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

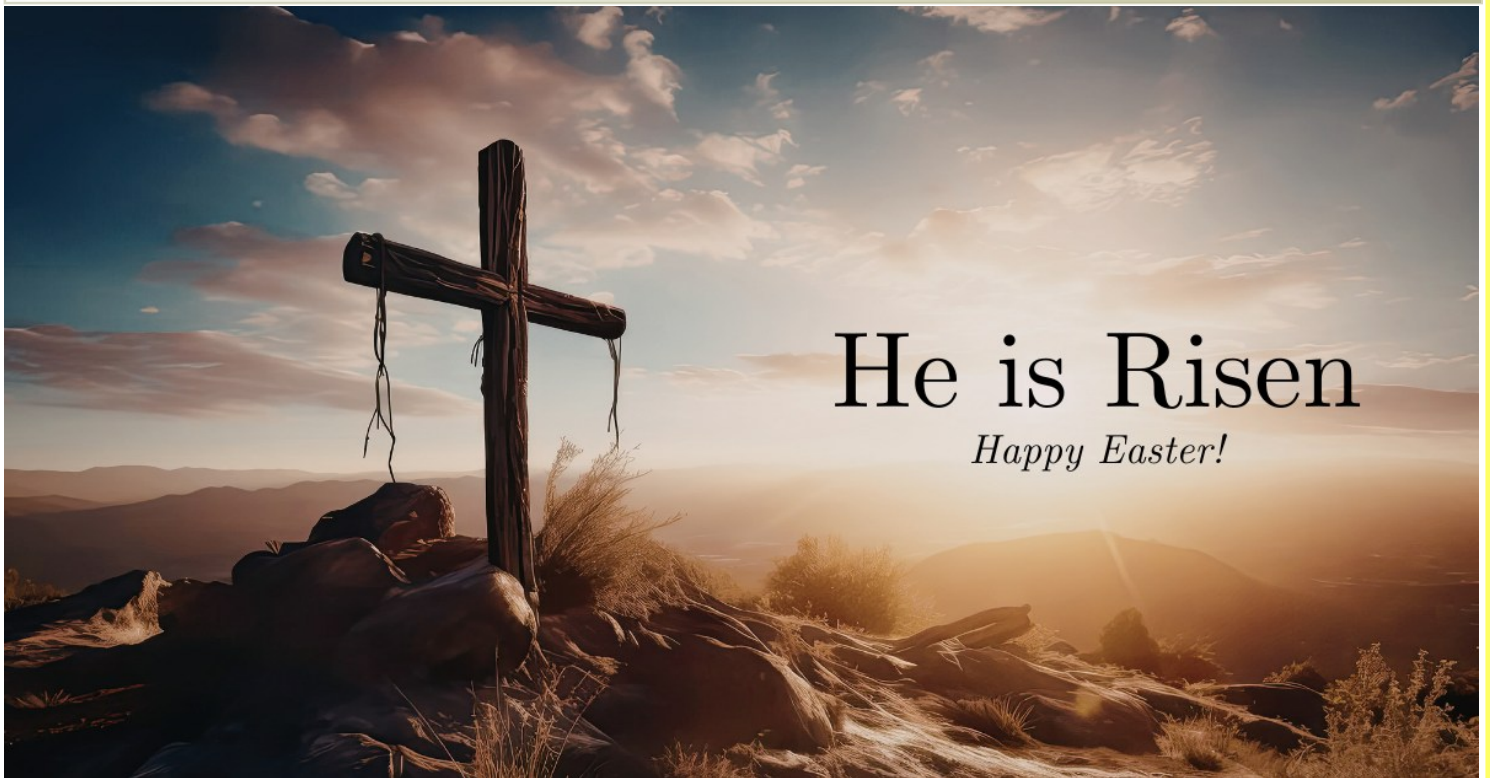
5th April 2026—EASTER SUNDAY

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)



He is Risen

Happy Easter!

REFLECTION—EASTER SUNDAY

This Sunday begins the Octave of Easter, eight solemn days when we reflect on the reality of the resurrection. Essentially, one grand narrative begins in heartbreak but ends in joy. A disconsolate Mary Magdalene goes to the tomb alone while it is still dark. We can almost feel the weight of her sadness. And sadness becomes confusion when she sees the stone rolled back. At her news, Peter and John run to the tomb, enter it and see the linen headpiece rolled up. An insignificant detail you might think. But, in this narrative it is hugely significant. According to the customs for eating in the Ancient Near East, a linen napkin rolled up and left in its place was a way of telling those serving the food that you would be returning again. John uses this little thing to proclaim the resurrection.

