

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

PARISH BULLETIN, 4TH SEPTEMBER 2022

Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws.

WYONG CATHOLIC PARISH

ST CECILIA'S CHURCH & ST JOHN FISHER MASS CTR

Under the Pastoral Care of the

Society of Our Lady of The Most Holy Trinity (SOLT)

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*



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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD *Reproduced from Liturgia*

FIRST READING WISDOM 9:13-18

What man can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 89:3-6, 12-14, 17

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

SECOND READING PHILEMON 1: 9-10, 12-17

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him - I could say - a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION PS 118:135

Alleluia, alleluia! Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws. Alleluia!

GOSPEL LUKE 14:25-33

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes, and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. 'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

Reflection 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Who can know the intentions of God?' (Wisdom 9:13). This question often arises when we cannot understand or have difficulty accepting our life experiences or situations. Sometimes, the uncertainties we face here on earth strengthen our desire to be with God for ever. At other times they raise more questions about heaven's reality. But we can take courage from God's reassurance and our experience that God has been our refuge from generation to generation (Psalm 89). Saint Paul writes his letter to Philemon from prison, having lived through many challenges and hardships. He asks Philemon to accept back the slave, Onesimus, not as a slave but as a dear brother in Christ, and with him a part of Paul's own self.

The attitude of welcoming is also fostered in the Gospel, despite the statement about hating 'mother and father' which usually shocks us when we read it. Jesus is using a kind of reverse psychology. He is stressing that our primary commitment must be to him. This will ensure that we don't have an undue attachment to others in order to meet our own needs, but that our relationships with others are welcoming, and our hearts are open for everyone.

Let us make this a priority in the upcoming week

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

SPRINGTIME STALL- TUMBI

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Springtime Stall. A Total of \$673.50 was raised.

Thank you to all the parishioners for supporting the stall and Raffle.

Through the Springtime stall, Raffle, Online sales at total of \$1555.50 has been raised. A Very BIG Thank You to Rae for all her hard work.

Anointing of the Sick

Friday 2nd September

First Friday of the Month

St Cecilia's During 8.00am & 11.30am Mass

St John Fisher During 9.15am Mass

St Barnabas Church

Yarramalong

Mass will be celebrated at St Barnabas Church, Yarramalong

Sunday 4th September at 11.15am.

All are welcome.

St Teresa of Calcutta

Feast Day 5th September

"Let us always meet each other with a smile, for a smile is the beginning of love."



FEAST

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday 8th September

Mass 8am St John Fisher Mass Ctr

Mass 8am St Cecilia's Church,

followed by Tea and Coffee in the Parish Hall

Parish Finance update for the year ending 30 June 2022

Total income for the year is steady at \$103,287 (from 101,574 last year). Total Expenses for the year have decreased slightly to \$128,260 (from \$136,923 last year). Whilst this should have left our Parish with an operating shortfall we were fortunate to receive government assistance of \$33,222. With property inspections now due we will have to fund part of this from reserves.

As always, new Parishioners are encouraged to join our planned giving programme. Please contact the Parish office for more information. Don't forget the Broken Bay Parish Giving app allows you to set up regular contributions to our parish first and second collections without the need for physical money (eg notes & coins).

As you know inflationary increases will burden us all and the Parish is not immune. Further increases in utility costs are already coming through. Whilst I encourage you to give more if you can, the answer for our Parish lies in an increase in patronage. Please encourage your families and friends to attend Mass. Our numbers have fallen for a number of reasons however now is the time to welcome people back to our Church.

Thank you for your continued support of our Parish.

Joe Cesca

Chairman of the Parish Finance Committee



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MASS TIMES

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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 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: Mon to Thurs 9.30am to 2.30pm & Fri 9.30am to 12pm

PARISH CONTACTS

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

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

FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/wyongcatholicparish

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

St Barnabas, Yarramalong

1st Sun of month 11.15am

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

Fr Raul/Fr Alex and the Legion of Mary visit **Berkley Vale Nursing home** 3rd Wednesday of the Month

Children's Liturgy

St Cecilia's 5pm Mass Saturday

St Cecilia's 9.30am Mass Sunday

St John Fisher 5pm Mass Sunday

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

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS
PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE

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, John Cornwell, Eoin, Paula, Francis (Frank) Trinca

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ANNIVERSARY SEPTEMBER: Peter Donnelly,

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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.



