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3rd May 2026 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

WYONG CATHOLIC PARISH

ST CECILIA'S CHURCH, ST JOHN FISHER MASS CTR & ST PETER'S CHAPEL

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REFLECTION



Struggles and tensions within the Christian community are nothing new. They have been there from the very beginning, as evidenced by today's first reading where we hear about a conflict that had arisen between the Christians of Jewish background and the Christians of Greek background. There were theological differences between the two groups and also cultural differences and the issue that brought things to a head concerned food, which is always cultural—what we eat and how we prepare food always reflects our cultural backgrounds.

We can learn much from the way the apostles handled this conflict. Their approach is one of inclusiveness. They don't take sides but seek to address the matter in a way that keeps the community together. Because the Greeks are in a more vulnerable position, they encourage the Greeks to select a number of men of good reputation who can take care of their needs. This inclusiveness is also found in today's Gospel where Jesus tells his disciples that 'there are many rooms in my Father's house.' The Gospel also gives wise advice: 'Trust in God still and trust in me.' Let us always remember that Jesus is the head and cornerstone of the Church, as St Peter reminds us in today's second reading, and we should set ourselves close to him. The Church will always be fragile because it is made up of human beings, but it will also be strong and life-giving as long as its cornerstone is faith in Jesus Christ.

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Condolences

Our Parish extends our condolences to Marie and the family and loved ones of **Francis (Frank) Dyer** who has recently passed away.

The funeral will be held on: **Tuesday 5th May at 11am at St Cecilia's Church, Wyong.**

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. And may his soul and the souls of all the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.



'Joy of Easter Concert' at St John Fisher, Tumby

Parishioners are warmly invited to join us for a joyful celebration of the Easter season at the **Joy of Easter Concert** featuring renowned Catholic musician Andrew Chinn.

The concert will be held on **Monday, May 4th from 2–3pm**, offering a wonderful opportunity to come together in faith, song, and celebration. All are welcome to share in this uplifting experience as we continue to rejoice in the hope and joy of Easter.



FREE TIMBER

There are some timber slates in St Cecilia's Car park if anyone would like them please help yourself to them. They are parts of the old fence. Thank you!

PIETY STORE



We are pleased to announce our Piety Store has reopened on Sunday mornings after 7:30am and 9:30am Mass, located near the sacristy at Wyong.

All proceeds will go toward the running and upkeep of our Parish.

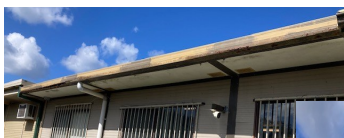
We are in need of *volunteers* to keep it open on weekends. If you are able to assist with this please contact the office on 02 4352 1011.

2026 Mass Attendance Count – May

The 2026 Diocesan Mass Attendance Count will take place across the first four weekends of May (commencing with the Vigil Mass). This year's count will follow a slightly expanded approach, as guided by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC), particularly in light of the national Census year.

WORKING BEE @ WYONG— DATE CORRECTION SATURDAY 23rd May

We will be carrying out maintenance work focusing on two areas: clearing and replacing the gutters on the Parish office/Hall, and the erection of a new shed.



Thank you to anyone who can contribute their time and effort to help care for our Parish property.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY CALLING ALL CHILDREN !

⇒ **Children's Liturgy is held every Sunday**, and we warmly invite all children to join us for the **Liturgy of the Word** — a joyful space where kids meet Jesus through stories, prayer, and engaging faith activities designed just for them.

⇒ Each week, children take something beautiful home in their hearts: a sense of belonging, a Bible story they understand, a message from Jesus to guide their week, a new faith word like mercy, hope, or kindness, simple prayers and lessons on love and forgiveness, confidence to speak about God, the reminder that "Jesus is with me," ideas for kindness at home and school, a craft to remember the Gospel, and a heart ready to pray for others.

*Children return to the church for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

*(Children under 5yrs of age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times.)



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



We're seeking volunteers to help support our parish community! Whether you can lend a hand occasionally or more regularly, your time and care make a meaningful difference. Join us in serving, connecting, and strengthening our parish together.

- Church Maintenance/Mowing upkeep
- Altar Servers
- Catechist
- Linen Upkeep
- Choir/Musician
- Piety Store
- Cleaning
- Program/Event Helpers
- Children's Liturgy Helper (Sun)

You may have a talent or skill not mentioned above, that you feel called to share. Contact us on 02 4352 1011 so you can put your faith in action!

