

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*

5TH NOVEMBER 2023 THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WYONG CATHOLIC PARISH

ST CECILIA'S CHURCH, ST JOHN FISHER MASS CTR & ST PETER'S CHAPEL

Under the Pastoral Care of the

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ST CECILIA

St Cecilia is one of the most revered early Roman martyrs. She is one of the seven women commemorated in the Canon of the Mass. The patron saint of musicians, poets, and hymns, she is typically portrayed with a harp or another musical instrument. The story of St Cecilia is one of love of God, evangelization, and courage.

Love of God

St Cecilia lived in 3rd Century A.D. in the Roman Empire. She was born to a wealthy, noble family.

Despite taking a personal vow of chastity, her parents gave her in marriage to a pagan nobleman, named Valerian, so she then wore sackcloth, next to her skin, fasted, and invoked saints, angels, and virgins beseeching them to guard her virginity.



*St Cecilia, you often heard
God's voice through music,
Join our choir and lead us to
recognise the Divine Musician,
who created all.
Help us to sacrifice ourselves in
practicing our faith,
so that others may be led to
Christ and the church through
our example.*

Dear Parishioners—

You're invited to join us for a liturgy at St Cecilia's School, Wyong, as we celebrate St Cecilia's Feast day on the 22nd of November at 8:45am in the Cola area. Please contact the Parish office on 4352 1011 or Jo Helm the Parent Engagement Coordinator (PEC) on 0424 763 734 so the school will know you will be attending.

Reflection 5.11.2023 Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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'Oh Lord it's hard to be humble when you're perfect in every way,' go the words of an old song. Yesterday, Jesus used the image of the seats of honour at a wedding feast to teach us about the importance of humility. Today, he personalises it for his audience, accusing Pharisees of 'wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in synagogues'. And he introduces another sin for us to consider, that of hypocrisy. Note that Jesus doesn't tell the people to disregard the Pharisees, but he urges his listeners to be alert for any difference in what the Pharisees say in their teaching, and in what they do. He is especially scathing of religious leaders who make religion a burden for people to shoulder. Today's Gospel shows us how short is the road from pride to hypocrisy. Do I ever get puffed up with religious importance? Do I then wish to display my 'righteousness' for others to see and worse, try to impose it as a burden on others? Do I profess the Gospel but fail to live it? Dear Lord, help me always to be humble and true. Amen.

November Month of Remembrance

It is customary for us to acknowledge All Souls in November.

"It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins."

2 Maccabees 12.46

Our Book of Remembrance (Memorial) will be put up near the Sanctuary of St Cecilia's Church from All Souls Day and will remain throughout November.

November Mass offerings

There are envelopes available for you to write the names of your beloved deceased. Please put the envelopes into the special boxes near the sanctuary in both Churches. All Masses in November will be offered for our departed brothers and sisters.

Spouses Remembrance Masses 4th & 5th November

At all weekend Masses 4th/5th November, all parishioners are invited to remember and pray for our deceased spouses and loved ones.

We will invite you to light a candle during our Mass for your loved one.



St Barnabas Church Yarramalong

Mass will be celebrated at St Barnabas Church, Yarramalong

Sunday 5th of November at 11.15am.

All are welcome.

WOMENS GET TOGETHER GROUP

2nd Monday of each month

Bring a plate, have a cuppa, have a chat and a laugh in the Parish Centre. All are welcome!

ST. JOHN FISHER'S HIGH TEA

FRIDAY, 10 NOVEMBER is the date to remember. St. John Fisher's school community invites all parishioners to a special **free** High Tea in the school hall, at Tumbi Umbi commencing at **10:00 am.**

This is an opportunity for members of the parish and school community to meet on this first special, social occasion. For catering purposes

R.S.V.P. to Kerry Bugden on 43 882938 by Tuesday 7 November.



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/timor

We would like to thank you again for your generosity, whether it be a one-off gift or through your commitment as a Mission Partner, through the recent Catholic Mission Appeal.

