

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 MAY 2025— THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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 – Third Sunday of Easter

Every Sunday, we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. On this third Sunday of Easter we hear the story of Simon Peter, who recognised the risen Lord because of the abundant catch of fish that happened when Peter followed his directions. Peter had denied Jesus three times during his trial before the Jewish High Priest; now, in a most poignant scene, Jesus gives Peter the chance to insist three times that he does indeed love Jesus. Peter's love is now directed by Jesus, the Good Shepherd, to feeding Jesus' sheep. Jesus suggests to Peter what this new ministry of servant leadership will cost him, even to the way he will die, a way like that of Jesus himself.

In the Acts of the Apostles, a completely separate document, we see what will bring Peter to his death: witnessing to Jesus despite heavy physical punishment and threats of death. The power of the Spirit given to the apostles at Pentecost is seen when, despite being flogged, Peter and the other apostles rejoice at being able to suffer dishonour for the sake of Jesus' name. A transformation indeed! Today is a good day to pray for faith like Peter's.



Condolences

Our Parish extends our deep condolences to Michelle, Bridget & Allison, family & loved ones of Pauline Cornwell who has recently passed away. The funeral will be held on **Tuesday 6th May, 11:30am at St Cecilia's Church, Wyong.** Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. And may her soul and the souls of all the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

National Domestic Violence Remembrance Day—7th May

National Domestic Violence Remembrance Day is fast approaching and will be observed in Australia on May 7th, 2025. This important day is dedicated to remembering those who have tragically lost their lives as a result of domestic violence. It serves as a powerful reminder of the widespread and often hidden nature of abuse, which affects people of all ages, genders, and backgrounds. The day encourages Australians to come together in reflection—to honour victims, support survivors, and call for meaningful change. Vigils, community events, and public awareness campaigns will be held across the country to highlight the devastating impact of domestic violence and promote available resources for prevention and support.

Did you know, **May is the Month of Mary.** For centuries, the Catholic Church has set aside the entire month of May to honor Mary, Mother of God. The month of May is a special time for Catholics to pay homage to our Blessed Mother Mary. We pay homage to her. Contrary to misconceptions, we do not worship her. As Catholics, we honor Mary.

Ways We Can Honor Mary:

- Pray the Rosary
- Say the Hail Mary Prayer throughout the day
- Prayer the Memorare at 3pm daily
- Create a Prayer Corner, placing some representation of our Blessed Mother whether that be a photo, small statue, or Rosary beads.
- Create an outdoor space, flowers in honor of Mary
- Wear Blue
- Join a prayer group (see last page)

Anything you do, make it appealing and a real tribute to her beauty and virtue.

*Mary said, "Behold, the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word."
Then the angel departed from her.*



QR code for: St John Fisher School Students

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION/EUCHARIST ENROLMENT FORM 2025 St John Fisher



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION/EUCHARIST

If you would like to enrol your child for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion/Eucharist please use the QR Code respective of the school you attend & come along to the Parent Information evening. For all children who do not attend either St John Fisher or St Cecilia's Primary Schools please use the St Cecilia's QR code to enrol.

Parent Information Evening

St Cecilia & Sate School students—Mon 19th May, 7pm St Cecilia's Church Hall.
St John Fisher students – Tues 20th May, 7pm, St John Fisher Mass Centre, Hicks Lane Tumby Umbi

Holy Communion Ceremony on Friday 27th June at 5pm

More information given when you scan the QR Code respective of the school your attending. If you have any questions come along to the Information evening or contact our sacramental coordinator, Christine at wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au or Phone: 02 4352 1011.

QR code for: St Cecilia's & State School Students

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION/EUCHARIST ENROLMENT FORM 2025



Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise forever. Amen.



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200 Club 2025

Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraising in 2024. This year the club will run from July to December, with prize results in the Bulletin, as previously.

Numbers Sale: commence after Masses on **3/ 4 May** and conclude on **30 June**.

Cost: \$60 upfront or 3 payments of \$20 by **30th** of May, July, September,

Prizes: Monthly \$300, \$150, \$100, \$50.

Major (Christmas) \$500, \$250, \$150, \$50.

All prizes are contingent on the sale of all 200 numbers.

Updates of sales numbers will be in each week's bulletin.

For further information please contact

Maureen Roast—0435 245 849 Anne Hooley—0428 149 793 or Kerry Bugden—4388 2938.

PLANNED GIVING

Dear Parishioners, our planned giving envelopes cost \$760 per annum to order. Should you wish to donate electronically, please see details below: We appreciate all offerings and support gifted to our Parish!

To support the Priests (1st Collection):

Acc name: SOLT Australia
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BSB: 062 195
Acc no: 1022 9389

To the support the running & up-keep of the Parish (2nd Collection):

Acc name: Wyong Catholic Parish
BSB: 062 784
Acc no: 100 001 943

Pastoral Works Broken Bay Appeal May 2025

Our Pastoral Works Appeal will be held over the next few weekends during the month of May. Wyong Parish's quota for this financial year is \$21,162.00.

