

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 MARCH 2024 EASTER SUNDAY

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 31.03.24

EASTER SUNDAY

The Easter story is now ready to be lived afresh in the lives of each one of us. Christ is our life and now it is our task in the Easter days ahead to commit ourselves once again to be his witnesses in our world. It is good to remember that while Lent prepared us for Holy Week and the Easter celebrations, we now have the beautiful season of Easter itself to truly live out all that we have learned as we prepare for Pentecost. The Easter season is one of great joy and amazement. Let's not be afraid to live the life of a true witness. Let's not be afraid to go into the tomb, into the dark places, knowing that whatever we find, we will not stay in that darkness. We will leave the linen cloth and the cloth around his head, all those things that have tied us down, in the tomb. We have no need for such things now. Let's go outside the tomb and stay in the light, only looking forward. It is time to live life to the full!

HAPPY EASTER

He is
RISEN

Matthew 28:6

Easter Holy Week Ceremonies

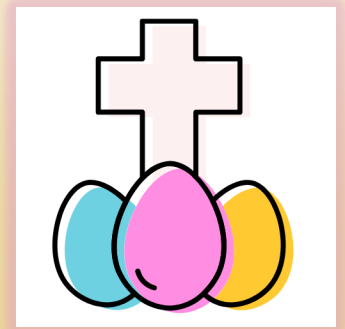
Holy Thursday **Mass of the Last Supper** **St Cecilia's Church, Wyong 7pm**
28th March
 Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Reconciliation will be available)

Good Friday **Stations of the Cross** **St John Fisher Tumbi 10am**
29th March **St Cecilia's Wyong 10am**

The Lord's Passion **St John Fisher Tumbi 3pm**
St Cecilia's Wyong 3pm

Holy Saturday **Easter Vigil Mass** **St Cecilia's Wyong 7pm**
30th March

Easter Sunday **Mass of the Resurrection**
31st March **St Cecilia's Wyong 7.30am & 9.30am**
 St John Fisher Tumbi 8.30am & 9pm



Easter Week Office Hours:

Closes—Good Friday 29th March

Re-opens—Tuesday 2nd April

We welcome all RCIA & RCIC Candidates & Catechumens who are to receive their Sacraments this year during the Easter Vigil Mass at 7:00pm 30th March 2024.

• As you show your love for Jesus, in all that you say and do, your new Church Family shares your joy, and gladly welcomes you!

Congratulations



The old St Cecilia's mothers club get together was enjoyed by all last Friday 22nd March at Wyong Golf Club. We plan another one in October, to catch up once again. Marie Dyer

250 Club Update for year 2023

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 March	weekly	185	Steve Browne	150	Barbara Peers

DATE	Type	1 ST		2 nd	
23rd /24th March	Monthly	55	Margaret Gold	180	Enid Dwyer

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250 CLUB 2024 Prize Update

This year our 250 club has become a 200 club. An outstanding achievement in the current climate where we all must watch our "pennies".

Your support is greatly appreciated and a very big THANK YOU to everyone.

The changes caused because of the sale of 200 tickets has been applied to all areas of the fundraising. The adjustments are Youth Ministry (\$5100), Pastoral Works (\$2400) and Prizes(\$4450).

Prize Changes

The club will run from the weekend of 6/7 April to 27/28 December 2024.

30 Weekly Prizes: 1st \$50 2nd \$20

8 Monthly Prizes: 1st \$150 2nd \$50

1 Major Draw : 1st \$400 2nd \$200 3rd \$100 4th \$50

Number allocation

Everyone will be contacted by email or phone by Friday 5th April with their allocated number. Please phone 43882938 if you have any queries.

Best of luck to all.

Kerry Bugden organizer.

WYONG PARISH COMMUNITY COLLECTIONS 2024

Each year as a parish we have three donated item collections supporting the disadvantaged members of the community. These collections are in Feb/March/April (Wyong Neighbourhood Centre), June (Vinnies Winter collection) and December (Vinnies Christmas collection).

We ask that individual items are placed in the special collection trolley's or containers which will be available at the front of both churches. This collection drive will run from: **14th February—7th April 2024**. Collection baskets will be emptied each week.

This year we are supporting **Wyong Neighbour Centre**. Please see below suggested items which can be donated. These items are those specifically needed by the disadvantaged people the charity supports.

More information on the charity can be found at the web address listed: **Wyong Neighbour Centre Inc—**
<https://www.wnci.org.au>

Suggested donated items may include:

Long-life milk, Noodles, Pasta, rice, good quality tinned fruit, food and meals (with ring pulls), Soups, spaghetti, Museli bars and long life snacks, Breakfast Biscuits/Cereal, UHT Milk, Noodles, Crackers, , Lollies/Chocolate, Chips, Tea, Cappuccino sachets, Water/Juice, Beanies, Gloves, Scarves, socks & Blankets.

Please place all donations into the special trolley or the plastic containers provided at the front of the church. Thank you for your generous help which is most appreciated.

PROPOSED PARISH CALENDAR DATES

Up until APRIL 2024

(Modification of some dates may be necessary)

MARCH

25th – 1st Reconciliation Ceremony, Wyong

27th–1st Reconciliation Ceremony, Tumbi

28th – Holy Thursday

29th – Good Friday

Holy Places collection

31st – Easter Sunday

APRIL

6th / 7th – 2024 250 Club first draw

- Charity collection for disadvantaged
Concludes

21st April- Official Opening, Windows Repair

Guests: Emma McBride MP &

David Harris MP

25th – Anzac Day

Holy Land Collection for Good Friday

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on **Good Friday, March 29th**.

This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing, Parishes, and orphanages. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus.

Envelopes will be available in the Church for donations.