It is also noteworthy that none of the Gospels report someone witnessing the resurrection act as it happened. This explosion of God's eternal love into history is simply too great to be contained or confined by human words. It remains in the realm of mystery, in the realm of God. The effects of the resurrection make a real and decisive impact on the faith and hope of the disciples. If Jesus is resurrected, then they too will be resurrected, and so will we.

Indeed, our resurrection is happening here and now, but it is not yet complete until the second coming of Jesus. Are we living a resurrected life? Are we proclaiming by our everyday lives that we know and have come to believe that we share in this mystery of God's eternal love?

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

2 APR HOLY THURSDAY MASS - ST JOHN FISHER - 7PM

3 APR GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS - 10AM

THE PASSION - 3PM
AT BOTH ST CECILIA'S & ST JOHN FISHER

4 APR EASTER VIGIL MASS ST CECILIA'S - 7PM

5 APR EASTER SUNDAY REGULAR MASS TIMES



This sacred moment encourages reflection, seeking forgiveness, and expressing gratitude while fostering love and understanding for ourselves and others.

OFFICE HOURS over School Holidays

The Parish Office will be Closed on 3rd April—Good Friday & Monday 6th April—Public Holiday

We will be Open on Tues 7th & Wed 8th April then Wed 15th & Fri 17th April—9.30am-2.30pm.

Thank you for your understanding!

PIETY STORE—We are pleased to announce our Piety Store has reopened on weekends. At the moment it will open after 9:30am Mass on Sunday mornings, located near the sacristy at Wyong.



All proceeds will go to the Parish. We are in need of *volunteers* to keep it open on weekends. If you are able to assist with this, please contact the office on 02 4352 1011. Blessings.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY CALLING ALL CHILDREN!

⇒ **Children's Liturgy is held every Sunday**, and we warmly invite all children to join us for the **Liturgy of the Word** — a joyful space where kids meet Jesus through stories, prayer, and engaging faith activities designed just for them.

⇒ Each week, children take something beautiful home in their hearts: a sense of belonging, a Bible story they understand, a message from Jesus to guide their week, a new faith word like mercy, hope, or kindness, simple prayers and lessons on love and forgiveness, confidence to speak about God, the reminder that "Jesus is with me," ideas for kindness at home and school, a craft to remember the Gospel, and a heart ready to pray for others.

*Children return to the church for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

*(Children under 5yrs of age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times.)



Congratulations to our former Bishop now **Archbishop Anthony Randazzo**.

Pope Leo XIV has appointed Bishop Anthony Randazzo, until now Bishop of Broken Bay and Apostolic Administrator of the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of the Southern Cross in Australia, as Prefect of the Dicastery for Legislative Texts, with the personal title of Archbishop.

Archbishop Anthony will continue to be Apostolic Administrator of the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of the Southern Cross in Australia, until he departs for the Vatican in June 2026.

"During my time as bishop of the Diocese of Broken Bay the clergy and faithful have been a true joy in my episcopal ministry. I remain forever grateful to God, who entrusted me with the care of His flock.

"It has also been both a privilege and a joy to walk the journey of faith with the Ordinariate of Our Lady of the Southern Cross in Australia, an experience that has embodied the reality of lived ecumenism."

If you would like more information please refer to the notice board.



WYONG PARISH COMMUNITY COLLECTIONS 2026

Each year as a parish we support the disadvantaged members of the community.

This year once again we will support the **Wyong Neighbourhood Centre**.

We ask that individual items are placed in the special collection trolleys or containers which will be available at both churches.

This collection drive will run from: **18 February - 11 April**

Please see below suggested items which can be donated. These items are those specifically needed by the disadvantaged people the charity supports. Suggested donated items may include: Long-life milk, Noodles, Pasta, rice, good quality tinned fruit, food and meals (with ring pulls), Soups, spaghetti, Muesli bars and long life snacks, Breakfast Biscuits/Cereal, UHT Milk, Noodles, Crackers, Lollies/Chocolate, Chips, Tea, Cappuccino sachets, Water/Juice, Beans, Gloves, Scarves, socks & Blankets. Please place all donations into the special trolley or the plastic containers provided in the Church. Thank you for your generous help which is most appreciated.

More information on the charity can be found at the web address listed: Wyong Neighbourhood Centre Inc: <https://www.wnci.org.au>

Share your talents and skills in the ministry/ ministries where you are called to be.

JOIN US!

