

# WELCOME

**VISION** *The Wyong Catholic Parish is a welcoming, caring dynamic community*

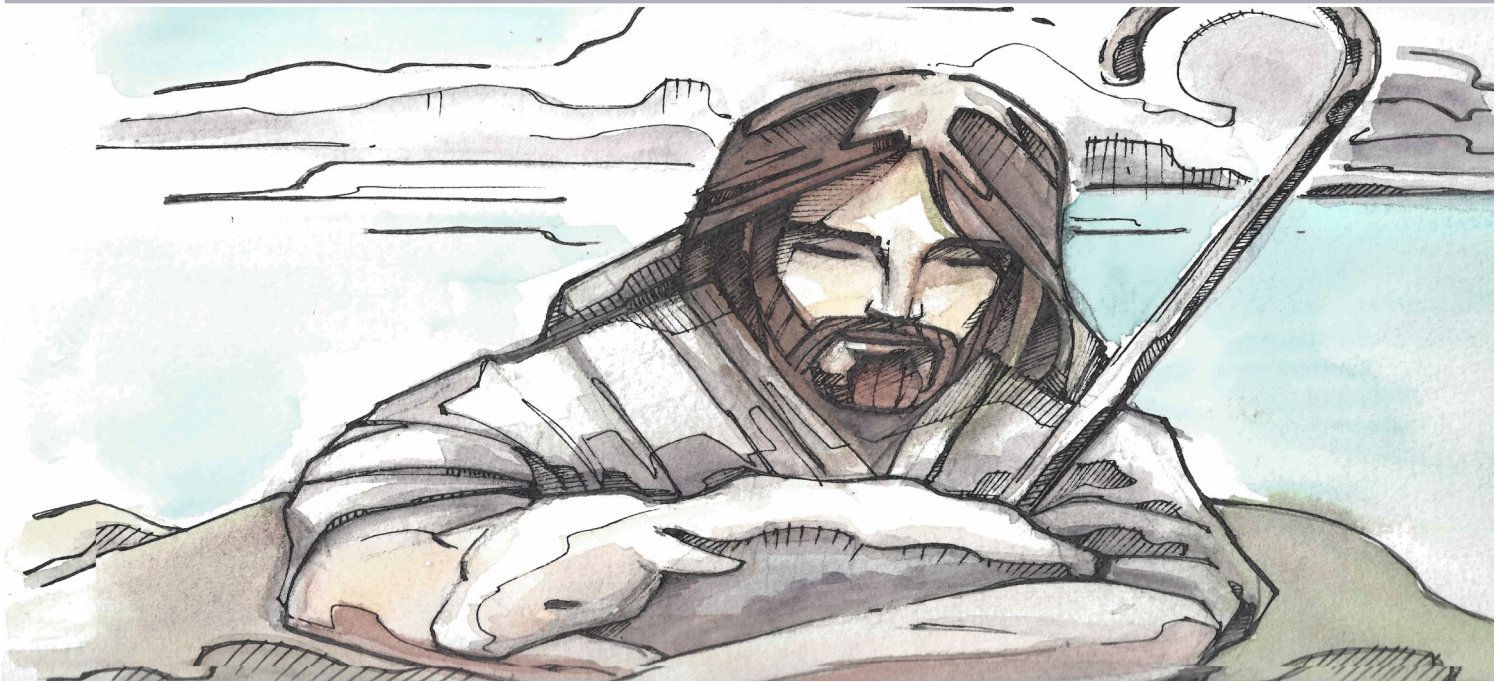
**MISSION STATEMENT** *We will live and proclaim the message of the Gospel:  
Engage, Participate, Reach out and Transform*

**3RD SEPTEMBER 2023 TWENTY-SECOND 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)**



**HAPPY  
FATHERS  
DAY**

We wish all father's a very Happy Father's Day and may all God's blessings be with them.

## A Warm Welcome

We would like to welcome to the Parish our new priest, Fr. Teody, who will be joining Fr. Raul and Fr. Alex.

## **Reflection 3.9.2023 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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*The lamenting voice of Jeremiah in today's first reading reminds us that sometimes we experience aloneness, rejection and even persecution for our faith. Living a life of faith can be a lonely road at times, especially when we are called to walk against the grain of popular views and aspirations. This uncomfortable reality is echoed in the Gospel as a faithful disciple, Peter has not fully understood what radical discipleship means. It is imperative that Jesus remains faithful to his mission and confronts the reality of the cross and the inherent power of darkness. Our current 'creature comfort' culture can seduce us into avoiding pain and conflict. As committed disciples of Jesus we are called to embrace the cross so that, in companionship with Jesus alive in our Christian community, we can continue to heal the world from within.*



## **SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT** **2023-2024**

### **Listen, Love, Learn**

Australia's Catholic bishops have called on the nation to seek "a new engagement" with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in their annual Social Justice Statement.