St Barnabas Church Yarramalong

1st Sunday of the Month

Mass will be celebrated at St Barnabas Church, Yarramalong
3rd May at 11.15am. All are welcome.

Sacramental Program

Our Sacramental Program for Reconciliation & Holy Communion will begin next week, please keep all the children participating in this program in your prayers. You will find some of their names at the front of your church over the coming weeks so please feel free to go up and choose at least one name of a student you would like to pray for while their on this beautiful spiritual journey.

With regards to Confirmation this year, the wonderful news of Archbishop Anthony's appointment to the Holy See, has meant that there may be some changes to dates for the Sacrament of Confirmation this year, we appreciate your patience and understanding for further correspondence with regards to the celebration.

Should you have any enquires about any Sacraments please feel free to contact the parish office, wyongparish@bbatholic.org.au

PASTORAL WORKS—MAY APPEAL

Our Pastoral Works Appeal will be held over the next few weekends during the month of May.

The charitable works the Diocese supports are the Diocesan Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD), Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Practitioners and the disable and deaf community including St Lucy's and St Edmund's Schools.

The CCD campaign and support Catechists in Public Schools so they are able to spread the Word of God, Chaplains and Pastoral Care Practitioners visit and support those who are sick, dying or in need.

We acknowledge and thank parishioners for their generosity in these difficult financial times. Every donation makes a difference.

All donations over \$2 are 100% tax deductible.

Invitation to celebrate Weekday Mass with the students from St Cecilia's Mondays 9.15am & St John Fisher Tuesdays 9.15am (School Term only)

We encourage and extend a warm welcome to ALL parishioners to this beautiful half hour week day Mass.

**Please Note—Mass at St Cecilia's may vary depending on weather conditions.*

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MOTHERS DAY STALL—2nd & 3rd May

This stall will be held on the weekend of the 2nd & 3rd May. There will be various items for sale, something for everyone! The Piety Store will be open with some new stock, just in time for Mother's Day. Some things will also be available at SJF, Tumbi. Be sure to come and take a look! We look forward to seeing you there.

Vox Populi—29 April 2026

Pope Leo XIV will celebrate one year of his pontificate on Friday, 8 May 2026. Very few had anticipated the quiet Cardinal Robert Prevost from Chicago would emerge from the balcony on 8 May 2025 following the fourth ballot on the second day of voting in the Conclave. Many have therefore spent the last year getting to know the new Pope, understanding what his priorities are and what his pontificate will look like in the years to come. So far, it's been a pontificate defined by peace and patience. His first few remarks as Pope were infused with a deep desire for peace and it's a message that's become even more pronounced during his pontificate, particularly as violence reigns across the Middle East, Eastern Europe and Africa. But he has also observed a quiet patience in the Papacy, being slow to make new appointments and carefully considering the state of the Church before moving on any issues. Only more recently has he chosen to speak publicly on controversial issues within the Church. The appointment of Archbishop Anthony Randazzo as Prefect of the Dicastery for Legislative Texts has certainly been one of the most tangible acts as Pope for many in Broken Bay. The next few years hold excitement too, with the Holy Father set to visit Australia in 2028 for the International Eucharistic Congress. On the anniversary of his pontificate, we keep Pope Leo XIV in our prayers, asking that he will continue to be a good and faithful shepherd of the People of God.

Reproduced from BBNeighbourhoods #449—29 April 2026

Extra Mower's Required

If there is any person who would be kind enough to join us in mowing on the Church grounds please contact Brian Bugden on 4388 2938. Depending on numbers, you will only need to mow approximately 3 times a year. To make life a little easier our equipment consists of 2 ride-on-mowers and 2 self-propelled mowers. Thank you!

Condolences Fr David Taylor 25 August 1950—25 April 2026

It is with great sadness that Archbishop Randazzo shares with us the death of Fr David Taylor. Fr David passed away suddenly on Saturday 25 April 2026 at 1.15pm at Northern Beaches Hospital, Sydney where he had been a patient for the last week or so.

For the newly established Diocese of Broken Bay, Fr David began his priestly ministry at the Parish of Mona Vale in 1991. He went on to serve as Assistant Priest at the parishes of Gosford (1992–1994) and Pennant Hills (1994–1996), before being appointed Parish Priest of Forestville and Davidson (1996–2008). During this time, he also served as a member of the Council of Priests, and for many years served on the Clergy Remuneration and Sick Fund. In 2009.