Volunteer Roles include:

- ✓ Maintenance /Mowing upkeep
- ✓ Altar Servers
- ✓ Linen Upkeep
- ✓ Catechist or a helper
- ✓ Cleaning
- ✓ Choir/ Musician
- ✓ Children's Liturgy Helper (Sun)

Speak to one of our Priests or contact the office

02 4352 1011



UNITE AGAINST POVERTY

this Lent

Thank you for your continued support through Project Compassion. Your generosity is helping to empower the world's most vulnerable communities, enabling them to overcome challenges and lift themselves out of poverty. There is still time to donate!

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Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty* this Lent.



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CATECHUMENS & CANDIDATES

We ask that this Holy Week we keep in our prayers our Catechumen and Candidates preparing to receive their Sacraments at the Easter Vigil Mass Sat 4th April. One of our Candidates is currently overseas and won't be there for the Easter Vigil Mass, we pray for her and her families safe return.



BIBLE STUDIES EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST—If there is anyone interested in attending a Bible Studies group on Saturdays at 3pm, Fortnightly or Monthly please contact the parish office to express your interest.

Serra Weekly Vocations Prayer Calendar.
Please pray for those in formation or already serving the Church

6/4	Fr Timothy Raj MSFS Fr Alex Peter MSFS
7/4	Fr Gaspar Mushi Cssp Fr Jules-Davy Malonga Cssp
8/4	Fr Vincent Lourduwamy MSFS
9/4	Fr Michael Belonio OSA
10/4	Fr Michael Sullivan OSA
11/4	Fr Jumbin Torres OSA
12/4	Fr John Zhang OSA



Daily Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, we praise You for Your goodness and thank You for Your gifts. Help us respond to and live out our mission in the Church. Assist all Your people to know their vocation in life and help them to prepare for it. Call many to be priests, deacons and consecrated men and women for Your greater glory, and for the service of Your people. Give those whom You call the grace to respond generously and to persevere faithfully. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen



The Easter Triduum is the holiest three-day period in the Catholic liturgical year, commemorating the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The Easter Triduum, also called the Sacred Triduum or Paschal Triduum, begins on the evening of Holy Thursday and concludes on the evening of Easter Sunday. Although it spans three days chronologically, it is celebrated as one continuous liturgical event, highlighting the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery—the suffering, death, and resurrection that bring salvation to humanity.

Significance—The Triduum is the culmination of Holy Week and the summit of the liturgical year, surpassing even Christmas in solemnity. It recalls the final events of Jesus' earthly life, fulfilling the Old Testament prefigurement of the Passover. Christ is recognized as the Paschal Lamb, whose sacrifice redeems humanity from sin, and the Eucharist allows the faithful to participate in this redemptive act.

Daily Observances

Holy Thursday: The Triduum begins with the Mass of the Lord's Supper, commemorating the Last Supper, the institution of the Eucharist, and the Priesthood. The bishop or priest may wash the feet of twelve people, symbolizing Christ's service to the Apostles. The Blessed Sacrament is then placed in the Altar of Repose for adoration until Good Friday.

Good Friday: This is the most solemn day of the Christian calendar, focusing on the crucifixion and death of Jesus. Catholics observe fasting and abstinence, meditate on the Passion, and participate in the Veneration of the Cross. It is a day of reflection on God's immense love and the sacrifice made for humanity's salvation.

Holy Saturday and Easter Vigil: The Triduum concludes with the Easter Vigil, celebrated after sundown on Holy Saturday. This liturgy celebrates the Resurrection of Christ, the triumph over sin and death, and the beginning of the Easter Season, which lasts fifty days until Pentecost. The vigil includes the lighting of the Paschal candle, readings recounting salvation history, and the celebration of Baptism and Eucharist for new members of the Church.

Sourced from: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

Pope's Prayer Intention for: April

For priests in crisis—Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

PLANNED GIVING

Dear Parishioners, should you wish to donate electronically, please see details below or use the QR Code provided.

We appreciate all offerings and support gifted to our Parish!



COMMUNION BLESSING



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.



UNABLE TO STAND IN LINE FOR COMMUNION? USE THE YELLOW BAND!

Please use the yellow bands located at the back of the Church (in a tub underneath the bulletin shelf) to indicate that you cannot stand in line to receive the Eucharist, by slipping it onto the side of the pew where you will be seated.

Our Priest or Eucharistic Minister will see this and will tend to you at the end of Communion.

St Bamabas Church Yarramalong

1st Sunday of the Month
Mass will be celebrated at St Bamabas Church, Yarramalong
5th April at 11.15am. All are welcome.

COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP

Last day Term 1: 30th March

Resumes Term 2: 4th May



YOUTH GROUP—FRI 17TH APRIL

Our next youth group gathering is on Friday 17th April in the Parish Hall @6pm till 8pm. Ages 13-18yrs are welcome. Parent/Guardian consent required, contact Parish office if required.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

In preparation for the Feast of Divine Mercy, the Lord asked St Faustina to make known a novena of prayer from Good Friday to the following Saturday. These nine days of prayer in the upper room before the Feast of Mercy are like the nine days of prayer in the upper room before the day of Pentecost. For each of the nine days our Lord gave St Faustina a different intention.

Divine Mercy Sunday—12th April

We will be having **Benediction, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet** at St Cecilia's Church, Wyong from 2pm—3pm



EASTER RAFFLE

The Winner of the Easter Raffle is, ticket "RED A 41" The Vandenberg Family. A total of \$640 was raised. Thank you to all who supported and organised.



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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

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Fr Alex Ph: 0432 947 245

Fr Teody Ph: 0410 202 823

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday -Wednesday & Friday 9.30am to 2.30pm

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SRE Catechist Co-Ordinator: **Margaret Vandenberg**

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

FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/wyongcatholicparish

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

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

St Cecilia's Sat after 8am Mass

St John Fisher Wed 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, Wed 9.15am in Parish Hall.

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 CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE

KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS

Prayer: The most valuable gift you can give someone.

SICK:

Jeanine Doueishi, Margaret McDermott, Dave Rodney, Danae Roe, Milva Kefu, Tahniah Ahuriri, Badwi Laoulach, Vince Bosco, Rik

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Delma Baker, Antoni Szczur, Peter Meury, Susan Monk, Fr John McCall

ANNIVERSARY APRIL:

Aaron Collins, Kay Taylor, Leanne Smith, Leslie Smith, Beryl Moloney, Roberta (Robbie) Jones, Dominga & Eutiquio Diaz, Jack Gill, Deceased members of Croke & Kenny families, Margaret Hines, Janet Milroy



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 10:34, 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.' Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 5:6-8

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

You must know how even a small amount of yeast is enough to leaven all the dough, so get rid of all the old yeast, and make yourselves into a completely new batch of bread, unleavened as you are meant to be. Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast, by getting rid of all the old yeast of evil and wickedness, having only the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.

The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;

and Christ, the undefiled,

hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!

Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose;

I saw Christ's glory as he rose!

The angels there attesting;

shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.

That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.

Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;

let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 28:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

After the sabbath, and towards dawn on the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala and the other Mary went to visit the sepulchre. And all at once there was a violent earthquake, for the angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled away the stone and sat on it. His face was like lightning, his robe white as snow. The guards were so shaken, so frightened of him, that they were like dead men.

But the angel spoke, and he said to the women, 'There is no need for you to be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said he would. Come and see the place where he lay, then go quickly and tell his disciples. "He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him." Now I have told you.'

Filled with awe and great joy the women came quickly away from the tomb and ran to tell the disciples.

And there, coming to meet them, was Jesus. 'Greetings' he said. And the women came up to him and, falling down before him, clasped his feet. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers that they must leave for Galilee; they will see me there.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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Easter

Treasure Hunt

WHEN	Wednesday 1 April
TIME	10am - 12pm
WHERE	Glen Roy Green Mary MacKillop Place (entry via 80 William St)
COST	\$10 per child

Join us for a creative twist on the classic egg hunt! You'll enjoy the treasure hunt and easter craft, "Wonder Eggs" with acts of kindness, a chocolate treat, and a photo op with the Easter Bunny.

Light refreshments are provided.

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"LOVE ONE ANOTHER AND HELP ONE ANOTHER."
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SIP Notice

Spirituality in the Pub (SIP) is Meeting at 7.30-9.00pm on Tuesday 7th April at The Grange Hotel, Wyoming (cnr. Renwick St & Pacific Hwy). The guest speakers are sisters **Ruth Myors** and **Rhonda Rugendyke**.

Ruth Myors: Following 20 years as a missionary nurse to the Somali people in East Africa, Ruth trained as a psychiatrist and spent 30 years ministering to missionaries in partnership with Dr. Kath Donovan. Now in her 90s, Ruth happily shares her adventures, many of which can be read in her book "When the Lights Go Out".

Rhonda Rugendyke: Married at a young age, Rhonda had two young sons when her husband left. Her sister Ruth was instrumental in her life taking a new direction, with GOD as the anchor of all her life experiences. Now blessed with children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Rhonda willingly shares her message of GOD'S grace and sufficiency in all of life.