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, chair of the Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service says, "We want Catholics to understand that Catholic social teaching and Catholic social action are not simply theoretical and academic exercises."

The theme for this year's statement was chosen in May 2022, well before the Voice was mooted. We ask the Church in Australia to make efforts to lead the way for our fellow Australians" in pursuing reconciliation." Bishop Long continues "Our attitudes and actions towards First Nations Peoples need to be grounded in justice, love and humility," We need to listen with deep respect and learn from them about what needs to be done to improve their situations. We need to walk with them, day by day, and work with them to bring about change for the better – for their people and for all of us.

Strengthening our relationship with our First Peoples is integral and indeed critical to the strengthening of the whole nation."

The complete Social Justice Statement 2023-2024 is available at: - <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/media/6475/2023-24-social-justice-statement-listen-learn-love-final.pdf>

We welcome the children who are preparing for the Sacrament of First Eucharist and their families to our Masses over the coming weekends. This is a sacred time for them and we encourage you to support and pray for them as they deepen their experience of God's love for them.

## **BUNNINGS BARBECUE**

Wyong Catholic Parish will be holding its Annual Bunnings Barbecue on **Saturday 9 September** at Tuggerah.

Funds raised from this activity will be used to help disadvantaged of our local community through.

- Wyong Neighbor Centre
- We Care Collect
- St Lucy's School for Years K-12 children with disabilities
- St Edmunds School for Years 7-12 children with disabilities

Please visit us for a sausage (\$3.50) and cold drink (\$1.50) between 9:00am and 4:00pm.

Hope to see you there!!!!

Your support would be most appreciated.

## **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be held on **Tuesday, 12 September.**

Any parishioner whose has items which they would like considered at this meeting, please speak to one of our PPC members or contact Kerry Bugden by **phone** at 43882938 or by **email** at [kbbugden@bigpond.com](mailto:kbbugden@bigpond.com) by 10 September.

## **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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2/3rd Sept	Weekly	62	Monica Stewart	87	Gloria King

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## **White Elephant Stall—THANK YOU**

Thank you to all who were able to support our Pastoral Works appeal through this stall & a special thanks to Marie, Biddy and Christine.

## **St Barnabas Church Yarramalong**

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

## **SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY**

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognize and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place that builds and supports safe communities for all people. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: [www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday202](http://www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday202)

## **Sunday Mass 3 September 2023**

### **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

#### **First Reading Jeremiah 20:7-9**

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!' The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, 'I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.' Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

#### **Responsorial Psalm Ps 62:2-6, 8-9**

**R.** My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

#### **Second Reading Romans 12:1-2**

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

#### **Gospel Acclamation of Ephesians 1:17, 18**

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

#### **Gospel Matthew 16:21-27**

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behavior.'



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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 Tumby 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:** Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 9.30am to 2.30pm

### PARISH CONTACTS

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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

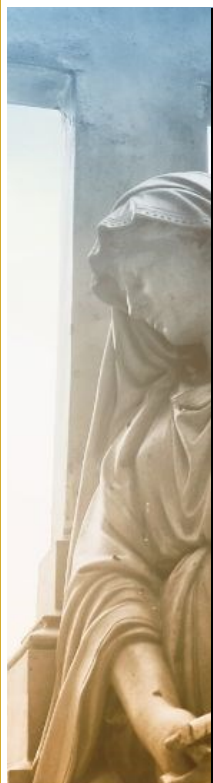
### KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS

*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, Christine, Jacqui Stacey, Josie Campbell, 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, Carmel Myers, Clara Banda

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Richard Mahinay, Carol Dafter, Raymond (Ray) Baker

**ANNIVERSARY SEPTEMBER:** Gerard Byrne, Peter Donnelly, Jack Harris, Helen Cole, Donald King



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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.



# Supporting Safe Communities

**SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 2023**  
**10 SEPTEMBER**



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## Areté Missionary Leadership Course 2024 – Applications Now Open

Applications for the Foundations of Missionary Leadership Program are now open for 2024. The Foundations program equips people with the knowledge, skills, and values to become effective missionaries and leaders in their parishes and communities. Through an enriching curriculum and immersive experiences, students will gain a deeper understanding of their faith, the centrality of evangelisation, and leadership principles of ministry.

Subsidies are available from Evangelisation Broken Bay. Please contact Pina Bernard to discuss further on 0432 682 239 or [pina.bernard@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:pina.bernard@bbcatholic.org.au)

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Fr Chris Ryan MSL Director Areté Centre	Fr Simon Lobo CC Parish Priest St Benedict Halifax	Fr Rob Galea Executive Director FRG Ministry	Professor Renee Kohler-Ryan National Head of the School of Philosophy and Theology, University of Notre Dame	Emma Plant Communications Manager Evangelisation Brisbane



## 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 Tumby 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