

# 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*

**4TH DECEMBER 2022 First Sunday of ADVENT Year A**

**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)**

## 2nd Sunday of ADVENT

### **Reflection**

### **Second Sunday of Advent**

*Reproduced from God's Word 2022: Daily Reflections, published by St Pauls Publications, Strathfield*

What is the significance of Jesus? What did he come for? In Advent we try to understand Jesus through the lens of the Gospel accounts of John the Baptist. His relationship with Jesus slowly helps us clarify who this Messiah Jesus is. The second reading takes us immediately to the heart of the Gospel: He came for the salvation of all. We await the fulfilment of this salvation: it is part of our life-long Advent. Two prophets help us on our journey. Isaiah foresees the Messiah as a king on whom the Spirit of God rests. In him, God's reign comes, and creation is itself made new. John is another Elijah, crying in the wilderness and baptizing in the Jordan river. There the people come and wash, in order to reclaim their identity with their ancestors, and their readiness to welcome the Messiah, Jesus, who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire. In your prayer, attend to this double awaiting: the coming of your Saviour, and signs of God's universal reign emerging even now in your daily life.

P.E.A.C.E



## CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

All children are invited to take part in a Christmas Pageant at the Vigil Masses on Christmas Eve 24th December.

We are looking for the following to join us at rehearsal and be part of the Mass; confident readers, angels, shepherds, kings and gospel procession.

If your child would like to be in the pageant or you would like to help with the pageant please call ...

Text Chris 0406 539 444 for the

### St John Fisher Pageant

Rehearsal will be 3.30pm Sunday 18th December.

And

Marie Dyer 4352 1994 for

### St Cecilia's Pageant

Rehearsal will be 4pm Saturday 24th December

## Come Help Decorate the Christmas Tree

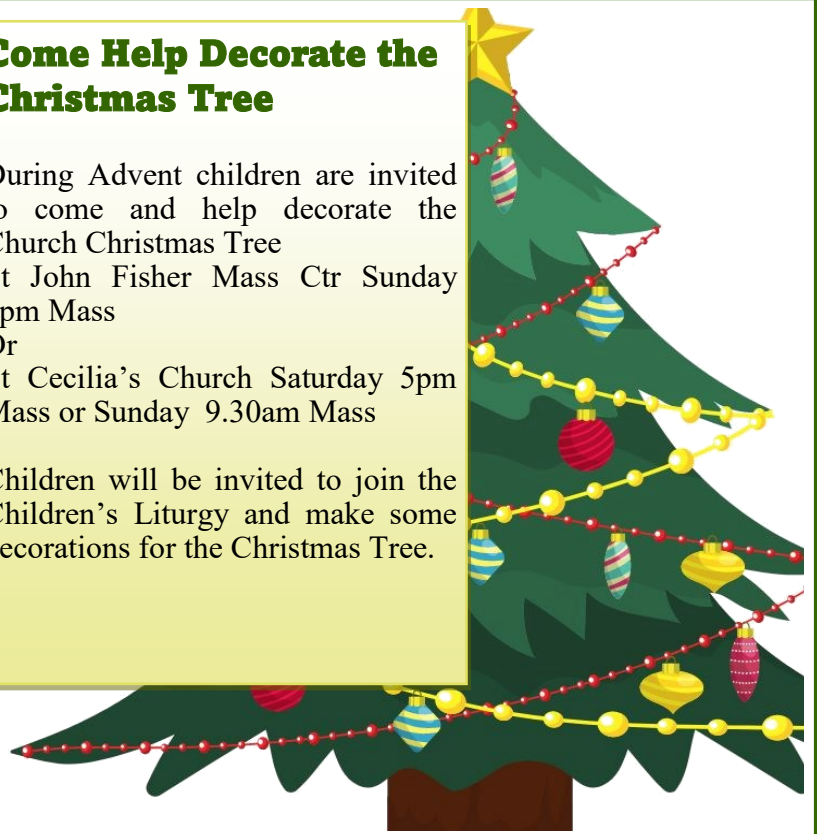
During Advent children are invited to come and help decorate the Church Christmas Tree

St John Fisher Mass Ctr Sunday 5pm Mass

Or

St Cecilia's Church Saturday 5pm Mass or Sunday 9.30am Mass

Children will be invited to join the Children's Liturgy and make some decorations for the Christmas Tree.