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

Many thanks in anticipation,

Tony

MOTHERS DAY LUNCH

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3rdth MAY 2026

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RESIDENTIAL RETREATS FOR 2026

Starts on Friday at 5:30pm &
Ends on Sunday, 4:00pm

JAN	BIBLE CONVENTION (Led by Fr Antony) Jan 31st- 1st Feb) 9am-4pm
FEB	27Feb-1Mar, Lenten Retreat
MAR	20-22, Preparation for Holy Week Retreat
APR	17-19, Deliverance Retreat
MAY	15-17, Preparation For Pentecost Retreat
JUN	19-21, Inner Healing Retreat
JUL	10-12, Family Healing Retreat
AUG	14-16, Dei Verbum Retreat
SEP	11-13, Deliverance Retreat
OCT	2-4, Marian Retreat
NOV	13-15, Inner Healing Retreat
DEC	11-13, Advent Retreat

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OUTREACH MINISTRIES

First Friday (Chatwood)

Healing Prayer Service, 6:30pm-8:30pm
at Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church, CHATSWOOD

Third Monday (Wallsend)

Healing Prayer Service, 7:00pm-9:00pm
at St Patrick's Church, 11 Macquarie street, WALLSEND

Third Friday (Epping)

Holy Mass & Adoration, 6:00pm-8:00pm
at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, 31 Oxford St, EPPING

Fourth Thursday (Adelaide)

Spiritual Healing Retreat, 7:00pm-9:00pm
St Peter Claver Church, 8 Stuart Road, Dulwich,
Adelaide, SA 5065

Brisbane & Canberra (As advertised)

For other upcoming outreach ministries please refer
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Dear Friends,

We have 3 retreats coming up at Jamberoo Abbey in the month of April to June. Here's a short description of each of them. Go to [our website](#) for more information and how to register.

We would like to enable as many people to attend our retreats. If you require assistance with the registration cost, please don't hesitate to contact us at onlineretreat@jamberooabbey.org.au.

God bless.

Benedictine Nuns of Jamberoo Abbey

[Lord, Teach Us to Pray: The Aramaic Prayer of Jesus](#)

(Cottage Weekend Retreat) 10 - 12 April 2026

In this contemplative retreat we return to the very words Jesus spoke as we explore the Lord's Prayer in its original Aramaic, uncovering layers of meaning often lost in translation.

Retreat Cost: \$150 + accommodation cost.

[He is risen!](#)

(Day Retreat) 18 April 2026

Calling youth and young adults to come together for a time of prayer and reflection. This is a retreat for youth and young adults aged 16 - 35. The Lord is risen! Let us come and spend time sitting at the tomb and wait for his voice to call our name.

Retreat Cost: \$60 (*Limited space available*)

[Praying Icons with Julian of Norwich](#)

(Day Retreat) 27 June 2026

Join us for a contemplative day exploring the rich intersection of iconography and Julian of Norwich's Revelations of Divine Love.

Retreat Cost: \$60 (*Limited space available*)

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Experienced lecturers from Catholic Theological College present on a variety of topics such as science and faith issues including AI, moral theology, politics and religion, the Gospels of Matthew and John, biblical languages, canon law, and religion and ethics.

Cost

- \$25 per session: General audience
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See the next page for the list of topics and presenters.

These sessions are approved for teacher accreditation in some Catholic dioceses.
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May 2026

Registrations essential!

Please note that registrations close at 5pm two business days before each session.

Day	Title and Presenter
Monday 4 May 7pm - 8.30pm	Can a Scientist Believe in God? Rev. Dr Chris Mulherin
Tuesday 5 May 7.30pm - 8.30pm	Interculturality and Its Relevance for the Church Today Rev. Dr Jake Mudge
Wednesday 6 May 5.30pm - 7pm	Democracy and Education Prof. Jānis Ozoliņš
Thursday 7 May 7pm - 8.30pm	Enriching Our Understanding of Being A Christian in Our World Today Dr Frances Baker RSM
Tuesday 12 May 7.30pm - 9pm	John 1: 19-51: Jesus' Baptism and the Call to Discipleship Br Dr Paul Creevey FMS
Wednesday 13 May 5.30pm - 7pm	Old Testament Law: Is It Still Relevant? Rev. Dr Kris Sonek OP
Thursday 14 May 7pm - 8.30pm	Community and Communion: A (Gentle) Introduction to Canon Law Rev. Adi Indra
Monday 18 May 7pm - 8.30pm	The Gospel According to Matthew: A Tapestry Dr Rosemary Canavan
Tuesday 19 May 7pm - 8.30pm	Religion and Ethics: Exploring Some Connections Dr Frances Baker RSM
Wednesday 20 May 7pm - 8.30pm	An Introduction to AI and Transhumanism ... for Christians Rev. Dr Chris Mulherin
Thursday 21 May 7pm - 8.30pm	After Death — What? Rev. Dr Paul Connell
Tuesday 26 May 7pm - 8.30pm	Why Study the Ancient Biblical Languages? Rev. Dr Trevor Tibbertsma

