

# 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*

**6TH APRIL 2025—FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**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—Fifth Sunday of Lent

A woman, clothing in disarray, is dragged before Jesus to test his loyalty to the Law. She must be stoned to death. There is a total lack of interest in the woman, who must be caught in the act for the death penalty to apply. Confused and frightened, she is a plaything for the scribes and the Pharisees to use against Jesus. Where is her male partner in the story? Jesus reverses that situation.

Saint Augustine described this Gospel scene as an encounter between *misera* (a deprived and unhappy woman) and *misericordia* (the personification of mercy). Asking those of them without any sexual failures to cast the first stone, he turns away and doodles on the ground. He is not interested in their deadly legal questions.

As they all slink away, Jesus speaks to the woman. No one condemns her, least of all Jesus. She is no longer a 'thing' to be used and abused, but a person capable of a relationship with God and with other people liberated by the love of God made visible in Jesus. He asks her to rejoin society: 'go your way', and to be attentive to God: 'don't sin anymore'. This is a Jesus that we must all come to love and imitate.

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## 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 for ever. Amen.



# STATIONS OF THE CROSS

St Cecilia's Church, Wyong  
Every Friday evening during Lent  
at 6:00pm.

Please join us, as we  
prayerfully walk the Way  
of the Cross.



**Chrism Mass**—Participating in the Chrism Mass is a way to build a deeper appreciation of the sacramental life of the Church. You are invited to attend the 2025 Broken Bay Chrism Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral Waitara on **Tuesday, 15 April at 7:30pm.**

## WYONG PARISH COMMUNITY COLLECTIONS 2025

Each year as a parish we have three donated item collections supporting the disadvantaged members of the community. These collections are in Feb/ March/April (Wyong Neighbourhood Centre), June (Vinnies Winter collection) and December (Vinnies Christmas collection). We ask that individual items are placed in the special collection trolley's or containers which will be available at both churches.

This collection drive will run from:  
**5<sup>th</sup> March—27<sup>th</sup> April 2025.**

This year we are supporting **Wyong Neighbourhood Centre**. Please see below suggested items which can be donated. These items are those specifically needed by the disadvantaged people the charity supports.

More information on the charity can be found at the web address listed:

Wyong Neighbourhood Centre Inc—  
<https://www.wnci.org.au>

Suggested donated items may include:  
Long-life milk, Noodles, Pasta, rice, good quality tinned fruit, food and meals (with ring pulls), Soups, spaghetti, Museli bars and long life snacks, Breakfast Biscuits/ Cereal, UHT Milk, Noodles, Crackers, , Lollies/ Chocolate, Chips, Tea, Cappuccino sachets, Water/Juice, Beansies, 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.

## 200 Club Survey

'Number tickets will go on sale at \$60, from the weekend of 26/27 April and will conclude by the 5/6 July, hopefully with all tickets sold. The first weekend prize draw will be published in the bulletin on the 19/20 July and each month thereafter.

**Monthly Prizes: 1st \$300 2nd \$150 3rd \$100 4th \$50**

**Final Draw 19 December: 1st \$500 2nd \$250 3rd \$150 4th \$100.**

These prizes are dependent on the sale of all 200 numbers.

Thank you everyone for your support for this fundraising exercise.

The next update will be before the end of April, when the sale of numbers commence.

## PROJECT COMPASSION—5th Sunday of Lent 5th & 6th April 2025

The life-changing work of Caritas Australia is only made possible by the unwavering generosity of our supporters and the dedication of our local partners on the ground.

Our partners are the true heroes, working tirelessly on the frontlines every day to transform lives and build brighter, more hopeful futures for their communities.

**Please donate today.**

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.

**Or online at:** [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion)

**Or by calling:** 1800 024 413

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this Lent



## Parish Pastoral Council 11 March Meeting Report

The PPC March council meeting was held under very poor weather conditions. As a result of the weather and family commitments, a quorum was not available for the meeting. No decisions therefore were voted upon, but important information was updated and is reported below.

**Volunteer Grant**- unfortunately our application for a volunteer grant in 2025 was unsuccessful.

The **Sacramental Program** has commenced. Year 4 students are currently preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. These young people will receive the Sacrament on Monday 7 April at St Cecilia's and Tuesday 8 April at Tumby. These same young people will receive their First Eucharist at the end of June.

Year 3 students will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on 16 August.

**Catholics Returning Home** program will resume after Easter.

**200 Club** will run from July to December. Monthly prize draws will be published each month as this was the majority option survey result. The sale of ticket numbers will commence after Easter.