EASTER RAFFLE PRIZES

1ST Prize – Dianne Powell, St John Fisher

2ND Prize– Tom Bowden, St Cecilia's

A big **THANK YOU** for your support for the Easter Raffle & Stalls.

Raffle raised: **\$620.00**

Rae's stalls & sales: **\$380.00**

A total of: **\$1000.00**



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MASS TIMES

ST CECILIA'S CHURCH

23 Byron St Wyong

Saturday Vigil / Sunday Mass Times

Sat Vigil 5.00pm Sun 7.30am & 9.30am

Weekday Mass

Mon-Sat: 8.00am, Monday 9.15am (School Term)

Reconciliation/Confession Saturday morning after the 8am Mass & Saturday at 4.30pm

ST JOHN FISHER MASS CENTRE

Hicks Lane Tumbi Umbi

Saturday Vigil / Sunday Mass Times

Sat Vigil 5.00 pm Sun: 8.30am & 5pm

Weekday Mass

Mon, Wed, Thurs 8:00am Tue & Fri: 9.15am

Reconciliation/Confession Saturday at 4.30pm

EMERGENCY PRIEST CONTACT

Fr Raul ph: 0450 115 099

Fr Alex ph: 0432 947 245

Fr Teody ph: 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 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: 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, David Myers, Adam Smith, Frank Laoulach

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

ANNIVERSARY MARCH: Myrtle & James Murphy, Reg Preston, Fr Tito Ayo, SOLT, Kevin Barry, Tony Cox



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Safeguarding Message

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Sunday Mass
31 March 2024

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Acts 10:34, 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.' Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

R. This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 5:6-8

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

You must know how even a small amount of yeast is enough to leaven all the dough, so get rid of all the old yeast, and make yourselves into a completely new batch of bread, unleavened as you are meant to be. Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast, by getting rid of all the old yeast of evil and wickedness, having only the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled. Death with life contended: combat strangely ended! Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way. The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose! The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting. Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 16:1-7

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

When the sabbath was over, Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices with which to go and anoint him. And very early in the morning on the first day of the week they went to the tomb, just as the sun was rising.

They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' But when they looked they could see that the stone - which was very big - had already been rolled back. On entering the tomb they saw a young man in a white robe seated on the right-hand side, and they were struck with amazement. But he said to them, 'There is no need for alarm. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified: he has risen, he is not here. See, here is the place where they laid him. But you must go and tell his disciples and Peter, "He is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him, just as he told you."'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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EASTER MESSAGE 2024

MOST REV ANTHONY RANDAZZO DD JCL - BISHOP OF BROKEN BAY

My dear brothers and sisters,

As we approach the solemn and joyous celebration of Easter, let us reflect on the profound message of hope and renewal that this sacred season brings - a message that comes to us from the enduring promise of God's guidance and mercy.

Baruch, a Jewish aristocrat who became the scribe of the prophet Jeremiah, wrote on the circumstances of Jewish exiles from Babylon, and addressed how important it is to live our lives with wisdom. Not being clever or overloaded with information, but wisdom that wraps itself into our lives and translates our days into something meaningful.

When we begin and end each day in prayer, the fruit of wisdom becomes visible in our lives in our discernment, our understanding, and our decision making.

The words of Baruch serve as a reminder of what is truly enduring in our world, namely the wisdom that God never fails, and that profound wisdom comes from walking in the way of God. It is a path that leads to peace, harmony, and everlasting life.

Our Church uses Baruch as the sixth reading in the Easter Vigil liturgy because it is also a book of hope which reveals the transformative power of trusting in God with sincere repentance.

This Easter, in the Year of Prayer, as we commemorate once more the life, death, and resurrection Jesus Christ, might we embrace his spirit of compassion and service, reaching out to all people of goodwill, regardless of faith, tradition, or background. Let us embody the love of Christ in our actions, bringing hope and healing to a world in need.

May this most significant season in the Christian calendar be a time of renewal and transformation, as we walk hand in hand with God, guided by the light of His love. May we all find peace and hope, wisdom and mercy in the embrace of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

May the hope of Easter fill your hearts with joy.

Bishop Anthony Randazzo

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

3-6 year olds

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SIP MEETING

The next meeting of **Spirituality in the Pub** is 7.30-9.00pm on **Tuesday 2nd April** at the Grange Hotel, Wyoming. Guest speakers are **Gloria Atkinson** who is a retired registered nurse who worked for 13 years with a mission organisation in a rural area of PNG; and **Jeni Andrews** who is a meditator and practitioner of Buddhist philosophies for the past 40 years, Hotel bistro opens at 5.30pm. SIP enquiries: 0415 129250 or 0439 678608.

OR (if space permits there is additional information re the following:)

Spirituality in the Pub (SIP) Meeting 7.30-9.00pm **2nd April** at the Grange Hotel, Wyoming (cnr. Renwick St & Pacific Hwy). The guest speaker is Derryck Klarkowski.

Gloria Atkinson: Gloria is a retired registered nurse who worked for 13 years with a mission organisation in a rural area of PNG, training local men and women as nurses and aid post orderlies. In later years she realised her faith was to a degree second-hand, causing her to investigate spiritual direction and formation which she found life-changing and transformational.

Jeni Andrews: A meditator and practitioner of Buddhist philosophies for the past 40 years, in 2011 Jeni was given the opportunity to help establish and manage Central Coast Meditation Centre. Then in 2018 she had the good fortune to volunteer at a Buddhist centre in Rome, after studying Italian for many years.

Tell anyone else who may be interested. Bistro opens at 5.30pm. SIP enquiries: 0415 129250 or 0439 678608.

Many thanks in anticipation,

Tony

Tony Voller
for SIP Committee
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- Maureen Roast 0435 245 849
- Anne Hooley 0428 149 793

Contact will be made with Diocesan Safeguarding Office



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