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ABOUT OUR HOST

FR. CHRISTOPHER WATERHOUSE



The Rev'd Christopher Waterhouse is Rector of St James' King Street, Sydney. Prior to his appointment, he served as Precentor and Chaplain

for the Arts at St David's Cathedral, Hobart. Born in the United Kingdom and raised and educated in Tasmania, Christopher developed an early passion for the performing arts, particularly theatre and music. He appeared in numerous stage productions across Tasmania before relocating to Sydney to work with the Sydney Theatre Company, and later moving to London where he worked at the St James' Theatre.

He subsequently left the theatre industry to work at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, while undertaking ministry studies.

Christopher returned to Australia in 2017 to become Director of the St James' Institute. He has more than 25 years' experience as a radio presenter in Hobart, London and Sydney, and has served on the boards of a range of philanthropic, church, education and arts organisations. These include the national board of the Anglican Board of Mission, the Council of St Andrew's College, and 2MBS Fine Music Sydney.

Scandinavia Itinerary Overview

Stockholm 5 nights

- Arrival in Stockholm with airport transfer.
- Guided city tour featuring City Hall, the Old Town (Gamla Stan), the Royal Palace and Parliament.
- Scenic boat cruise through the Stockholm Archipelago.
- Full-day guided excursion to Sigtuna and Uppsala, exploring Viking-era sites, the historic university precinct and Uppsala Cathedral.
- Free day to explore Stockholm independently, with the option to use the Stockholm Pass.
- Visits to ABBA The Museum and the Vasa Museum.

Vadstena - 2 nights

- Travel south with a stop at Östanbäck Monastery.
- Guided walking tour of medieval Vadstena.
- Visits to Vadstena Abbey and Vadstena Castle.

Malmö - 3 nights

- Travel to Malmö.
- Visit Malmö Castle and key churches. Church service.
- Excursion to Skanörs Church and final sightseeing in Malmö.
- Full-day excursion along the Skåne coast. Visits to Ystad and Simrishamn.
- Stop at the Kivik Grave and visits to historic churches including St Nicolai Church and St Olof's Church.

Copenhagen - 5 nights

- Travel to Denmark via ferry. Visit Kronborg Castle (Hamlet's Castle).
- Scenic coastal drive along the Strandvej to Copenhagen.
- Guided city tour including Nyhavn, Amalienborg Palace, Christiansborg Palace and The Little Mermaid.
- Canal cruise and visit to the Church of Our Lady. Excursion to Roskilde, including the Viking Ship Museum and Roskilde Cathedral.
- Full-day excursion to Odense, visiting H.C. Andersen's House and Odense Cathedral.

Inclusions & Important Information

- Depart Australia: 24 September 2026
- Full breakfast daily. 7 dinners included, featuring both a welcome dinner and a farewell dinner.
- Single supplement available on request.
- Ask about extending your journey to Norway — we offer tailored packages to make this a reality.
- All listed activities are subject to change at any time due to operational requirements.
- Flights are with Air China, offering Economy, Premium Economy and Business Class options.
- The itinerary includes a stopover in the spectacular historic city of Beijing.

Carmel House Retreats 2026

**MAY
20-24**

**Pentecost Intensive
RUAH**

"He breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit'". Jn 20:22
The Ruah (breath) of God renews each soul that receives its power. Embrace the gift of the Holy Spirit through fellowship, inputs, prayer and practical workshops and help renew the face of the earth
<https://www.trybooking.com/DIDAV>.