Our two key charitable works the Diocese supports are the Diocesan Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) and our Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Practitioners – while still reflecting our support for students with disability at St Lucy's Schools and St Edmund's College as well as the Ephpheta centre for the deaf community.

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.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY—YOU'RE INVITED !

All children are invited to attend the children's Liturgy at our weekend masses. Children's Liturgy is when the children leave the congregation to celebrate and reflect on the Sunday Gospel reading in an age appropriate way. The children are led through prayers, songs and readings that are adapted to their level of understanding.

(Please ensure there is a parent/guardian for children under 5yrs old; all parents/guardians welcome).

Attending Mass together is a part of being a Catholic Family, while Children's Liturgy allows children to enter the celebration more fully by catering to their needs.

Please see below the weekend masses with Children's Liturgy:

St Cecilia's Church, Wyong—Sunday 9.30am

St John Fisher Mass Centre, Tumby Umbi—Sunday 5:00pm



DID YOU KNOW ?

- 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.



St Barnabas Church Yarramalong 1st Sunday of the Month

Mass will be celebrated at St Barnabas Church, Yarramalong

Sunday 4th May at 11.15am.

All are welcome.

Parish Bulletin

E-BULLETIN If you would like to have the bulletin emailed to you, please send an email with "e-bulletin" as the subject to:
wyongparish@bbccatholic.org.au

THANK YOU— To all who have donated towards the Wyong Parish Community Collections for **Wyong Neighbourhood Centre**. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Pope Francis' Intentions - MAY

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfillment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

We also pray for the papal conclave. "Heavenly Father, guide the cardinals in wisdom and love as they may lead your church. May your will be their compass. Amen."



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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: 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 Teody Medina**, SOLT Ph: **0414 494 823**

Parish Secretaries **Margaret Vandenberg & Christine Sassine**

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Children's Liturgy at the following Masses

St Cecilia's 5:00pm Mass Saturday

St Cecilia's 9.30am Mass Sunday

St John Fisher 5pm Mass Sunday

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE

Mass St Barnabas, Yarramalong

1st Sun of month 11.15am

Filipino Mass St Cecilia's Church

3rd Sun of the month 12pm

Anointing of the Sick

First Friday of the Month

St Cecilia's During 8.00am & 11.30am Mass

St John Fisher During 9.15am Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

St Cecilia's Daily 7am-8am

St John Fisher 1st Fri 8.45 - 9.15am

Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual

Help Saturday—St Cecilia's &

Wednesday—St John Fisher (after the 8am Mass)

Devotion to the Divine Mercy

St Cecilia's Fri after the 8am Mass

St John Fisher Fri after the 9:15am Mass

Prayer groups

St Cecilia's Rosary Group Tues after

8am mass followed by Divine Mercy

St Cecilia's Legion of Mary 9am Wed

Meetings

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

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

PPC Secretary: Kerry Bugden

Ph: 02 4388 2938

KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS

Prayer: The most valuable gift you can give someone.

SICK: Finn McConnon, Irene Dainty, Michael McDermott, Michele Bolton, Jeanine Doueihi, Lisa Glanville, Margaret McDermott, Dave Rodney, Danae Roe, Milva Kefu, Georgina Mastroianni & Baby Vinnie

RECENTLY DECEASED: Rod Cornwell, Pat Fitzgerald, Leo Moloney, Pope Francis, Pauline Cornwell

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



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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 on the contact details provided above; or, Anne Hooley: 0428 149 793 or, Maureen Roast: 0435 245 849.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading - Acts 5:27-32, 40-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The high priest demanded an explanation of the apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning,' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so, they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name. The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 29:2, 4-6, 11-13

R. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Second Reading - Revelation 5:11-14

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.' Then I heard all the living things in creation - everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship. The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation; he has shown pity on all people. Alleluia!

Gospel - John 21:1-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus showed himself again to his disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night.

It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No,' he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord,' Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land.

As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PAPAL CONCLAVE

The Papal conclave to elect the next pope will begin on May 7th in the Vatican's Sistine Chapel.

The cardinals will celebrate the Mass for the Election of the Roman Pontiff in St Peter's Basilica in the morning of Wednesday May 7th (Rome time) before processing into the Sistine Chapel late that afternoon-early evening.

There are 135 cardinals under the age of 80 who are eligible to vote in a papal election.

The youngest member of the conclave is 45-year old Ukrainian-born Cardinal Mykola Bychok of the Ukrainian Eparchy of Sts Peter and Paul of Melbourne.

Cardinals cast their votes for the election of the Pope through a secret ballot. By tradition and law this is held in the Sistine Chapel within the Vatican Apostolic Palace, which was closed to the public on Monday and remains completely sealed off until the election is completed.

Votes are taken once or twice in a morning session and once or twice in an afternoon session.

A two-thirds majority of the electors present is required to elect a Pope.