Fr David began his long-term ministry to the people of Manly–Freshwater as their Parish Priest, and in 2022, he served the broader region as Dean of the Northern Beaches. His faithful ministry to the community of Manly-Freshwater continued until his retirement in 2024 at which time he resided at Narrabeen. Most recently, he had been residing at Scalabrini Village in Allambie Heights.

Eternal rest grant unto Fr David, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. And may his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Pope's Prayer Intention for: May—That everyone might have food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

PLANNED GIVING

Dear Parishioners, should you wish to donate electronically, please see details below or use the QR Code provided.

We appreciate all offerings and support gifted to our Parish!



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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.



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.

COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP

Resumes Term 2
Mon. 4th May 9:15am—10:15am



BIBLE STUDIES EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

If there is anyone interested in attending a Bible Studies group on a Saturday afternoon or Thursday evening, Fortnightly or Monthly please use the QR Code provided or contact the parish office. This will be a space for questions, discussions and sharing information. Lets us support each others formation and share the light of Christ as we delve into his Word. *"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."* Mt 18:20

Bible Studies Expressions of Interest



TRAINING FOR EMHC'S & SERVERS—WYONG

There will be training for current Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Servers and also for those who would like to partake in these ministries, on: **Sat 9th May at 10am & Wed 13th May at 6pm at St Cecilia's Church.**

Serra Weekly Vocations Prayer Calendar.
Please pray for those in formation or already serving the Church



4/5	Fr Hien Vu & Seminarian Tan Nguyen
5/5	Fr Lucious Choi & Sem Lucas Lopez Rizo
6/5	Fr Peter DeSouza
7/5	Fr Peter Dowd & Fr Stephen Hume
8/5	Fr Biju Matthew Koikkatil
9/5	Fr Boby Cheriyl OSH
10/5	Fr Vincent Nguyen

Daily Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, we praise You for Your goodness and thank You for Your gifts. Help us respond to and live out our mission in the Church. Assist all Your people to know their vocation in life and help them to prepare for it. Call many to be priests, deacons and consecrated men and women for Your greater glory, and for the service of Your people. Give those whom You call the grace to respond generously and to persevere faithfully. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen

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MASS TIMES

ST CECILIA'S CHURCH

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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: 0410 202 823

PARISH OFFICE: 23 Byron Street Wyong

Phone: 02 4352 1011 **Mail:** Po Box 385 Wyong 2259

OFFICE HOURS: Monday -Wednesday & Friday 9.30am to 2.30pm

PARISH CONTACTS

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Assistant Priest **Fr Teody Medina, SOLT Ph: 0410 202 823**

Parish Secretaries: **Margaret Vandenberg & Christine Sassine**

SRE Catechist Co-Ordinator: **Margaret Vandenberg**

Youth Group Coordinator: **Christine Sassine**

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PARISH WEBSITE: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/wyong/>

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Children's Liturgy at Mass

St Cecilia's 5:00pm Mass Saturday

St Cecilia's 9.30am Mass Sunday

St John Fisher 5pm Mass Sunday

Youth Group

St Cecilia's Parish Hall

1st Fri Night of the Month (May vary- check bulletin for details)

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

St Cecilia's Sat after 8am Mass

St John Fisher Wed 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, Wed 9.15am in Parish Hall.

Meetings

St Cecilia's Choir practice every Tues night 5pm to 6pm

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

PPC Secretary: Kerry Bugden
Ph: 02 4388 2938

FOR SACRAMENTS PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE

KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS

Prayer: The most valuable gift you can give someone.

SICK: Jeanine Doueih, Margaret McDermott, Dave Rodney, Danae Roe, Milva Kefu, Tahniah Ahuriri, Badwi Laoulach, Vince Bosco, Rik, Rita Kerr, Tony Sabat, Marie Dyer, Courtney, Michael Parry, Regina Preston

RECENTLY DECEASED: Peter Meury, Susan Monk, Fr John McCall, Margaret Mahoney, Enid Kennedy, Norma O'Sullivan, Frank Dyer, Fr David Taylor

ANNIVERSARY MAY: Mark Bastick, Brian Myers, John Donnelly, Marie Murray, Vincent Zammit, Evelyn Ross, Deceased Members of Croke & Kenny Families



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 - 3 May 2026

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading - Acts 6:1-7

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Second Reading - 1 Peter 2:4-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation - John 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

Gospel - John 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way."

Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?"

Jesus said to him, I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us."

Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father."

Catholics interested in finding out about the Franciscan charism are warmly invited to join us at our next small group Franciscan Prayer meeting 1.00pm to 2.30pm on Friday 1st May at The Entrance Catholic Church in the Reynolds Room. Newcomers welcome.
Further information about who we are is on our national website ofsaustralia.org.au

Pax et Bonum

Sandrea Petith

OFS Central Coast Fraternity Minister

SIP Notice

Spirituality in the Pub (SIP) Meeting 7.30-9.00pm on **Tuesday 5th May** at the Grange Hotel, Wyoming (cnr. Renwick St & Pacific Hwy). The guest speaker is **Pastor Gray Knight** who passionately believes that the Church is the hope of the world.

Pastor Gray Knight: Gray migrated to Australia from the UK after 7 years of running Bible teaching camps and missionary activities throughout Europe. Working as Connect Group Pastor in a number of locations including the Central Coast. Gray sees his call is to teach the Word of God and to show people how to live it. He passionately believes that the Church is the hope of the world. He intends to use his wide range of life and ministry experiences to fulfil that calling at Gosford Wyoming Uniting Church.

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

Many thanks in anticipation,

Tony

SIP Committee



15 April 2026

LETTER ON ARRANGEMENTS PRIOR TO MY DEPARTURE

Dear Fathers & Deacons, my dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

It has now been three weeks since my appointment by the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, as Prefect of the Dicastery for Legislative Texts. I am deeply grateful for the many good wishes that I have received on the announcement. They have meant a great deal to me.

Since that time, it has been a joy to celebrate the Easter mysteries with you, to baptise twelve people at the Easter Vigil, and once again to recount the joy of the Resurrection. I pray that the peace of the Risen Christ continues to enliven the hearts of all people.

Now, it is time for me to prepare for my departure for Rome. In recent days I have had the opportunity to consider how the next months might unfold, and it is opportune for me to share something of how the months ahead might look.

There are a number of pastoral encounters that had been scheduled in my diary prior to the news of my new appointment, which will now need to change, and my office will be in contact with those communities and persons who may be affected.

Notwithstanding, with great joy I am looking forward to the Ordinations to the Priesthood of Deacons Shayne D'Cunha, Tân Nguyễn and Huy Trần on Wednesday 29 April 2026 at 7:00pm in Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara and being with them in the days following as each celebrates his Mass of Thanksgiving. From 7-14 May 2026 I will participate in the Plenary Meeting of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and then travel for meetings in Rome until 22 May 2026, returning for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for Adults on Pentecost Sunday on 24 May 2026.

At the end of that week, we celebrate the 40th Anniversary of our Diocese with Mass on the evening of Thursday 28 May 2026. This will also be my Mass of Thanksgiving with you, and we will have the opportunity to gather at The Light of Christ Centre following the Mass for me to express my gratitude. I am hopeful, however, that a number of us may still come together for our Anniversary Diocesan dinner on Friday 29 May 2026 at the Epping Club which will also be an occasion to celebrate our Catholic life and Christian discipleship through our annual presentation of awards.

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I will then have two other public occasions: the celebration of the 125th anniversary of the parish of St Agatha's, Pennant Hills on Sunday 31 May 2026, and the patronal celebration of the Parish of St Ives on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi on Sunday 7 June 2026, at which time I shall install Fr Paul Durkin as the new Parish Priest.

I will depart for Rome on Wednesday 24 June 2026.

Through this period, the Holy Father has appointed me as Apostolic Administrator for the Diocese, and on my departure, it will be the duty of the College of Consultors to elect a Diocesan Administrator until such time as the Holy Father nominates a new Bishop for the Diocese.

During this time of Administration, the College of Consultors continues, as does the service of the Deans. I am grateful for the continuing service of Fr David Ranson as my Vicar General until the time of my departure, along with the Diocesan Chancellor, Mrs Kelly Paget and Vice Chancellor, Miss Ruth Moraes, whose roles endure throughout the period of Administration. The Council of Priests, however, ceases until such time as my successor is appointed. Regrettably, given that the See is vacant, our journey towards a Diocesan Synod now needs to be placed on hold until the Holy Father grants the Diocese a new Shepherd.