**OCT
16-18**

**Hand Made
Creative Healing Retreat**

"In his hand is the life of every creature." Job 12:10
Come away for a weekend of reflection on how carefully God has made and upheld your life through different creative prayer experiences.
<https://www.trybooking.com/DIDCB>

**JUNE
27**

**GARDENS
Day Retreat**

"Grieve not as those who have no hope." 1 Thess 4:13.
Spend a day reflecting on how while we experience pain, grief and loss in life, we can also discover in such moments that God is renewing us and doing "a new thing" (Rev 21:4) within us.
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**NOV
14**

**ALIVE
Holy Spirit Family
Retreat Day**

Your family has been carefully chosen and put together by God and has an important mission entrusted only to you.
Discover as a family the power of the Holy Spirit to live with boldness and love!
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**AUG
28-30**

**HOMECOMING
Silent Retreat**

"His father saw him, ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him." Lk 15: 20
Your heavenly Father waits for you to come away with him for a weekend of silently soaking in his great love for you. Embrace this opportunity for encountering deep peace and serenity.
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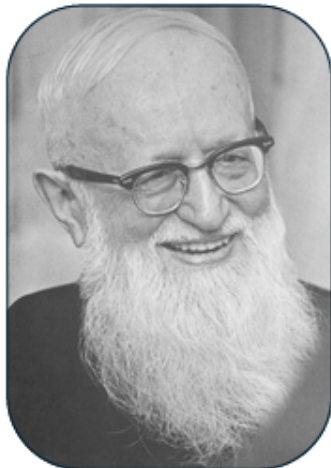
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- Private

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- About Schoenstatt and the sisters community



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WANT TO JOIN OUR FRIENDSHIP PROGRAM?

CatholicCare are seeking volunteers for our Aged Care Volunteers Visitors Scheme (formerly known as the Community Visitors Scheme). As a volunteer, you will visit seniors in a local aged care facility or in their own home and help improve their quality of life. Our volunteers have the flexibility to choose a day and time that suits them, we just ask for a commitment of at least one hour per fortnight.

Affectionately referred to as CatholicCare's 'friendship program', you will be able to build new connections and positive relationships with someone who will greatly appreciate your company. Please call (02) 9481 2600 or visit www.catholiccaredbb.org.au/volunteer/ for more information



CatholicCare
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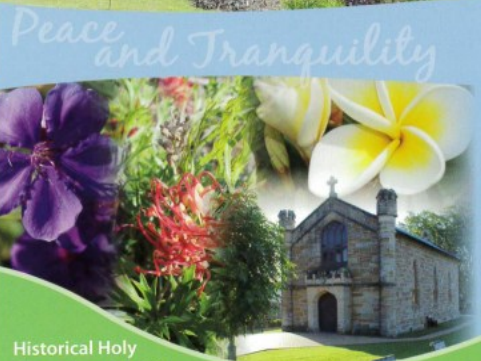
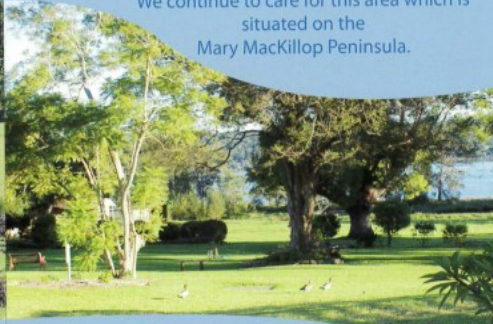
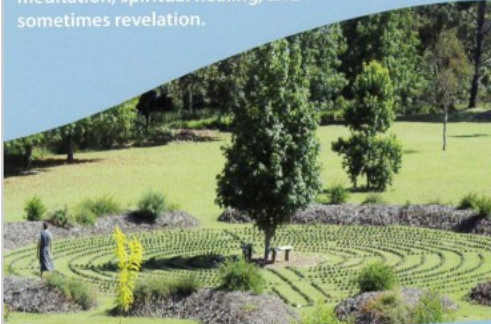
St Joseph's Spirituality and Education Centre Kincumber South

The abundance of natural beauty which surrounds the Centre will ensure your stay is unforgettable, enjoyable and restful.

The labyrinth is a place for prayer, meditation, spiritual healing, and sometimes revelation.

We acknowledge the original owner of this land and pay tribute to The Darkinjung Nation and the Guringai people who have cared for this land with love and respect.

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



Peace and Tranquility

Historical Holy Cross church built in 1842 presents itself right in front of our Centre.



A Ministry of the Sisters of St Joseph
NSW Province

The Congregation of the Sisters of St Joseph, founded by Mary MacKillop and Julian Tenison Woods in 1866, was devoted to the service of the poor. Its members were women who worked in a simple ordinary way to bring to the poor the message of their human dignity and of Christ's saving love. Today the Sisters of St Joseph continue that founding mission to relieve suffering and bring hope to today's world.

St Joseph's Spirituality & Education Centre

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St Joseph's Spirituality and Education Centre offers the opportunity for individuals and groups to experience spiritual enrichment and personal development in a peaceful and spacious setting. The facilities are available to those whose purpose is in harmony with the spirit and philosophy of the Sisters of St Joseph.