After the votes are counted, all ballots are burned. If the ballot was inconclusive, a chimney positioned over the Sistine Chapel and visible from St Peter's Square, emits black smoke. If a Pope is elected, white smoke is emitted.

Once the Cardinals have elected a new Pope, the Dean of the College, Cardinal Giovanni Battista Re, asks for the elected candidate's consent - "Do you accept your canonical election as Supreme Pontiff?".

Upon receiving consent, he then asks: "What name do you wish to be called?"

It is from this moment the newly-elected Pope, leader of the world's 1.4 billion Catholics, acquires full and supreme authority over the universal church.

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MAY APPEAL

Sundays 4th and 11th

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PASTORAL
WORKS Broken Bay

Spirituality in the Pub (SIP) Meeting 7.30-9.00pm 13th May at the Grange Hotel, Wyoming (cnr. Renwick St & Pacific Hwy). Changed from 6th May, the guest speakers are **Muimui** and **Denise Harris**.

Muimui: Born in Tonga, and the youngest of 13 children, Muimui came to Australia at 15 to complete her HSC and study Nursing, her career for 17 years. Now a Chef in Brentwood Village, she continues to battle cancer. Muimui has 3 children with her Australian husband.

Denise Harris: Arriving from the UK at aged 10, Denise worked for many years in Drug and Alcohol Counselling. Here, with a sense of a higher power, she strove to never judge but rather accept and empower those she helped. A seeker and returning Catholic, prayer, gratitude and belief have been important in Denise's journey

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

Many thanks in anticipation,
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Tuesday 20 May 2025

10:30am to 12:30pm, Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, The Entrance 2261

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Thursday May 22 from 10.30am

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Looking forward to seeing you there.

Sr Helen

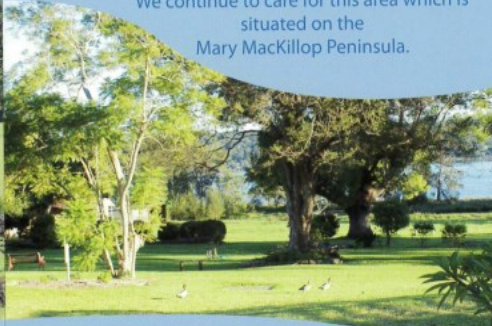
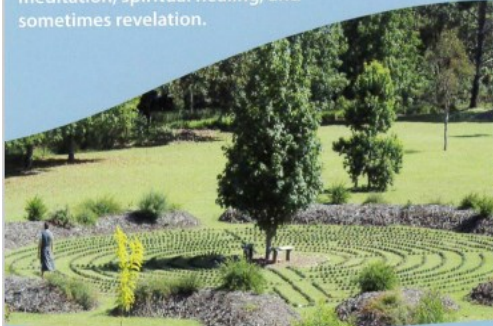
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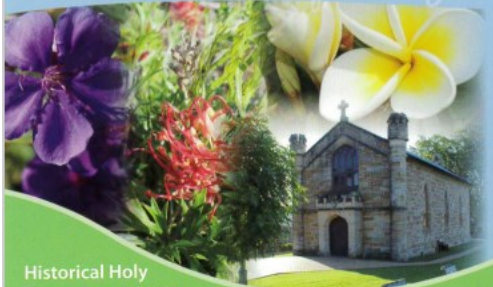
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We continue to care for this area which is situated on the Mary MacKillop Peninsula.



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The Centre is open to people of all faiths and beliefs and is a warm and welcoming place respecting cultural and religious differences.

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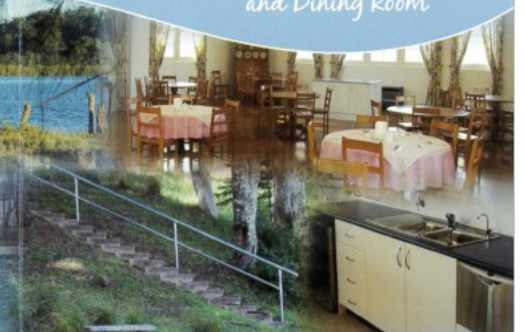
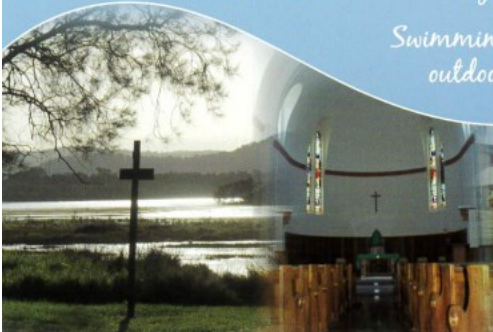
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We understand many seniors prefer to stay at home as they age. The Government's funding for Home Care Packages can help you live independently at home for longer.

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.

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Do you currently have Home Care Package funding from the Government?

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Do you need help applying for a Home Care Package?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Maybe

Is there any other feedback you'd like to provide?

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Magi Pilgrimages would like to invite you for a 16-day Pilgrimage of Hope (22/04/25 to 07/05/25).