I am pleased to share that given the stage to which it has already developed, the Cathedral Precinct Project, which I have discussed with the Holy Father, may continue with its current momentum, and those processes related to its planning may progress - albeit, of course, in a way that is open to my successor to review.

It will be for the one entrusted with governance subsequent to my departure to consider those events that are planned for the remainder of the current year.

Throughout, it is vital that the ordinary life of our parishes and communities continues under the pastoral care of our priests. Likewise, the mission of evangelisation throughout the Diocese continues to be supported by our faithful Chancery team. The Clergy/Parish Personnel Day on 22 April 2026 will be a very worthwhile occasion to ensure that the good work already undertaken continues to grow.

I will have several opportunities over the coming weeks to reflect with you more on our journey of faith together over these past six and a half years. However, with this letter I hope that the shape of the coming months may be a little clearer.

Please continue to keep me in your prayers, in the knowledge that the clergy and people of Broken Bay are very much in mine,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "+ Anthony Randazzo". The signature is written in a cursive style with a cross at the beginning.

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD JCL
Prefect of the Dicastery for Legislative Texts
Apostolic Administrator of Broken Bay



15 April 2026

Dear Fathers, Deacons, Sisters and Brothers,

CLERGY DEVELOPMENTS AND APPOINTMENTS IN THE DIOCESE

I write to share various clergy developments and appointments that I have made and that are forthcoming in the next several weeks.

Firstly, I express my warm gratitude to Fr Biju Mathew who concludes his time with us in the Diocese on 21 April 2026, Fr Biju is returning to his Diocese of Maranthavady, Kerala in India after just over five years of service with us, most recently as Assistant Priest in the Parish of French's Forest. We pray that this new chapter in his priestly ministry will bring much blessing for him.

As I have shared earlier, Fr Paul Durkin has been appointed Parish Priest of the Parish of St Ives, effective 22 April 2026, along with Deacon Tân Nguyễn who, following his Priestly Ordination on 29 April, will be appointed Assistant Priest to the Parish of St Ives.

Fr Shiju Thomas OSH, who arrived in our Diocese early February 2026 and who has been on induction at the Parish of Epping-Carlingford since, will assume his first appointment as Assistant Priest in the Parish of French's Forest, effective 29 April 2026.

Upon their Priestly Ordinations on 29 April 2026, Deacon Huy Trần will be appointed as Assistant Priest to the Cathedral Parish of Hornsby and Deacon Shayne D'Cunha will be appointed as Assistant Priest to the Parish of Epping-Carlingford.

Given the continuing uncertainty of the grant of his new visa, Fr Aldrin Valdehueza, currently in the Philippines, will conclude his current appointment as Assistant Priest at the Parish of Epping-Carlingford on 29 April 2026 and receive a new appointment upon his return to us.

I have appointed Fr Anoop Davasia MS, currently Assistant Priest in the Cathedral Parish of Hornsby, Assistant Priest to the Parish of Epping-Carlingford, effective 27 May 2026.

Please keep our men who are making transitions in your prayer. I thank them greatly for the generosity of their service.

I will have some further developments to share in the coming months.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD JCL
Prefect of the Dicastery for Legislative Texts
Apostolic Administrator of Broken Bay

Re: Introduction to Pastoral Care Course

Dear Fathers and Parish Secretaries,

I am writing to inform you that CatholicCare will be offering our *Introduction to Pastoral Care Course* (IPCC) on five consecutive **Wednesdays: April 29, May 6, 13, 20 and 27 between 9:00am and 3:00 pm** at the Ambrose Centre, 12 Ashton Ave, The Entrance (behind Our Lady of the Rosary Church).

Volunteer Catholic Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion visit hospitals throughout the Diocese of Broken Bay providing comfort and care to Catholic patients. Our Diocese and NSW Health require that 40 hours of training is completed to perform this important role. Our IPCC is open to those who already volunteer in a hospital context, or in local health and aged care facilities, and to those who might be deciding if they are suited to this ministry.

This course will be **free** for participants and has been created particularly for a Catholic pastoral community. It is supported by the Australian Catholic University and endorsed by the Civil Chaplaincies Advisory Committee NSW. It will provide your Parish volunteers with the minimum training required by our Diocese and NSW Health.

As the recruitment and training of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion is the responsibility of the Parish Priest, and each Parish has its own protocols, it is essential that any of your Parishioners who may be interested in participating in this course have been prepared and approved by you. Therefore, I have attached to this email a "Letter of Recommendation", an "Outline" with details of the course and an item to place in your Parish Bulletin.