**Neighborhood Charity Collection** is well underway. Thank you to all who have supported or intend to do so. The collection will conclude on 27 April.

**Car Park Sale & New Parish Buildings** – there is no change to the information available for this project from the end of 2024. No government offers have been received by Catholic Care to help fund the Youth forum. It is expected that more will be heard once the Federal election is held.

**Shrove Tuesday and World Day of Prayer.** Both parish functions were very successful. Thank you all for your support.

**Mass collections** will be revisited at the beginning of June. This will ensure everyone understands and is able to make their donations in the way they like.

**Safeguarding** for vulnerable adults will be the target for 2025. Every parish's response and action to ensure the safety of all children is firmly in place. Thank you everyone. Your actions and support has made this possible.

**Bunnings Barbecue** An application to hold a Bunnings barbecue in 2025 will be made for September/ October date.

**Age to Age & Youth Program** will move forward after Easter. Parishioner volunteers will be called for to ensure the linkage of School/ Families/Parish is successful.

## Important Dates to Remember:

- 7/8 April First Reconciliation at Wyong and Tumby respectively
- 9 April Second Form of Reconciliation at St Cecilia's 6:00 pm
- 14 April Second Form of Reconciliation at St John Fisher 4:00 pm
- 17 April Holy Thursday
- 18 April Good Friday
- 19 April Holy Saturday
- 20 April Easter Sunday—The Resurrection
- 25 April Anzac Day
- 11 May Mother's Day
- 13 May Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 6:00 pm St Cecilia's Meeting Room

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# EASTER SERVICES

**17 APR** **HOLY THURSDAY**  
**ST CECILIA'S CHURCH 7PM**

**18 APR** **GOOD FRIDAY**  
STATIONS OF THE CROSS - ST CECILIA'S WYONG 10AM  
STATIONS OF THE CROSS - ST JOHN FISHER TUMBI 10AM ( SCHOOL HALL)  
THE LORDS PASSION - ST CECILIA'S WYONG 300PM  
THE LORDS PASSION - ST JOHN FISHER TUMBI 300PM (SCHOOL HALL)

**19 APR** **EASTER VIGIL MASS**  
**ST CECILIA'S WYONG - 7PM**

**20 APR** **EASTER SUNDAY**  
ST CECILIA'S WYONG - 730AM 930AM  
ST JOHN FISHER TUMBI - 830AM (SCHOOL HALL) 500PM ( MASS CENTRE)



## PLANNED GIVING

Dear Parishioners, our planned giving envelopes cost \$760 per annum to order.  
Should you wish to donate electronically, please see details below:

### To support the Priests (1st Collection):

Acc name: SOLT Australia Incorporated

**BSB:** 062 195

**Acc no:** 1022 9389

### To the support the running & upkeep of the Parish (2nd Collection):

Acc name: Wyong Catholic Parish

**BSB:** 062 784

**Acc no:** 100 001 943

We appreciate all offerings and support gifted to our Parish!

## A Penitential Celebration Second Form of Reconciliation

With Easter fast approaching and in this Jubilee Year, now is the time to renew and reconnect with God.

**We encourage Parish participation this Jubilee Year.**

The Second Form of reconciliation is a communal liturgical celebration which helps us to be truly repentant and free from affection for sin purified through the sacrament of penance (reconciliation)

This form of the rite consists of :

- a celebration of the word – hymns, prayers
- a homily
- examination of conscience and a call to repentance
- private confession and reconciliation
- conclusion – short thanksgiving, blessing and dismissal.

**Please be a part of this sacrament at one of these venues.**

**St Cecilia's Church Wyong:**

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April, 6.00pm

**St John Fisher Tumbi Umbi:**

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April, 4.00pm

## Jubilee Planning Team

Our Wyong / Tumbi Umbi Parish is hoping to celebrate this Jubilee of Hope Year with events throughout the year.

We need enthusiastic volunteers to work together to accomplish events involving:

2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of Confession, Eucharistic adoration, Visitation to the Shrine of John Paul II at Gosford and a celebratory dinner later in the year.

If you would like to be a part of the organising team, please leave your name and contact details at the Parish Office during their office hours or complete the Volunteer sheet available at the doors of the Church.



## EASTER RAFFLE

Raffle tickets will be on sale for \$1 on Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> April, after 5:00pm Mass and after all Masses on Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> of April.