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Magi Pilgrimages Australia is organising the following Jubilee Pilgrimages 2025.

1. Streams of Mercy (May),
2. Italy & Poland (May),
3. Marian Shrines (June),
4. Shrines of our Lady (August),
5. Pilgrimage of Hope (October).

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IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. JOHN PAUL II

DATE: 16 – 31 MAY 2025

PRICE: 8350 AUD/person + TIPS (GROUP 21 PERSONS)

FLIGHT: SYDNEY – DUBAI – WARSAW/ROME – DUBAI – SYDNEY (EMIRATES)

ROUTE: WARSAW – ZELAZOWA WOLA (CHOPIN) – JASNA GORA (CZESTOCHOWA) – AUSCHWITZ – KRAKOW – WIELICZKA SALT MINE – LAGIEWNIKI (SHRINE FAUSTYNA & JOHN PAUL II) – ZAKOPANE – WADOWICE – ROME – VATICAN – BOLSENA – ORVIETO – ASSISI



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19
DAYS

St Paul & Rome Jubilee Pilgrimage

Every 25 years, the Church declares a Holy Year, a profound gift of grace and mercy for all believers. In this dedicated Jubilee year, experience the journeys of renowned saints, from St Paul and his companions who ardently spread God's word, to St Peter in Rome. Enter the Holy Door of St Peter's Basilica and receive the Jubilee blessing in the Eternal City.

DEPARTS TUESDAY 13 MAY 2025 • 19 DAYS / 15 NIGHTS

Athens (2 nights) • Acropolis • Ancient Corinth • Kalambaka (2) • Meteora • Berea
• Thessaloniki • Kavala (2) • Ancient Philippi • Patmos (2) • Samos (1) • Kusadasi (2)
• Ephesus • Rome - Jubilee (4 nights)



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Athens



Meteora

SYMBOLS: (B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner

Itinerary

DAY 1: TUESDAY 13 MAY 2025 – DEPART FOR GREECE

DAY 2: WEDNESDAY 14 MAY – ARRIVE ATHENS

Athens today is the thriving capital of Greece, but, more importantly, we have entered into the world of the New Testament where St Paul and his companions established the first Christian communities throughout his four missionary journeys.

On arrival in **Athens** we will be met and transferred to our centrally located hotel.
Athens overnight (D)

DAY 3: THURSDAY 15 MAY – ATHENS AND ANCIENT CORINTH

Theme: The Athenians & The Corinthians

When St Paul first came to Athens it was predominantly a city which worshipped pagan gods. St Paul was taken before the city council at the Areopagus Hill, a rough outcrop of limestone rock from which he preached the Gospel message to the Athenian philosophers (Acts 17:16-21).

We begin our pilgrimage with a tour of **Christian Athens** including the **Acropolis**, the **Areopagus** where St Paul delivered his famous sermon about the identity of "the Unknown God" (Acts 17:15-34). View the Ancient Agora and the **Plaka** (Old Greece) and explore the **Parthenon**.

Also see the **Kallimármaro Stadium**, dating back to 330BC and restored for the first modern Olympic Games held here in 1896.

Journey out to **Ancient Corinth** this afternoon where the apostle Paul lived for almost two years, teaching the people the

Word of God and converting many. Visit the ancient ruins and see the site where he preached the Gospel from the **Rostrum**. See the **Peirene fountain**, and the 6th century BC **Temple of Apollo** before an outdoor Mass in this stunning pilgrimage setting. Finally, we come to **Cenchreae**, the ancient port from where St Paul said farewell to the believers and departed for Ephesus (Acts 18:18).

Athens overnight (BD)

DAY 4: FRIDAY 16 MAY – ATHENS TO KALAMBAKA

This morning we begin our day at the fascinating **Acropolis Museum**, built to house every artefact found on the rock of the acropolis and the surrounding slopes. We continue north today to **Meteora** and to the small town of **Kalambaka** built at the foot of the majestic grey rocks.

Kalambaka overnight (BD)

DAY 5: SATURDAY 17 MAY – METEORA

Theme: The Monastics

We spend some time today marvelling at this unique phenomenon of nature – 24 perpendicular rocks where 600 years ago Byzantine monks chose to worship God and build their Monastic community of **Meteora**. We will visit some of these living monasteries and view the extraordinary collection of priceless religious frescoes and other treasures that will make this a remarkable visit.

Enjoy some free time this afternoon.

Kalambaka overnight (BD)

DAY 6: SUNDAY 18 MAY – KALAMBAKA TO KAVALA

Theme: The Bereans & The Thessalonians

Today we journey north by coach to **Berea** (modern Veria). The "**Bema**" - an impressive monument to Paul - is believed

to incorporate the steps from the original synagogue from which he preached the gospel to the Jews, who welcomed the word of God and began to study the Scriptures (Acts 17:10-12).