May I suggest the following procedure for enrolment in the course:

- ❖ advertise the course, both verbally and in your Parish Bulletin (using the item attached)
- ❖ ask interested Parishioners to speak with you about their possible participation in the course
- ❖ if you consider them to be suitable, provide them with the "Outline" containing the course details
- ❖ complete the "Letter of Recommendation" signed by you and email a copy to:
denis.obrien@catholiccareddb.org.au
- ❖ both you and your Parishioner will be contacted to confirm their enrolment in the course

I would appreciate it if you would advertise our course both verbally and in your Parish Bulletin over the coming weekends prior to the course commencing on April 29. Please contact **Denis O'Brien, CatholicCare Diocese of Broken Bay, on 0439 009 932** if you have any queries or concerns.

Regards,

Peter Brown
Practice Manager Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care
CatholicCare Diocese of Broken Bay



Introduction to Pastoral Care Course 2026

For more information and enrolment please contact:

Denis O'Brien

CatholicCare Diocese of Broken Bay

0439 009 932

Aims:

To provide learning opportunities for participants to:

- Comply with the expectations of our Diocese and NSW Health
- Provide a 40 hour course to introduce the concepts of Clinical Pastoral Education to Catholic Pastoral Care Workers
- Identify, develop and enrich their pastoral practice and identity as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion within the hospital context
- Provide an introduction to the ministry of Catholic hospital pastoral care and feel a sense of community

Learning Outcomes:

For participants to begin to:

- appreciate their role as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
- understand their role within the Diocese's definition of pastoral care
- understand their boundaries as they interact with patients, families, peers, and other pastoral care and health professionals within a hospital context
- appreciate the difference between denominational and multi-faith pastoral care
- use basic interpersonal skills in active listening
- respond to patient's spiritual-care needs within a hospital context
- grow in their understanding of loss, grief, and bereavement
- grow in their understanding of action/reflection learning
- use and understand a verbatim
- increase their theological understanding and reflection
- understand pastoral supervision and its value

Course Outline:

The participants will begin to learn and understand:

- the significance of Eucharistic Ministry in the hospital context
- how to actively listen and respond pastorally
- the vulnerability of a patient
- the impact of loss and grief in the life of the patient and their family
- how to work cooperatively with other pastoral care and health professionals
- how to use a verbatim
- how to use theological reflection to enhance pastoral ministry
- the purpose and need of pastoral supervision
- how to care for themselves

Course Time: The course consists of 40 hours, one day per week for five weeks, including 10 hours of personal reading and reflection at home.

Assessment: Participants shall be assessed by their attendance, a weekly learning journal, a written verbatim, active participation and an awareness of the importance of process in the course.

Recommended Reading:

Welcome, Inclusion, Attentive Presence: The Central Role of Pastoral Care in Catholic Health and Aged Care by Maryanne Confoy

Where the Hell is God by Fr Richard Leonard

Good Grief by Mal McKissock

Tuesdays with Morrie by Mitch Albom

The Art of Theological Reflection by Killen, Shea and de Beer.



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April Session: Discover Palms Online! Scan this QR-

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Time: 7 pm – 8:30 pm AEST



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Time: 4 pm – 5:30 pm AEST



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Time: 10.30 am

Date: Sunday 10 May 2026 (Second Sunday of each month)

Church: Holy Cross Catholic Church, 9 Humphreys Rd, Kincumber South

A visual story is also available to help people prepare for their visit to Mass. Knowing what to expect can help reduce anxiety and stress, and this visual guide can assist individuals and families in becoming familiar with the experience.

[Accessible Mass Visual Story](#)

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FEB	27Feb-1Mar, Lenten Retreat
MAR	20-22, Preparation for Holy Week Retreat
APR	17-19, Deliverance Retreat
MAY	15-17, Preparation For Pentecost Retreat
JUN	19-21, Inner Healing Retreat
JUL	10-12, Family Healing Retreat
AUG	14-16, Dei Verbum Retreat
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Third Monday (Wallsend)

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at St Patrick's Church, 11 Macquarie street, WALLSEND

Third Friday (Epping)

Holy Mass & Adoration, 6:00pm-8:00pm
at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, 31 Oxford St, EPPING

Fourth Thursday (Adelaide)

Spiritual Healing Retreat, 7:00pm-9:00pm
St Peter Claver Church, 8 Stuart Road, Dulwich,
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Dear Friends,

We have a retreat coming up at Jamberoo Abbey in the month of June. Below is a short description of it.