## Jubilee of the Sick and Health Care Workers 5-6 April 2025

*The Jubilee of the Sick and Health Care Workers recognises all those who are sick and the healthcare professionals who care for them (doctors, nurses, health workers, volunteers in the health sector, pastoral health workers).*

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

For all who are sick and those entrusted to the care of medical professionals, that they may experience the healing presence of Christ through the hands of those who serve them.

We pray to the Lord.

For all doctors, nurses, carers, and medical professionals, that the Lord may grant them strength, wisdom, patience and compassion in their service to the sick and suffering. We pray to the Lord.



## 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.**



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## MASS TIMES

### ST CECILIA'S CHURCH

23 Byron St Wyong

**Saturday Vigil / Sunday Mass Times**

Sat Vigil 5.00pm Sun 7.30am & 9.30am

**Weekday Mass**

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

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

### ST JOHN FISHER MASS CENTRE

Hicks Lane Tumbi Umbi

**Saturday Vigil / Sunday Mass Times**

Sat Vigil 5.00 pm Sun: 8.30am & 5pm

**Weekday Mass**

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

**Reconciliation/Confession** Saturday at 4.30pm

### EMERGENCY PRIEST CONTACT

Fr Raul Ph: 0450 115 099

Fr Alex Ph: 0432 947 245

Fr Teody Ph: 0414 494 823

**PARISH OFFICE** 23 Byron Street Wyong

Phone: 02 4352 1011 Po Box 385 Wyong 2259

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

### PARISH CONTACTS

Parish Priest **Fr Raul Balute**, SOLT Ph: 0450 115 099

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

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

Parish Secretaries **Margaret Vandenberg & Christine Sassine**

**PARISH EMAIL:** [wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au)

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

**FACEBOOK:** [www.facebook.com/wyongcatholicparish](https://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

**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, Pauline Cornwell, Michael McDermott, Michele Bolton, Jeanine Doueichi, Lisa Glanville, Margaret McDermott, Dave Rodney, Danae Roe, Milva Kefu, Georgina Mastroianni & Baby Vinnie

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Brigida Lo Basso, Robert Milligan, Rod Cornwell

**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, Jack Gill, Janet Milroy



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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 Isaiah 43:16-21 (Year C)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters, who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick:

No need to recall the past,  
no need to think about what was done before.  
See, I am doing a new deed,  
even now it comes to light; can you not see it?  
Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness,  
paths in the wilds.  
The wild beasts will honour me,  
jackals and ostriches,  
because I am putting water in the wilderness  
(rivers in the wild)  
to give my chosen people drink.  
The people I have formed for myself  
will sing my praises.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 125 (Year C)

**R.** The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are filled with joy.

### Second Reading Philippians 3:8-14 (Year C)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### Gospel Acclamation Joel 2:12-13 (Year C)

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

With all your heart turn to me,  
for I am tender and compassionate.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

### Gospel John 8:1-11 (Year C)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## **Central Coast Secular Franciscan Group – INVITATION**

**Invitation to attend a Franciscan Anniversary of Profession Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary Church at The Entrance at 11.30am on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April.**

The Celebrant will be Rev Fr Anthoni Selvaraj OFM from St Francis of Assisi Paddington.

The local Central Coast Secular Franciscans, formerly known as The Third Order of Franciscans are celebrating the Profession of Anniversary of our members at a special mass.

Please feel welcome to attend and join us afterwards at a Simple Bring and Share Lunch to be held in the Parish Centre. This is a great opportunity to speak to some local Franciscans and find out what we do. Our members are parishioners throughout the Central Coast.

For further information, please contact Sandra Petith. Mobile: 0499811177



## **24 hours of Adoration and Reconciliation—Warnervale Parish**

Beginning Thursday, April 10th, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop parish at Warnervale will hold

**24 hours of Adoration and Reconciliation**, starting at 10:00am after the morning Mass and concluding with the **9:15am Mass on Friday, April 11th**. To help ensure continuous participation, please email the parish office ([warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:warnervaleparish@bbcatholic.org.au)) to indicate the time you will be attending. We invite everyone to take part in this time of prayer and reflection.

## Grace and Truth Event

You are invited to join the Dominican Friars and Sisters on Wednesday, 30 April for an evening of prayer, formation, and fellowship. Open to men and women of all ages. The evening will consist of Eucharistic Adoration, Vespers and Benediction, a light dinner, and talks by Sister Elena Marie and Father James Baxter. The event will run from 5-9PM, starting in the crypt of St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, and moving to the Cathedral Hall. Fee: \$20. For more information, contact the Dominican Sisters at [sydney@op-tn.org](mailto:sydney@op-tn.org).