Location

St Joseph's Spirituality and Education Centre is located at Kincumber South, in a natural bushland setting, in a quiet corner of the beautiful Central Coast of NSW.

The spacious grounds front the Kincumber Broadwater, creating an atmosphere of tranquility and peace that enhances the spiritual and reflective nature of the Centre.

A perfect place where people can be recharged, re-energized and spend precious time connecting with God, each other and nature.

Services

Dedicated staff are on hand to advise and to ensure the smooth running of your group's activities.

You can be certain of our personalised & professional service from start to finish for your conference, meeting or seminar.

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

Meals are prepared on site, catering for special dietary requirements.

Morning and afternoon tea are all homemade.

Facilities

St Joseph's is a smoke free environment.

The quality and presentation of the accommodation add to the overall ambience of the Centre.

A maximum of 54 people can be accommodated in 35 double, twin, or single rooms, all with modern ensuites.

Ramp and lift access to rooms is available, some bathrooms are wheelchair friendly.

Our facility hosts
Retreats
Conferences
Group Seminars
Small Group Meetings
Bible Study Groups
Prayer Days

Sound and visual equipment for conferences are available on request.

Walking Tracks and Gardens

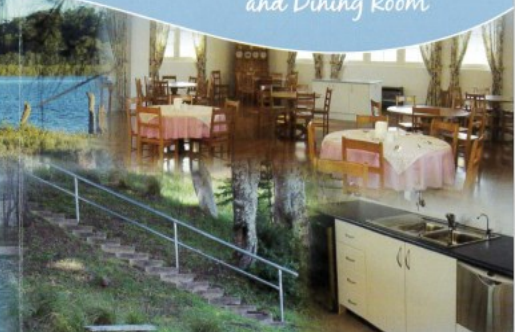
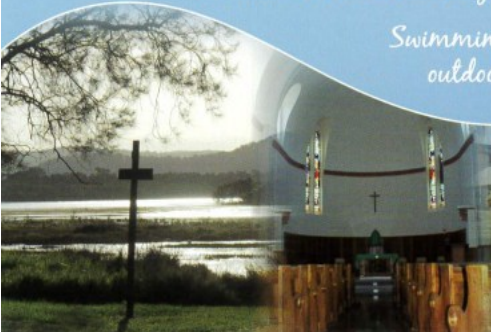
Meditation Areas and Mary of the Cross Walk

Swimming pool and outdoor patio

Chapel and prayer rooms

Conference Rooms

Lounge, Tea Bays and Dining Room



WE ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE OUR NEW ACCREDITATION FOR HOME CARE PACKAGES

CatholicCare is our social care agency in the Diocese of Broken Bay and we have been supporting the Northern Sydney, Northern Beaches and Central Coast communities for 35 years.

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.

Name _____

Suburb _____ Phone _____

Email _____

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

Yes No Unsure

Do you need help applying for a Home Care Package?

Yes No Maybe

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

Take a photo of this completed form and email to info@catholiccareddb.org.au or text a photo of the form to 0481 602 046. Thank you.

CATHOLICCARE BROKEN BAY

Do you have a problem that you can't solve on your own?

When feelings become overwhelming or confusing, counselling can be very helpful. We work with you to overcome challenges and stress.

We work with you, assisting you to face challenges and stressors, coming up with sugges-

tions to tackle or resolve these challenges. We listen, talk through experiences and help you think about ways forward. Common issues addressed in counselling include family transitions, communication issues, work/life balance, conflict, parenting after separation, grief and loss and decision making. We offer a welcoming, inclusive environment and a safe space for all ages. CatholicCare offers Government funded, fee for service and NDIS approved therapy options for yourself, your children and as a family unit.

To access this service please call 1800 324 924 or visit www.catholiccaredbb.org.au.



Key Telephone Numbers

KEY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

POLICE: 000

Call the Police for immediate assistance.

1800 RESPECT: 1800 737 732

A national 24-hour 7 day a week service, for advice or support in relation to sexual assault and domestic violence. The service also connects victims to the nearest help according to their location.

FOR NON-ENGLISH SPEAKERS

Call 131 450 for an interpreter. Ask them to ring 1800 RESPECT for you.

CATHOLIC CARE BROKEN BAY

CatholicCare provides a range of services to assist women and children experiencing domestic violence

Central Coast: 1800 324 924	Northern Beaches: 1800 324 924
Naremburn: 1800 324 924	Waitara: 1800 324 924

MEN'S REFERRAL SERVICE: 1300 766 491

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



Our Community is **SAFE**