Go to [our website](#) for more information and how to register.

We would like to enable as many people to attend our retreats. If you require assistance with the registration cost, please don't hesitate to contact us at onlineretreat@jamberooabbey.org.au.

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Benedictine Nuns of Jamberoo Abbey

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- \$25 per session: General audience
- \$40 per session: Teachers applying for Catholic school accreditation

See the next page for the list of topics and presenters.

These sessions are approved for teacher accreditation in some Catholic dioceses.
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May 2026

Registrations essential!

Please note that registrations close at 5pm two business days before each session.

Day	Title and Presenter
Monday 4 May 7pm - 8.30pm	Can a Scientist Believe in God? Rev. Dr Chris Mulherin
Tuesday 5 May 7.30pm - 8.30pm	Interculturality and Its Relevance for the Church Today Rev. Dr Jake Mudge
Wednesday 6 May 5.30pm - 7pm	Democracy and Education Prof. Jānis Ozoliņš
Thursday 7 May 7pm - 8.30pm	Enriching Our Understanding of Being A Christian in Our World Today Dr Frances Baker RSM
Tuesday 12 May 7.30pm - 9pm	John 1: 19-51: Jesus' Baptism and the Call to Discipleship Br Dr Paul Creevey FMS
Wednesday 13 May 5.30pm - 7pm	Old Testament Law: Is It Still Relevant? Rev. Dr Kris Sonek OP
Thursday 14 May 7pm - 8.30pm	Community and Communion: A (Gentle) Introduction to Canon Law Rev. Adi Indra
Monday 18 May 7pm - 8.30pm	The Gospel According to Matthew: A Tapestry Dr Rosemary Canavan
Tuesday 19 May 7pm - 8.30pm	Religion and Ethics: Exploring Some Connections Dr Frances Baker RSM
Wednesday 20 May 7pm - 8.30pm	An Introduction to AI and Transhumanism ... for Christians Rev. Dr Chris Mulherin
Thursday 21 May 7pm - 8.30pm	After Death — What? Rev. Dr Paul Connell
Tuesday 26 May 7pm - 8.30pm	Why Study the Ancient Biblical Languages? Rev. Dr Trevor Tibbertsma

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FR. CHRISTOPHER WATERHOUSE



The Rev'd Christopher Waterhouse is Rector of St James' King Street, Sydney. Prior to his appointment, he served as Precentor and Chaplain

for the Arts at St David's Cathedral, Hobart. Born in the United Kingdom and raised and educated in Tasmania, Christopher developed an early passion for the performing arts, particularly theatre and music. He appeared in numerous stage productions across Tasmania before relocating to Sydney to work with the Sydney Theatre Company, and later moving to London where he worked at the St James' Theatre.

He subsequently left the theatre industry to work at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, while undertaking ministry studies.

Christopher returned to Australia in 2017 to become Director of the St James' Institute. He has more than 25 years' experience as a radio presenter in Hobart, London and Sydney, and has served on the boards of a range of philanthropic, church, education and arts organisations. These include the national board of the Anglican Board of Mission, the Council of St Andrew's College, and 2MBS Fine Music Sydney.

Scandinavia Itinerary Overview

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- Visits to ABBA The Museum and the Vasa Museum.

Vadstena - 2 nights

- Travel south with a stop at Östanbäck Monastery.
- Guided walking tour of medieval Vadstena.
- Visits to Vadstena Abbey and Vadstena Castle.

Malmö - 3 nights

- Travel to Malmö.
- Visit Malmö Castle and key churches. Church service.
- Excursion to Skanörs Church and final sightseeing in Malmö.
- Full-day excursion along the Skåne coast. Visits to Ystad and Simrishamn.
- Stop at the Kivik Grave and visits to historic churches including St Nicolai Church and St Olof's Church.