Continue on to **Thessaloniki**, Greece's second city, founded in 315 BC, and where St Paul preached during the winters of 49-50AD and wrote the two epistles to the ancient Thessalonians. It was here that he established the first Christian Church in Europe.

Our visit will include the ramparts of the city, the triumphal **Arch of Galerius**, as well as the **Rotunda** where we can see pieces of the pulpit from which Paul preached. View the **Roman Agora** where he also preached. Nearby we shall visit **St Demetrios' Church** dedicated to a Roman soldier who converted to Christianity and was later martyred. View its valuable mosaics and frescoes before descending into the crypt where we find the remains of some ancient Roman baths and streets.

Continue east along the ancient route of the Apostle Paul to the port city of **Kavala** (ancient Neapolis), once named "Christoupolis" after being the first European city to accept Christianity. It was here that St Paul, St Timothy and St Silas first landed from Troas (Acts 16:11), one of the great moments in the history of Christianity in Europe.

Kavala overnight (BD)

DAY 7: MONDAY 19 MAY – PHILIPPI

Theme: The Philippians

Arise and journey along the ancient route of the Apostle Paul to nearby **Philippi**, named after Philip II, father of Alexander the Great. It was here that St Paul won his first European convert, a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira (Acts 16:12-40).

Visit the **Baptistry of Lydia** for a beautiful outdoor Mass on the **River Zygaktis**



House of the Virgin Mary



and renew our Baptismal vows. Visit the **marketplace** (where St Paul and St Silas were brought before the rulers) and the **cistern** which tradition identifies as the place where St Paul was imprisoned. In the **ancient theatre** we will hear the story of Paul's arrest, imprisonment, and miraculous release.

Remainder of the afternoon at leisure to rest back at our hotel.

Kavala overnight (BD)

DAY 8: TUESDAY 20 MAY - KAVALA TO PATMOS

Today we are transferred to the airport for our flight to Athens. On arrival we will be transferred directly to the Athenian port of Piraeus to embark our boat transfer to the Dodecanese Island of **Patmos**, where St John the Beloved wrote the Book of Revelation.

Island of Patmos overnight (BD)

DAY 9: WEDNESDAY 21 MAY - PATMOS DAY

Theme: The Patmosians

Lying between the islands of Leros and Ikaria is the 'ascetic shaped' Patmos, called the 'Jerusalem of the Aegean' due to the overwhelming atmosphere of the island during the great celebrations of Christianity.

We begin our day with a walking tour of the main square of the village of **Chora**. This is the traditional settlement and capital of Patmos, where the narrow streets were designed to ward off pirates over the centuries. Ascend to the **Monastery of St John the Beloved**, a huge fortress-like building dating from the 11th century, for a visit and celebration of Mass.

Our exploration of this living monastery will culminate with time in the actual **Cave of Revelation** where God chose to reveal to St John the mysteries of the last book of the Bible – the Apocalypse.

The cave is now at the foot of the monastery, which houses priceless icons and

manuscripts, sacred relics, and vestments embroidered with silver or gold threads and bejeweled with precious stones.

Later continue to the active **Convent of Evangelismos (Annunciation)** built by the hieromonk Nikiphoros who was cured from the plague after praying to St Luke the Evangelist. Visit the **Convent of Zoodochos Pigi** with icons dating from the 16th to the 18th century. Finally, we will enjoy a short scenic tour of the island.

Island of Patmos overnight (BD)

DAY 10: THURSDAY 22 MAY - PATMOS TO SAMOS

Today, we depart Patmos by ferry and make our way to the picturesque island of **Samos**, nestled in the heart of the Aegean Sea. Renowned for its lush landscapes, pristine waters, and rich ancient heritage, it is a destination of both natural beauty and spiritual significance.

Island of Samos overnight (BD)

DAY 11: FRIDAY 23 MAY - SAMOS TO KUSADASI

Depart Samos by ferry to **Kusadasi**, doorway to **Ephesus** and the **Churches of Revelation**.

On arrival in Kusadasi we will be met and transferred by coach to our centrally located hotel.

Kusadasi overnight (BD)

DAY 12: SATURDAY 24 MAY - EPHEBUS

Theme: The Ephesians

We travel directly to **Ephesus** this morning, the most famous of the Seven Churches of Revelation (Rev 2:1-7) where St Paul spent more than two years in the course of his third missionary journey. It was to the Christian community of Ephesus that St Paul wrote his greatest and most challenging letter (the epistle to the Ephesians) and also succeeded in converting many away from

worship of the god Artemis.

Our visit today will include the ruins where St Paul lived and preached. See the **prison of St Paul**; walk through the ancient marble streets founded in the 10th century BC and see this most 'complete' Roman city providing us with an excellent window into Imperial Rome. Pass the **Temple of Hadrian**, the **Library of Celsus**, the enormous **amphitheatre** (Acts 19:29-31), and finally come to the ruins of the **Christian Basilica** where the Third Ecumenical Council took place in 431AD, and where Our Lady was proclaimed "Mother of God". We ascend the hill to the **House of the Virgin Mary** where it is said Mary spent the later years of her life. We celebrate our group Mass here in one of the chapels. Finally, we visit the restored remains of the 6th century **Basilica of St John at Celcuk** where a small church was originally built over the tomb of St John the Evangelist.