## CATECHIST SERVICE AWARDS

We sincerely thank all our Catechists who devote themselves to this special ministry in the parish, sharing their love and faith with the children in our local state schools.

The following Catechists received awards this year.

Grace Mifsud and Kathleen Feehely Papal Service Award 20 years, Kerry Bugden, Beth Hughes 15 years Service award, Maureen Kiernan, Patricia Yeo, Danielle De Robillard 10 years Service, Elizabeth Schultz, Anne Davidson, Catherine and Patrick Fitzgerald and Anthony Camenzuli 5 years Service award. Congratulations and may God's Blessings be with you.



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**Advent** provides an opportunity for us to begin again and to prepare ourselves anew for the coming of Jesus Christ. It is a time of waiting and expectation, of anticipation and preparation. We can use the coming weeks for personal prayer, growth and change in the way we live. Anticipating the Nativity of Jesus, we can dedicate special time toward considering our relationship with Jesus.

(Diocese of Knoxville Tennessee).

**We warmly welcome**  
**Seminarian Hien Vu** to our parish, Hien will be joining us from Monday 28th Nov to Sunday 25th Dec.

Hien is of Vietnamese background. He is the seventh in a family of eight. His parents were both farmers. One of his sisters is a Religious Sister. Hien is in his sixth year of Seminary formation. He has one more year to finish his academic studies. He looks forward to being ordained a deacon, and then ordained a priest. Hien's hobbies are guitar, reading, bushwalking and table tennis. He is a prayerful man, deeply committed to his vocation and looks forward to serving God among the people of Broken Bay.

### **HELP NEEDED**

St Cecilia's is desperately needing more volunteers for our Church cleaning roster. The upkeep of our Church is very important.

You would only be required for 1 hour every 5 to 6 weeks. Could you please consider volunteering.

Thank you. Kay 0419 021 214

### **100 Club Fundraising**

#### **Draw no 6**

1st No 104 Katie Galea \$80.00  
2nd No 120 Joshua Cesca \$40.00  
3rd No 24 Tony Bolan \$ 20.00

#### **Draw 7**

1st No 54 Denise Austin \$80.00  
2nd No 80 Georgeina Mastroianni \$40.00  
3rd No 124 Helen Bradford \$20.00

## **ALL WELCOME PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER**

**Celebrate the End of Year with Us**

**When Friday 16th December 2022**

**Where St John Fisher Hall Hicks Lane  
Tumbi Umbi**

**Time 6pm**

**Cost Donation**

**RSVP Monday 5th Dec**

**Jo 0424 763 734**

*Please join us for  
Dinner and Christmas Carols*

All parishioners and family members are invited and are most welcome.

The Christmas dinner will commence at 6pm with a meal (barbecue, meats, salads and sweets) followed by Christmas carols.

For catering purposes, it is essential you text or phone Jo on 0424 763 734 and register your attendance.

**Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary** to Jan and Ian McCall, May all Gods Blessings be with you on this special occasion.

### **ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

#### **CHRISTMAS APPEAL:**

Our Christmas appeal will be held over the next two weekends. Christmas hamper baskets will be located at the back of the Church as of next weekend for you to fill.

Each hamper needs tinned ham, Christmas Cake & pudding, custard as well as basics such as cereal, biscuits, pasta & sauce etc. We are also seeking donations of Coles/Woolworths gift cards. Whatever you can donate will be greatly appreciated. Many thanks for your continued support.

#### **Christmas Card & Calendars**

Christmas cards and calendars are now available at the back of the church and after Mass at Tumbi. Cards are \$10 for a pack of 10 & calendars are \$10. Proceeds go to St Vincent de Paul Society.



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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