Copenhagen - 5 nights

- Travel to Denmark via ferry. Visit Kronborg Castle (Hamlet's Castle).
- Scenic coastal drive along the Strandvej to Copenhagen.
- Guided city tour including Nyhavn, Amalienborg Palace, Christiansborg Palace and The Little Mermaid.
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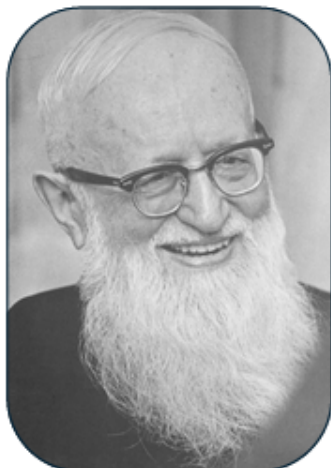
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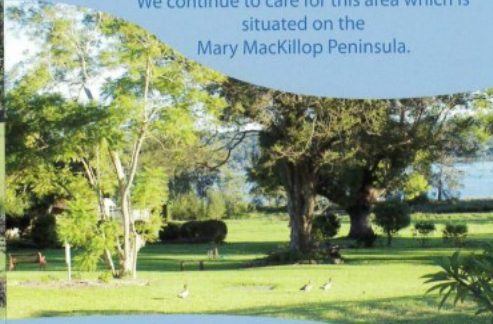
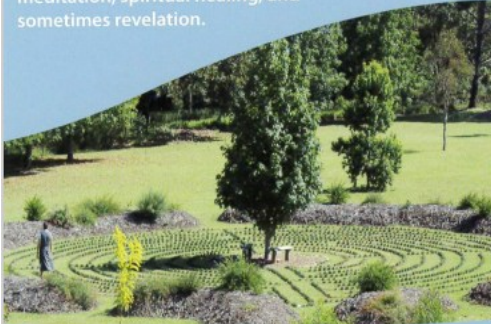
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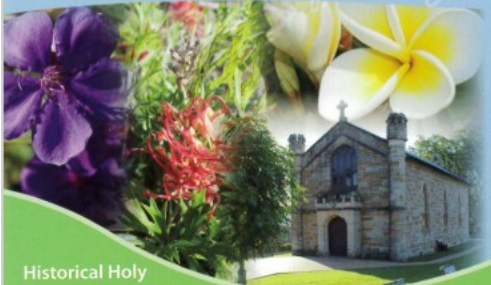
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St Joseph's Spirituality & Education Centre

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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 ensuites.

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.

Walking Tracks and Gardens

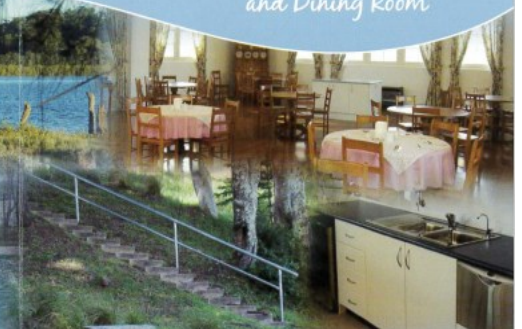
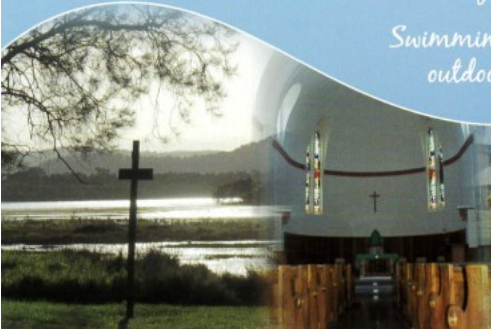
Meditation Areas and Mary of the Cross Walk

Swimming pool and outdoor patio

Chapel and prayer rooms

Conference Rooms

Lounge, Tea Bays and Dining Room



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@catholiccareddb.org.au or text a photo of the form to 0481 602 046. Thank you.

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-

tions to tackle or resolve these challenges. We listen, talk through experiences and help you think about ways forward. Common issues addressed in counselling include family transitions, communication issues, work/life balance, conflict, parenting after separation, grief and loss and decision making. We offer a welcoming, inclusive environment and a safe space for all ages. CatholicCare offers Government funded, fee for service and NDIS approved therapy options for yourself, your children and as a family unit.

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



Key Telephone Numbers

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POLICE: 000

Call the Police for immediate assistance.

1800 RESPECT: 1800 737 732

A national 24-hour 7 day a week service, for advice or support in relation to sexual assault and domestic violence. The service also connects victims to the nearest help according to their location.

FOR NON-ENGLISH SPEAKERS

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

CATHOLICCARE BROKEN BAY

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



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**