Your generosity and prayers are supporting life-changing mission programs like the Maria Auxiliadora Clinic in Venilale, Timor-Leste, where they are addressing critical health issues such as tuberculosis, malnutrition and maternal mortality.

To learn more about the impact of your support, visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work, where you can also sign-up for our regular newsletter.

If you missed your opportunity to learn about this vital mission program, or want to give a gift in support, please go to catholicmission.org.au/timor today.

250 Club Update

THANK YOU FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING SUPPORT

250 NUMBERS SOLD

Weekly Prizes are \$50 – 1st & \$20 – 2nd
Monthly Prizes are \$200 – 1st & \$50 – 2nd
and will be last weekend of the month.

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| 4th /5th Nov | Weekly | 20 | Caroline Hopwood | 81 | Lilli Drennan |

CONGRATULATIONS Bishop Anthony: 4th Anniversary in the Diocese

On Saturday, Bishop Anthony celebrates the fourth anniversary as Bishop of the Diocese of Broken Bay. He was installed as the fourth Bishop of our Diocese on 4 November 2019, the Feast of St Charles Borromeo. St Borromeo was known as the loving reformer who cared greatly about people and wanted them to know that the Church of God listened to His people and cared about them greatly. Congratulazioni! And thank you for caring for and shepherding our community.

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Sunday Mass 5th November 2023

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Malachi 1:14 - 2:2, 8-10

I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration.

Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 130

R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good news to you.

Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 23:9, 10

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have one Father, your Father in heaven;

you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 23:1-12

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called

teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Talk on the Mass—St Mary of the Cross Church, Warnervale

How does the mass relate to my life? How can I get more out of the mass?

Broken Bay seminarian, Shayne D'Cunha, will address these questions as he explores *how we can participate more fully at mass*.

Some of you may remember Shayne from when he was completing his pastoral placement here at Wyong Catholic Parish in December 2020.

When: 6:15pm-7:15pm (with time for Q & A) on **Saturday, the 18th of November.**

Where: St Mary of the Cross, Catholic Church, Warnervale.



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MASS TIMES

ST CECILIA'S CHURCH

23 Byron St Wyong

Saturday Vigil / Sunday Mass Times

Sat Vigil 5.00pm Sun 7.30am & 9.30am

Weekday Mass

Mon-Sat: 8.00am, Monday 9.15am (School Term)

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

ST JOHN FISHER MASS CENTRE

Hicks Lane Tumbi Umbi

Saturday Vigil / Sunday Mass Times

Sat Vigil 5.00 pm Sun: 8.30am & 5pm

Weekday Mass

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

Reconciliation/Confession Saturday at 4.30pm

EMERGENCY PRIEST CONTACT

Fr Raul ph: 0450 115 099

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PARISH OFFICE 23 Byron Street Wyong

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OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 9.30am to 2.30pm

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Children's Liturgy at the following Masses

St Cecilia's 5pm Mass Saturday

St Cecilia's 9.30am Mass Sunday

St John Fisher 5pm Mass Sunday

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE

Mass St Barnabas, Yarramalong

1st Sun of month 11.15am

Filipino Mass St Cecilia's Church

3rd Sun of the month 12pm

Anointing of the Sick

First Friday of the Month

St Cecilia's During 8.00am

& 11.30am Mass

St John Fisher During 9.15am Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

St Cecilia's Daily 7am-8am

St John Fisher 1st Fri 8.45 - 9.15am

Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual

Help Sat St Cecilia's & Wed St John

Fisher (after the 8am Mass)

Devotion to the Divine Mercy

St Cecilia's Fri after the 8am Mass

St John Fisher Fri after the 9:15am

Mass

Prayer groups

St Cecilia's Rosary Group Tues after

8am mass followed by Divine Mercy

St Cecilia's Legion of Mary 9am Wed

Meetings

St Cecilia's Choir practice every Tues

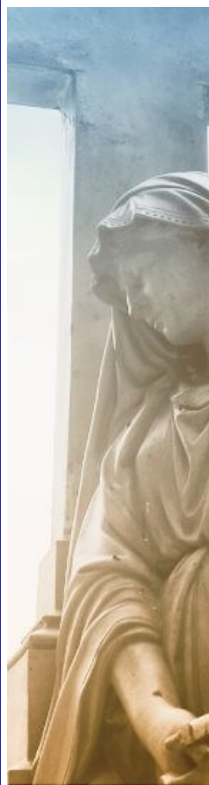
KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS

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, Christine, Jacqui Stacey, Josie Campbell, Dave, Rodney, Gwen Dwyer, Helen Waters, Rod & Pauline Cornwell, Marie Rheinberger, Hannah Hopwood, Joan Mabbutt, Irene Dainty, Eoin, Paula, Peter Meury, Jai Coleman, Danielle, Frank Farrugia, Betty McDermott, Marc Sabat, David Myers, Adam Smith.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Richard Mahinay, Carol Dafter, Raymond (Ray) Baker, Fay King (Regina Preston's Aunt).

ANNIVERSARY NOVEMBER: Ron Mahoney, Marie Therese Bartlett



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Safeguarding Message

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

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**

Areté Missionary Leadership Course 2024 – Applications Now Open


Applications for the Foundations of Missionary Leadership Program are now open for 2024. The Foundations program equips people with the knowledge, skills, and values to become effective missionaries and leaders in their parishes and communities. Through an enriching curriculum and immersive experiences, students will gain a deeper understanding of their faith, the centrality of evangelisation, and leadership principles of ministry.

Subsidies are available from Evangelisation Broken Bay. Please contact Pina Bernard to discuss further on 0432 682 239 or pina.bernard@bbcatholic.org.au

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Please Join Us For

High Tea

ST JOHN FISHER
SCHOOL



Friday 10am After Mass
November 10th 2023



17.10.2023

Dear Parishes,

We would appreciate you including our Gaza Crisis Appeal in your parish bulletins this week and over the coming weeks. Please adapt the following information to your layout. There is a QR code for printed bulletins. Also attached to this email is a PPT slide (standard and widescreen) to show before or after mass.

If there is anything else we can provide to help you promote this appeal, please contact Nicole Dobrohotoff nicoled@caritas.org.au

Thank you for your support,

Caritas Australia

Caritas Australia’s Gaza Crisis Appeal

An estimated 1 million people have been displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter, health, and psychosocial needs.

‘This is a period of incredible turmoil and sadness. The escalation of violence has only exacerbated needs for the people in Gaza and West Bank, who already live in dire conditions. We are working with our partners on the ground to provide comprehensive and critical support to over 17,000 families affected by this devastating conflict.’
Sally Thomas, Humanitarian Lead, Caritas Australia

With your support, we will be able to help our partners on the ground to assist people displaced and affected by the current conflict.

Please donate to Caritas Australia’s Gaza Crisis Appeal.

You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone 1800 024 413

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SIP MEETING

Next meeting of **Spirituality in the Pub** is 7.30-9.00pm on **Tuesday 14th November** at the Grange Hotel, Wyoming. Our Special Guest Speaker is Dr Andrew Kwong whose highly acclaimed book ***One Bright Moon*** is the story of a young Chinese boy's awakening – to survival, education, fulfilment, and eventually to a new life of freedom as a successful doctor in Australia. Hotel bistro opens at 5.30pm. SIP enquiries: 0415 129250 or 0439 678608.

OR (if space permits there is additional information re the following:)

Spirituality in the Pub (SIP) Meeting 7.30-9.00pm
14th November at the Grange Hotel, Wyoming (cnr. Renwick St & Pacific Hwy).
Our guest speaker is Dr Andrew Kwong.

Dr. Andrew Kwong:

Born in China under Mao's oppressive regime, Andrew later made his way to Australia, graduated as a doctor and became a Fellow of the RACGP in 1982. He has been a GP on the Central Coast since 1979. Andrew is a multi-award writer including the Michael Crouch Award for a debut work in The National Biography Award 2021 for ***One Bright Moon***, a memoir about his life in China and his endeavour to become a doctor.

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

Many thanks in anticipation,
Tony

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