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SAFEGUARDING MONTH *families*

The safeguarding of all people in our communities and beyond is part of who we are as disciples of Jesus.

We all share the responsibility of fostering a safe and supportive environment where everyone is encouraged to thrive but none more so than our children and the vulnerable.

That means a day to day priority, and ongoing commitment.

However one month every year we actively do all we can to promote raising awareness around safeguarding. That month is September.

The past has taught us how and when things have gone wrong, and that urges us to constantly refocus.

This year, our Diocese is focusing on the family.

Most people's life involves connection to family, immediate or extended. Our Safeguarding Office, along with Catholic Schools Broken Bay and CatholicCare, have combined to create a range of activities where families and loved ones can share their stories, photos and videos in the positive ways they are connecting with children.

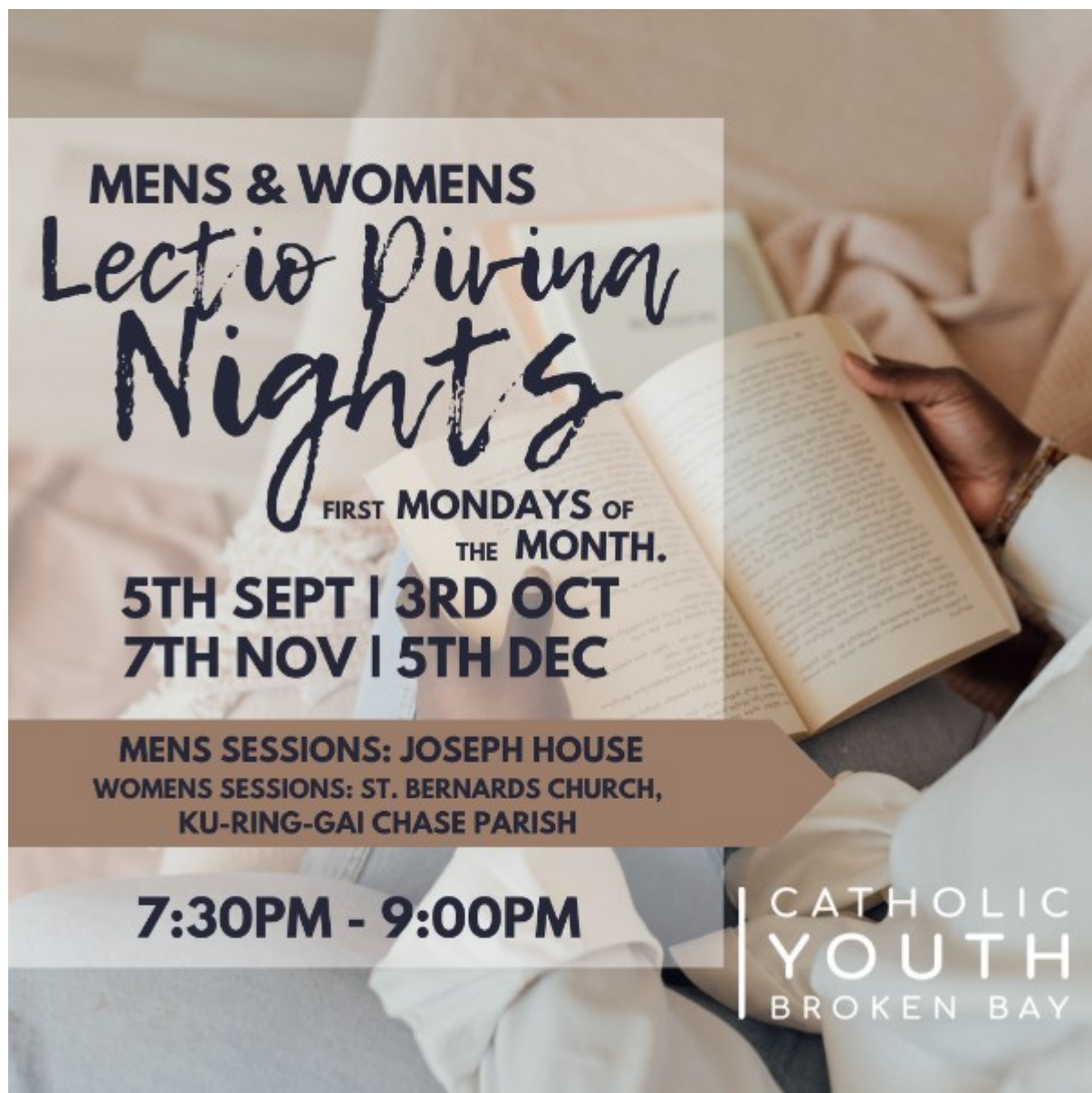
See how you can get involved by visiting <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/about/diocesan-safeguarding/safeguarding-month-2022>



