

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 FEBRUARY 2024 5TH 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)**

Reflection 04.02.24

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Like the other evangelists, Mark records many occasions in which Jesus heals people stricken with serious illnesses and brings wholeness to people handicapped by bodily defects. In today's Gospel it is Peter's mother-in-law who is the subject of his compassionate ministrations. Mark goes a step further in proclaiming the Good News by highlighting how frequently Jesus also brings freedom to those who are bedeviled and enslaved by maladies that afflict the human spirit. In our lives this servitude can take many forms destructive addictions, compulsive behaviour, habits of serious sin, envy of others, greed, self-centredness and bigotry, to mention just a few. Committed to amending our lives in whatever impedes our relationship with God and our neighbour, let us humbly stand before Jesus and ask for healing of mind, body and spirit and release from our personal demons. In this connection, Paul offers us good advice: 'Stand fast therefore in the liberty with which Christ has made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage' (Galatians 5:1).



VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION

Any parishioner who volunteers for our parish in any capacity who has not completed the registration forms is asked to collect the forms from the church entrance. You are asked to complete the front sheet, naming any area where you volunteer, and the back of the form entitled Diocese of Broken Bay.

The Worker's Health and Safety form explains the requirements for the Parish and all volunteers. It is your insurance policy if there is an accident. Should you have any questions please speak to Kerry Bugden, Maureen Roast or Beryl Taylor for help. Completed forms may be handed in at the parish office; or placed on the collection plate in an envelope marked Volunteer; or given to one of Kerry, Maureen, or Beryl.

The parish is required now to have a complete registrar for all parishioners who help in any area. Completion of the form is essential.

Thank you to all volunteers. Your help is essential for the parish to continue to meet all its current obligations and to grow into the future.

CATECHIST SUNDAY

This year catechist Sunday will be held on Sunday the 11th of February. Our catechists will be commissioned for the year ahead at Parish Masses on the weekend of the 10th and 11th February.

SRE catechists, sacramental catechists, RCIA catechists, children's liturgy of the word catechists and catholic school teachers, will be included in this commissioning.

Thank you to all who are involved in this very important work for our Parish.

May God continue to bless you all for your commitment and dedication.

God's Word—Daily Reflections Book 2024

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

Margaret

Please Note:

The Vinnies box will no longer be left in the Church unless we have a special drive.

If you have donations, please take them donations straight to Vinnies – Howarth Street, Wyong.

Thank you.

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.

250 Club Update

DATE	Type	1 ST		2 ND	
3rd/4th February	weekly	206	Caroline Hopwood	13	Ella Blackmore

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PROPOSED PARISH CALENDAR DATES

Up until APRIL 2024

(Modification of some dates may be necessary)

FEBRUARY

- 3rd/4th – 250 club numbers sale commences
- 13th – Burning of the Ashes & BBQ
- 14th – Ash Wednesday
 - Lent commences
 - Charity collection for disadvantaged commences
- 20th – PPC Meeting

MARCH

- 12th – PPC Meeting
- 22nd – 250 Club final sales
- 24th – Palm Sunday
- 28th – Holy Thursday
- 29th – Good Friday
 - Holy Places collection
- 31st – Easter Sunday

APRIL

- 6th / 7th – 2024 250 Club draw
 - Charity collection for disadvantaged concludes
- TBC – Official Opening, Windows Repair

Palm Burning Ceremony

Tuesday 13th February 2024 – 6:00pm

Palm Burning Ceremony followed by BBQ dinner (please bring dessert to share) to be held at St Cecilia's Church and Parish Hall/Verandah. For catering purposes please **RSVP to Kerry on 024388 2938 by Friday 9th Feb**

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday 14th February 2024

250 CLUB 2024

The 250 club in 2024 will run for the whole year, with prize results in the Bulletin each week.

Sign up notice information: This sheet is available at the church doors for those parishioners who were not at weekend Masses when these sheets were handed out. The full detail of the 2024 Club is part of this sheet.

Numbers Sale: commence next weekend after Masses on **3/4 February**

Cost: \$60 upfront or a payment of \$10 by **20th** of March, April, June, July, September and October. **(This equates to less than \$1.20 per week)**

Prizes: Weekly \$50 and \$20; Monthly \$200 and \$50 Christmas \$500, \$250, \$150, and \$50 All prizes are contingent on the sale of all 250 numbers. Updates of sales numbers will be in each week's bulletin.

Information contact persons are:

Maureen Roast 0435 245 849

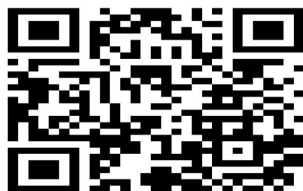
Anne Hooley 0428 149 793

Kerry Bugden 4388 2938

Thank you for your support.

Parish Vocations Volunteer

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



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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

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

Assistant Priest **Fr Teody Medina, SOLT** ph: 0414 494 823

Parish Secretary **Margaret Vandenberg** ph: 02 4352 1011

Youth Co-Ordinator **Gabbi Scherer**

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FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/wyongcatholicparish

Children's Liturgy at the following Masses

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

ANNIVERSARY FEBRUARY: Bill Cullinan, John Kiernan, Rosie Attard, Natividad Dieta, Rita Muscat, Rod McCarthy, Victor Gibbs., Frank Costa

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Safeguarding Message

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

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Job 7:1-4, 6-7

A reading from the prophet Job

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service,
his time no better than hired drudgery?
Like the slave, sighing for the shade,
or the workman with no thought but his wages,
months of delusion I have assigned to me,
nothing for my own but nights of grief.
Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?'
Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!'
Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.
Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed,
and vanished, leaving no hope behind.
Remember that my life is but a breath,
and that my eyes will never again see joy.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 146:1-6

R. Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

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

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessing.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 8:17

Alleluia, alleluia!

He bore our sickness,
and endured our suffering.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 1:29-39

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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Go to BruceDownes.org for more information.

Please pass this invitation on to your parishioners, families and friends and we pray this will be a time of great renewal for you personally and in the people whom you lead.

Kind Regards

Sandra Purcell

The Catholic Guy Ministry

SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

The monthly meetings of the Fraternity have been changed:

The meetings will be held in the Reynolds Room on the SECOND FRIDAY of each month, beginning on 9th February at 1:00 pm - straight after the 11:45 am Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, The Entrance,

A warm invitation is extended to everyone.

For additional information about the Franciscan charism, please see the website:

<http://www.ofsaustralia.org.au>

Secretary: Gerard Price ofs , Mob. 0439 519 018."

Thank you,

I do appreciate your help,

Gerard Price

Secretary

Installation Process for the St Cecilia Reliquary



Timeline

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

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**