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

### ST JOHN FISHER MASS CENTRE

Hicks Lane Tumbi Umbi

Saturday Vigil / Sunday Mass Times

Sat Vigil 5.00 pm Sun: 8.30am & 5pm

**Weekday Mass**

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

**Reconciliation/Confession** Saturday at 4.30pm

### EMERGENCY PRIEST CONTACT

Fr Raul ph: 0450 115 099

Fr Alex ph: 0432 947 245

**PARISH OFFICE** 23 Byron Street Wyong

Phone: 02 4352 1011 Po Box 385 Wyong 2259

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

### PARISH CONTACTS

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

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

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

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

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

**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 8.15 - 9.15am

**Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help** Sat St Cecilia's & Wed St John Fisher (after the 8am Mass)

### Devotion to the Divine Mercy

**St Cecilia's** Fri after the 8am Mass

**St John Fisher** Fri after the 9:15am Mass

### Prayer groups

**St Cecilia's** Rosary Group Tues after 8am mass followed by Divine Mercy

**St Cecilia's** Legion of Mary 9am Wed

### Meetings

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

### KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Prayer: The most valuable gift you can give someone.**

**SICK:** Harriet Powell, Danae Roe, Peter Ford, Harry Hall, Michael Briggs, Christine Heffernan, Jennese Thompson, Leeann Hazelton, Bernadette Kiely, Steve Durnford, Ann Durnford, Maureen Mulheron, Angela Watts, William Martin, Terence (Ted) Dafter, Finn McConnon, Margaret Hobbs, Christine, Jacqui Stacey, Josie Campbell, Carol Dafter, Dave Rodney, Gwen Dwyer, Helen Waters, Rod & Pauline Cornwell, Marie & Peter Rheinberger, Hannah Hopwood, Fay King, Joan Mabbutt, Irene Dainty, Eoin, Paula, Peter Meury, Lyn Nash.

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

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

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### Safeguarding Message

Wyong parish is committed to safeguarding. All children, young persons and vulnerable adults have a right to feel safe and be safe. If you have a concern about the safety of anyone in the parish, please raise your concern with Fr Raul, Fr Alex or Joanne. The contact details are on the back to the Bulletin.



## **Pope Francis' Prayer Intention December**

### **Volunteer Not-for-profit Organisations**

We pray that volunteer non-profit organisations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

## **Sunday Mass 4 December 2022**

Second Sunday of Advent, Year A

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

#### **First Reading Isaiah 11:1-10**

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless; his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips. The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand.

They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea. That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

#### **Responsorial Psalm Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17**

**R.** Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

#### **Second Reading Romans 15:4-9**

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

#### **Gospel Acclamation Luke 3:4, 6**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

#### **Gospel Matthew 3:1-12**

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

## **Vox Populi - Voice of the People**

### **30 November 2022**

The first week of Advent is coming to a close and we will soon light our second purple or violet coloured candle which symbolises Faith.

It is sometimes called the "Bethlehem Candle" as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

This week allows us to reflect on a life lived in the spirit of trust.

Bethlehem is a story about a humble couple on an unwanted journey, at an inconvenient time, to visit a tiny insignificant town.

Augustus Caesar was ruling, and he called for a census to be taken, but God was in charge, and He used Caesar's edict to move Mary and Joseph eighty miles from Nazareth to Bethlehem to fulfil His Word.

When the angel Gabriel visited Mary saying she would bear a son who she will name Jesus, and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His Kingdom there will be no end, Mary said; "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." ([Luke 1:38](#)). Certainly a sign of faith and trust, and it meant that from then on, Mary's life would be a part of the fulfilment of divine prophecy.

A woman of deep faith Mary trusted in God so completely that she cooperated with God's call, allowing Jesus to be born into the world.

The Bethlehem Candle of Faith is well named. In a world of commercialism and "happy holidays", it takes faith to embrace and celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.





Every gift makes a difference to someone in hospital, school, a parish or the wider community.

# PASTORAL WORKS Broken Bay

**Pastoral Works Broken Bay is the pastoral charity of the Catholic community in Broken Bay.**

In supporting our pastoral works you are helping our dedicated catechists provide thousands of state school students with a Catholic education; and helping us provide comfort, care, a listening ear and the sacraments to those who are vulnerable or experiencing loneliness, illness and isolation through our hospital chaplaincy program.

Our pastoral works also assist students with disability achieve their dreams, and provides practical support for the deaf community.

Your gift does make a difference. It maybe young people in schools, someone in hospital, a parish or the wider community.

My prayer is that Pastoral Works Broken Bay enables us to reach further and wider in helping our community, and more deeply connects us to our vision and the mission of Jesus. I am deeply grateful for your support.

**Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD JCL,**  
Bishop of Broken Bay



**CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY**

## Thank you for your generosity

For many in our community, your generosity means the Church can be there during times of great need, renewing and rebuilding their lives. Your donations support five ministries:



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# Parish Christmas Dinner

WYONG CATHOLIC  
PARISH

St Cecilia's  
St John Fisher  
St Peter's

CELEBRATE THE END OF YEAR WITH US

- WHEN** Friday 16th December 2022
- WHERE** St John Fisher Hall Hicks Lane Tumbi Umbi
- TIME** 6pm
- COST** Donation
- RSVP** Monday 5th December Jo 0424 763 734

*Please join us for Dinner  
and Christmas Carols*

**16TH  
FRIDAY  
DEC 2022**





# Christmas Eve Children Mass

## CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

All children are invited to take part in a Christmas Pageant at the Childrens 5pm Vigil Masses on Christmas Eve Saturday 24th December at St Cecilia's Church and St John Fisher Hall.

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Wyong Catholic Parish



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NOVENA MASSES 2022

# Simbang Gabi Launch

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHEDRAL

10 December | 5:00 PM

27 Yardley Ave, Waitara

## Hornsby

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

15-23 December | 7:00 PM

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Cynthia.alipalo@gmail.com

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## Dee Why

ST. KEVIN'S CHURCH

15-23 December | 7:30 PM