Kusadasi overnight (BD)

DAY 13: SUNDAY 25 MAY - FLY TURKEY TO ROME*

This morning, we set out towards **Izmir**, once the site of ancient **Smyrna**, one of the Seven Churches of Revelation (Rev 2:8-11). This was home to a lively Christian community under the pastoral care of its bishop – the saintly **Polycarp**. After Mass, we are transferred to Izmir airport for our flight to **Rome**, the Eternal City, rich in the traditions of our Church, and the focus of many Jubilee Holy Year activities.

Upon arrival in Rome, we will be met and transferred to our accommodation.

Rome overnight (BD)

The Jubilee Year is a time for the faithful to renew their commitment and strengthen their relationship with God. It is also a time for

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Rome



Vatican Museums

Catholics to come together as a community and to celebrate their faith. The 2025 Jubilee Year is sure to be a memorable and meaningful event for people around the world, to be blessed and refreshed for the mission that lies before us.

*Please note the itinerary in Rome is dependent upon the Jubilee circumstances and activities and may be subject to change.

DAY 14: MONDAY 26 MAY - ROME - CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF JUBILEE 2025*

After breakfast at the hotel, transfer to **St Peter's Basilica** for Mass. Then we visit the **Vatican Museums**, home to one of the world's greatest art collections, and Michelangelo's breathtaking **Sistine Chapel**. Then, we are back at **St Peter's Basilica** for a guided tour of the largest church in Christendom, built over his tomb, where we can spend a few moments to pray at the **tomb of late Pope John Paul II**.

This afternoon enjoy a walking tour of the historical centre of Rome. See some of the most famous sites in the Eternal City - **the Pantheon** (outside), **the Spanish Steps**, **Trevi Fountain**, **Piazza Navona**, **Piazza Venezia**, **the Colosseum** (outside).

Rome overnight (BD)

DAY 15: TUESDAY 27 MAY - ROME JUBILEE*

The journey this afternoon will take us to the majestic **Basilica of St Paul Outside the Walls**. Originally consecrated in 324, the saint's tomb is visible now under the Papal Altar. We will celebrate Mass here as a special tribute to the Church's greatest evangelist.

Continue then along the ancient **Appian Way**, the oldest road from Roman times to

the **ancient Catacombs** for a memorable guided tour to marvel at these underground burial tunnels for Christians and Hebrews. Rome overnight (BD)

DAY 16: WEDNESDAY 28 MAY - ROME JUBILEE*

We will return to the Vatican and join with pilgrims from around the world for a memorable **General Audience with Pope Francis** (subject to the Pope's presence in Rome).

We continue on this afternoon with Mass and a visit of the impressive **St Mary Major Basilica**, followed by the **Basilica of St John in Lateran**, the first papal residence. Adjacent are the **Holy Stairs**, which were brought from Jerusalem to Rome in 326AD by St Helena. From here we visit the **Basilica of Santa Croce in Gerusalemme** with its extraordinary collection of relics from the Holy Land.

Rome overnight (BD)

DAY 17: THURSDAY 29 MAY - DEPART ROME

Enjoy free time until your transfer to the airport. (B)

DAY 18: FRIDAY 30 MAY - IN TRANSIT

DAY 19: SATURDAY 31 MAY - ARRIVE HOME



PILGRIMAGE DETAILS

TOUR CODE	PV25118
STARTS	Tuesday, 13 May 2025
FINISHES	Saturday, 31 May 2025
AIR & LAND	AUD \$9490 (Twin Share) *
SINGLE ROOM	AUD \$2260 Supplement
PREPAID TIPS	AUD \$240 Per Person

* Costs have been based on prices as at November 2024 and must remain subject to possible change in the event of significant exchange rate variations, airfare or tax increases or minimum group size factors beyond Harvest's control. Refer to Harvest Booking Terms & Conditions for more details.

INCLUDED

AIRFARES: Return Economy Class group airfare from Sydney • One-way Economy Class group airfare Izmir-Istanbul-Rome

ACCOMMODATION & MEALS: Based on reputable local 3-4 star superior hotels or quality religious houses as applicable • Meals as specified in itinerary

TOURING & TRANSPORTATION: Deluxe Air Conditioned Coach touring • Professional Local Guides • Sightseeing and Entrance Fees

OTHER: Fully Escorted by Priest Chaplain • Porterage at hotels (where available) • Harvest Backpack, Pilgrim Journal and Travel Wallet

NOT INCLUDED

Other meals not listed • Passport and Visa Costs (if applicable) • Items of a personal nature including phone calls, laundry, beverages, etc. • Travel insurance • Prepaid Tipping



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Mexico City (2)*

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10
DAYS

Jubilee Pilgrimage of Hope

Every 25 years, the Church proclaims a Holy Year, a special gift of grace and mercy for all God's people. Not only is Italy a land of unforgettable charm and beauty, it is also a land made rich in grace by its colourful history of holy men and women. In this dedicated Jubilee year, be inspired to encounter the pathways of some of the Church's greatest saints, from St Francis and Clare in Assisi to St Peter and Paul in Rome, the Eternal City, where we cross the threshold of the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica and receive the Jubilee blessing.



