lunch and a workbook) (\$120 for Funeral Directors who will receive certification for 5 years.)

Enquiries: CentreforLiturgy@acu.edu.au or 02 9701 4751. For more information, and to register, go to **www.acu.edu.au/centreforliturgy/pastoral-training**

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**