50 Oaks Ave, Dee Why

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## Chatswood

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CHURCH

16-24 December | 5:30 AM

94 Archer st, Chatswood

fccpadmin@gmail.com

## Wyong

ST. CECILIA'S CHURCH

The Tridumm

21, 22, 23 December | 7:00 PM

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Pastoral Coordinator

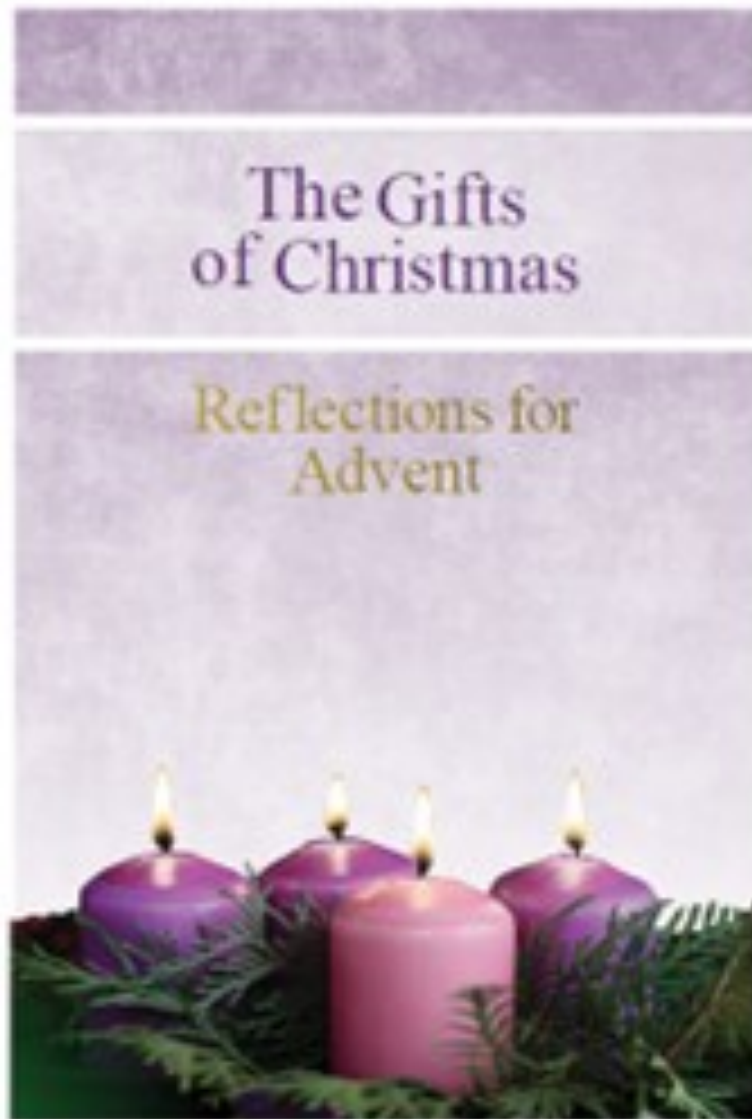
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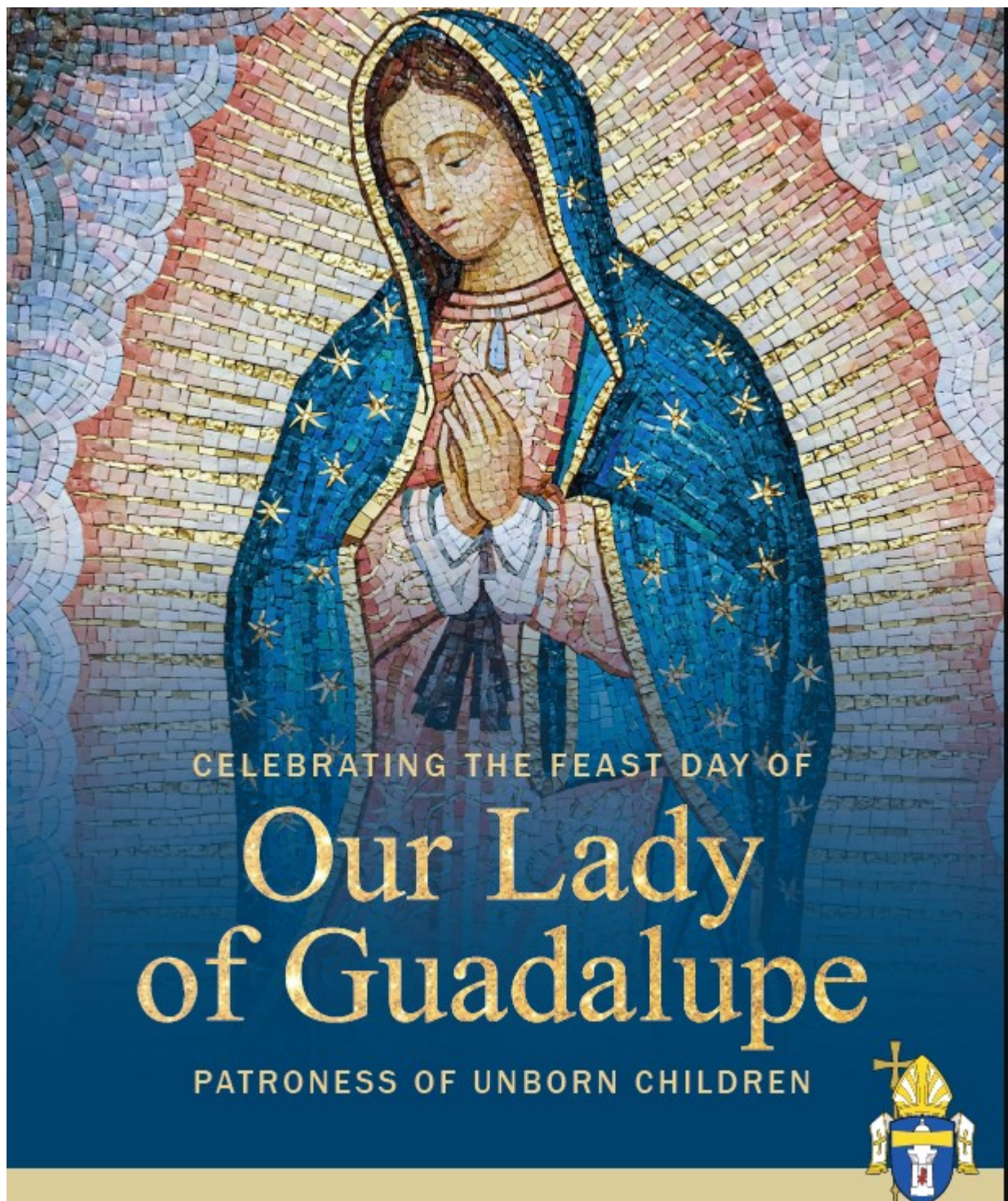
**Our new Diocesan Advent resource is now available.**

**Written by Fr David Ranson, it offers reflections based on the Gifts of Christmas that are represented by the Advent candles, these being Hope, Faith, Joy, and Peace.**

**You may wish to use this resource for small groups during Advent, or it is also suitable for individual reflection.**

**The resource can be accessed on the [Diocesan webpage](#)**

**For further information or assistance, please contact Pina Bernard at [pina.bernard@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:pina.bernard@bbcatholic.org.au) or 0432 682 239.**



All are invited to celebrate the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of unborn children, at a Mass celebrated by Bishop Anthony Randazzo.

The Mass will include a special blessing for expectant mothers and those wishing to conceive a child. Details are as follows:

Date: Monday 12 December 2022

Time: 7:00pm Mass

Venue: Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church, 94 Archer St Chatswood

Following Mass, refreshments and entertainment will be offered in the church forecourt.