Accompanied by
Fr Hien Vu

COMMENCES WEDNESDAY 01 OCTOBER 2025 • 10 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS

Rome Airport vicinity (1) • Assisi (2 nights) • Orvieto • Rome - Jubilee (6 nights)



"The Jubilee Year 2025 calls us to rediscover the centrality of Jesus Christ in our lives and to deepen our relationship with Him, as the Door through which we enter into the fullness of life."

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



The dome of St Peter's over the River Tiber, Rome

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Assisi



Orvieto



MEAL CODE: (B) = Breakfast (D) = Dinner

Itinerary

DAY 1: WEDNESDAY 01 OCTOBER – ARRIVE ROME

Welcome to Italy! On arrival at Rome airport, please make your way to the group hotel where this evening we will enjoy our first group dinner.
Rome overnight (D)

DAY 2: THURSDAY 02 OCTOBER – ROME TO ASSISI

This morning we will travel north to the pilgrimage centre of **Assisi**, where St Francis tended the poor and sick and founded the Franciscan Order.

We will visit the **Basilica of St Mary of the Angels** down on the plains where St Francis spent most of his life. Here we will see the **Portiuncula** (meaning 'small portion of land') where St Francis returned for prayer, the thornless rose bush, and the chapel where he died in 1226. On Palm Sunday 1211, Francis received in this church Clare of Assisi and dedicated her to the Lord.

Assisi overnight (BD)

DAY 3: FRIDAY 03 OCTOBER - ASSISI

This morning we awake to the sound of chapel bells, cobblestone footsteps and the tangible spirit of St Francis preserved within the medieval walls of this holy town.

Our day begins with Mass and a guided exploration of the buzzing **Basilica of St Francis** which occupies the entire western end of the upper town. Construction began in 1228, just two years after the death of Francis and was finally completed in 1250. The Upper Basilica houses the famous fresco cycle of the life of St Francis, historically attributed to Giotto. Wander through the marvels of the Upper Basilica before our tour descends to the crypt of the Lower Basilica where Francis was laid in

1230 and where we will take some time to seek the intercession of this spiritual legend.

We then walk to the **Church of Santa Maria Maggiore - Sanctuary of the Spogliazione**, where we are blessed with the opportunity to visit and pray at the tomb of **Blessed Carlo Acutis** – a young Catholic from Italy with a passionate devotion to the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and an aptitude for computer programming. From the ages of 12 to 14, he designed a website cataloguing Eucharistic miracles that have occurred around the world, which he launched in 2005. He died of leukemia a year later at the age of 15, offering his suffering for the pope and for the Church.

Onto the **Church of San Damiano** and the actual chapel where it all began when the voice of Christ spoke to Francis in the year 1205 (some may prefer to approach by foot down the hillside path in the spirit of St Francis). Adjacent to the chapel we find the first monastery of the Order of St Clare where Clare built her community in close friendship with Francis.

Our day concludes with a visit to the **Hermitage** (Eremo delle Carceri), an oasis of peace and tranquillity in the woods built on the site of a simple cave where St Francis often withdrew to spend many hours in prayer. The cave and the Chapel of Our Lady are preserved in the Hermitage grounds.

An (optional) opportunity presents itself before dinner to attend **Vespers** in the **Basilica of St Clare** and listen to the angelic voices of the Poor Clare nuns. Housed in this church is the famous crucifix from which Jesus spoke to St Francis.

Assisi overnight (BD)

DAY 4: SATURDAY 04 OCTOBER - ASSISI VIA ORVIETO TO ROME

We farewell Assisi and journey south to the amazing medieval town of **Orvieto** with its **Duomo** (Cathedral), which has one of the world's most famous facades. The feast of the Body of Christ (Corpus Christi) was first proclaimed here in 1263 following the Eucharistic Miracle of Bolsena. We celebrate Eucharist in the chapel where the sacred cloth

from that event is preserved and enjoy a special visit to the **Signorelli Chapel**.

After our visit we then travel on to **Rome**, the Eternal City, rich in the traditions of our Church.
Rome overnight (BD)

DAY 5: SUNDAY 05 OCTOBER - ROME: CHRISTIAN MARTYRS

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Some of the spiritual activities that pilgrims are encouraged to participate in during our time in Rome are:

- Attend Mass and receive the Eucharist
- Make a pilgrimage to the many shrines and holy sites in Rome
- Pray for forgiveness
- Renew our commitment to our faith
- Strengthen our relationship with God
- Come together as a community and celebrate our faith

Following Mass this morning we will proceed to **St Peter's Square** where the Holy Father is expected to pray the **Angelus** with pilgrims from around the world (*subject to the Pope's presence in Rome*).