# Grace & Truth

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**Spirituality in the Pub** (SIP) Meeting 7.30-9.00pm 1st April at the Grange Hotel, Wyoming (cnr. Renwick St & Pacific Hwy). The guest speakers are **Barbara Novak** and **Denise Harris**.

**Barbara Novak:** A Holistic Life Coach, Barbara migrated to Australia in 1973 and has since moved 39 times, often renovating homes on the way. Her varied work experience includes assistant bank manager, TAFE teacher and extended work in both radio and TV. Barbara is currently pursuing a Doctorate in Metaphysical Sciences and researches to enhance her spiritual connection and to help others.

**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,  
Tony

Tony Voller  
for SIP Committee  
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## **Mother's Day Lunch - 4<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

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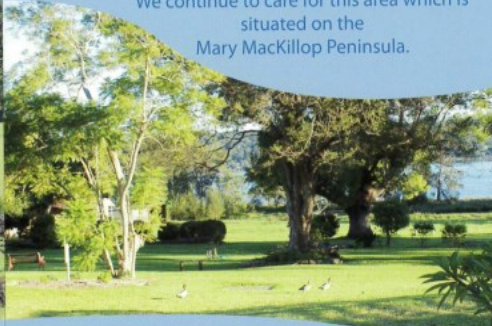
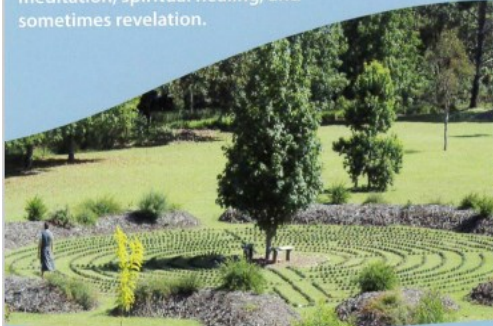
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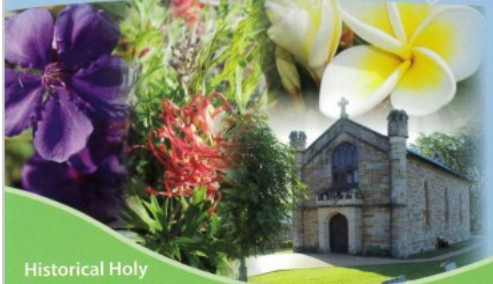
The labyrinth is a place for prayer, meditation, spiritual healing, and sometimes revelation.


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



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## 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.

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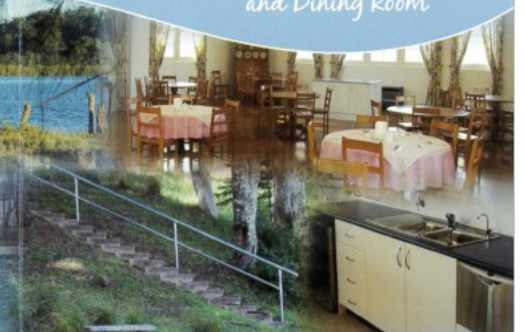
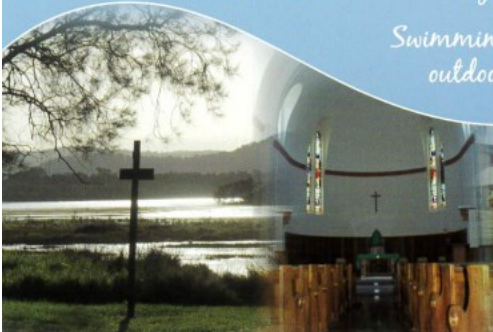
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**DEPARTS TUESDAY 13 MAY 2025 • 19 DAYS / 15 NIGHTS**

Athens (2 nights) • Acropolis • Ancient Corinth • Kalambaka (2) • Meteora • Berea  
• Thessaloniki • Kavala (2) • Ancient Philippi • Patmos (2) • Samos (1) • Kusadasi (2)  
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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)*

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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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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,  
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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 tranquility 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

Journey this morning out 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 a wonderful 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. 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

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**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.

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# 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.

### **CATHOLICARE 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:

<b>Immigration Advice and Rights Centre</b>	<b>02 8234 0777</b>
<b>Immigrant Women's SpeakOut Association</b>	<b>1800 656 463</b>
<b>Legal Aid NSW</b>	<b>1300 888 529</b> (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](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au)

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