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

ABOLITION OF THE DEATH PENALTY

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.



Men's & Women's Lectio Divina

Looking for a community of prayer? Catholic Youth Broken Bay is offering a space for young adults to come together, as men and women, to pray by Lectio Divina while enjoying the warmth of fellowship!

Lectio Divina is a popular spirituality exercise and an easy form of prayer to do with others or by oneself. It's a practice of reading the Scriptures and letting God speak to you through the Word. Both groups will meet regularly on the 1st Monday of each month.

The next one will be held on **MONDAY, 5th SEPTEMBER, 7:30pm – 9:00pm**. The **men** will be gathering at **Joseph House** and the **women** will be gathering at **St. Bernard's Church**, Ku-Ring-Gai Chase Parish.
RSVP [here](#)

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WYD

Thinking about World Youth Day 2023? Bishop Anthony Randazzo is inviting young people of the Diocese to join him on an experience of a lifetime.

Go on pilgrimage to Italy to see the homes and sites of the saints, and on to Lisbon, Portugal to join youth from around the world for WYD23. Check out the CYBB WYD website for further information and subscribe to join the mailing list to start your journey.

[Check out the CYBB WYD website!](#)

[WYD Lisbon 2023 - Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay \(bbwyd.org.au\)](http://bbwyd.org.au)



RCIA parish coordinators, teams, and clergy are warmly invited to participate in an upcoming series of free workshops offered by Br. Bernard Mary Fonkalsrud OFM Conv, the Sacramental Life & RCIA Coordinator. The workshops will be held at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral Parish, Waitara over five consecutive Wednesday evenings, each covering a key stage of the RCIA process and best methods and practices for facilitating them effectively. This is a fantastic formation opportunity for those new to the RCIA process, and as a refresher for those who have been involved for some time. Participants are welcome to attend all or some of the workshops.

Wed 7 Sept, Fr. Farrell Room – *RCIA: An Introduction*

Wed 14 Sept, Fr. Nulty Room – *The Period of Inquiry: Evangelisation and Precatechumenate*

Wed 21 Sept, Fr. Nulty Room – *The Catechumenate*

Wed 28 Sept, Fr. Nulty Room – *Lent: Purification and Enlightenment*

Wed 5 Oct, Fr. Nulty Room – *The Easter Sacraments and Mystagogy*

For a summary of each workshop, [CLICK HERE](#)

To register, please email bernard.fonkalsrud@bbcatholic.org.au and indicate which sessions you would like to attend.

HOLY HOUR & DISCERNMENT EVENING



Pray, Discern & Act

Journey of Discernment

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 23
6PM



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Details can be found here: <https://aretecentre.net/programs/>

Diocese of Broken Bay Sponsorships Available

The Parish Renewal and Discipleship team are offering subsidies for the Foundations of Missionary Leadership Program to parishioners of the Diocese. All parishes are invited to consider nominating applicants for this opportunity, in particular, people who are already involved and committed towards parish renewal initiatives. For further details, please contact Pina Bernard pina.bernard@bbcatholic.org.au or 0432 682 239.



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2 AUGUST

MISSION AND MINISTRY OF
THE CATECHIST



9 AUGUST

SRE TEACHER IN THE PARISH
AND THE SCHOOL



16 AUGUST

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN /
CHILD PROTECTION



23 AUGUST

LESSON PLANNING: TEACHING
THE AUTHORISED CURRICULUM



30 AUGUST

DEVELOPMENT OF THE CHILD
AND ADOLESCENT



6 SEPTEMBER

CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT



13 SEPTEMBER

INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE



20 SEPTEMBER

LESSON PLANNING:
USING DIGITAL RESOURCES



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