This afternoon we enter into the most visited attraction in Rome - the **Colosseum**. In 1749, Pope Benedict XIV declared the Colosseum a sacred site, as it was a place where early Christians had been martyred. View also the **Circus Maximus** and the **Roman Forum** en route.

Rome overnight (BD)

DAY 6: MONDAY 06 OCTOBER - ROME: THE VATICAN & MAJOR BASILICAS

Commence our pilgrimage with a spectacular Mass at **St Peter's Basilica** before coming to the nearby **Vatican Museums**. Wander the spectacular chambers leading to the **Sistine**



Vatican Museums



Roman Forum



St John Paul II



St Peter



St Paul



St Francis



St Clare



Bl Carlo Acutis



St John

Chapel to view Michelangelo's masterpieces, including the magnificent fresco of the Last Judgment. Continue through to the awe-inspiring St Peter's Basilica, the largest church in the world for an informative exploration. Our guided tour will feature among other highlights Michelangelo's stunning **Pieta**, the **tomb of Pope St John Paul II**, the **great Confessional** and the **Crypt** containing the tombs of several Popes.

In the afternoon, visit the impressive **St Mary Major Basilica**. Onwards to the **Basilica of St John in Lateran** (First Papal residence) and the adjacent Holy Stairs brought from Jerusalem to Rome in 326AD by St Helena (as a favourite of pilgrims, these steps may only be ascended on the knees). Visit the **Basilica of Santa Croce in Gerusalemme** with its extraordinary collection of relics from the Holy Land.

Rome overnight (BD)

DAY 7: TUESDAY 07 OCTOBER - ROME: ST PAUL'S & THE CATACOMBS

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Continue then along the ancient **Appian Way**, the oldest road from Roman times to the **ancient Catacombs** for a memorable guided tour to marvel at these underground burial tunnels for Christians and Hebrews. On the way, drive by **Domine Quo Vadis** - the chapel that stands at the site where, according to tradition, St Peter met Christ when he fled from Rome to escape martyrdom.

Rome overnight (BD)

DAY 8: WEDNESDAY 08 OCTOBER - ROME FREE DAY

Our day is free to discover more sights of Rome - perhaps throw a coin in the **Trevi Fountain**

before strolling to the **Piazza Navona** to soak up the vibrant atmosphere. Indulge in a gelato or enjoy a coffee while absorbing and admiring the history of this ancient city. Strolling through the streets is like walking through the pages of a history book.

OR

For the next two days participate in the Jubilee of Consecrated Life spiritual and cultural events taking place around Rome.

This evening join with fellow pilgrims for a prayer vigil.

Rome overnight (BD)

DAY 9: THURSDAY 09 OCTOBER - ROME: PAPAL MASS

We make our way to St Peter's Square this morning for a memorable **Papal Mass in celebration of the Jubilee of Consecrated Life**.

This afternoon, we explore the vibrant **Trastevere** district. Our first stop is the charming **Basilica of Santa Maria in Trastevere**, a historic church dating back to the 12th century. We continue on to the **Basilica of St Cecilia**, built on the site of the former house of the saint who was martyred in 230AD. The body of the saint is venerated in the crypt.

Afterwards, we wander on to enjoy an enchanting evening filled with food and traditional music at a typical Italian trattoria, marking our farewell to Rome and our pilgrimage.

Rome overnight (BD)

DAY 10: FRIDAY 10 OCTOBER - DEPART ROME

This morning we bid farewell to the Eternal City as we make our way to the airport for our homebound flights or ongoing travel connections. (B)

PILGRIMAGE DETAILS

TOUR CODE	PV25102
STARTS	Wednesday, 01 October 2025
FINISHES	Friday, 10 October 2025
LAND COST	AUD \$5390 (Twin Share) *
SINGLE ROOM	AUD \$1950 Supplement *
PREPAID TIPPING	AUD \$150 Per Person

* Costs are indicative and have been based on prices as at January 2025 and must remain subject to possible change in the event of significant exchange rate variations, tax increases or minimum group size factors beyond Harvest's control. Refer to Harvest Booking Terms & Conditions for more details.

INCLUDED

ACCOMMODATION & MEALS: Based on quality religious houses or 3 and 4-star hotels • Meals as specified in Itinerary.

TOURING & TRANSPORTATION: Deluxe air-conditioned touring coach • Professional English-speaking Tour Escort and local guides • Sightseeing and entrance fees

OTHER: Fully escorted by priest chaplain • Daily Masses • Porterage (where available) • Harvest Travel Pack: backpack, travel wallet, pilgrim's journal and sunbrella.

NOT INCLUDED

International airfares • Travel Insurance • Visits and entrances not listed • Passport and visa costs (if applicable) • Other meals not stated • Drinks with meals • Items of a personal nature • Prepaid Tipping

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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



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