

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 AUGUST 2023 THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

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 6.8.2023 The Transfiguration of the Lord

Peter, James and John were stunned by their experience on the mountain. Their wonder at seeing Jesus radiant in the presence of Moses and Elijah became even more overwhelming when a bright cloud cast them into shadow and the voice boomed from the cloud. It took the touch of Jesus to relieve them of fear and bring them down the mountain. The imagery in the book of Daniel indicates that much happens on levels that we cannot understand in the moment. In Peter's second letter, reflecting on the experience he shared with James and John, he writes that he now understands what had happened in the Transfiguration; he is no longer fearful but can confirm boldly what the voice said on the mountain. May the touch of Jesus guide us through the moments in our lives that seem incomprehensible, that in time we may recognize more fully their significance.

First Eucharist Sacrament 2023

We will be having a Parent Information night on Monday 7th August 7pm in St Cecilia's Church 23 Byron Street Wyong.

All children in Year 4 and above who have received their Confirmation and Reconciliation Sacraments are eligible to make their First Eucharist.

Enrolment Presentation weekend will be at all weekend Masses 12th/13th August.

Children are asked to attend Mass for the 4 weeks leading up to the Eucharist Ceremony.

First Eucharist Ceremony Friday 8th Sept St John Fisher Mass Ctr 5pm & 6.30pm

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8th Sept St Cecilia's Church 5pm & 6.30pm



Diocesan Fundraiser for the Homeless in Broken Bay

Last year Bishop Anthony added CatholicCare to the annual Diocesan fundraising calendar.

In August 2023 (coinciding with Homelessness Week and Mary MacKillop Feast Day) both Catholic Schools and Parishes have been asked to fundraise again to support CatholicCare's homelessness services across the Diocese including:

- Dom's Place
- Mary Mac's Place
- Street sleeping outreach support
- Transitional accommodation and casework support
- Women's refuge
- Young parent's homelessness services...and more.

More information is available at www.catholiccareddb.oprg.au/hpw-parishes

There is no place like home—but for many having a home is not a reality. The causes may be diverse, but the impact is the same—a loss of dignity and a sense of hopelessness.

Envelopes for this appeal will be available this weekend. Thank you in advance for supporting this important Diocesan initiative. We ask you to please return your donations by the weekend of 12th/13th August.



RELIC OF ST CECILIA

Our parish has been given a relic of St Cecilia, which has been authenticated. Bishop Anthony has granted permission for the situation of a reliquary of St Cecilia in our church at Wyong.

Over the coming months, we will determine the permanent placement in line with the Bishop's advice i.e. 'in a manner befitting liturgical norms and customs.'

Security has been listed as a major priority that will need to address. The parish bulletin will contain regular updates and parishioner involvement will be requested once the initial organization has been completed.

A special celebration on the 22nd November, the Feast of St Cecilia is already being organized.

We will be asking for parishioners to be involved in this celebration thereby ensuring every success.



Pope Francis' Prayer

Intention August

For World Youth Day

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

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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| 5th/6th Aug | Weekly | 185 | Steve Browne | 77 | Doreen Whipps |

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COMMITMENT IS 7-9PM EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT
(DURING SCHOOL TERM)

PLEASE CONTACT PARISH YOUTH COORDINATOR GABBI ON
0401395366 IF YOU ARE INTERESTED

Anointing of the Sick

Friday 4th August

First Friday of the Month

St Cecilia's During 8.00am & 11.30am Mass

St John Fisher During 9.15am Mass

Emma McBride's Visit to Wyong Parish

The Parish has been given funding through the Australian Government Volunteers Grant through Emma McBride's initiation. This will be used to purchase petrol vouchers.

We thank and are very grateful for our volunteers. We appreciate all the time and effort they give to our Parish.

Emma will be visiting our Parish to see the great work being done and to speak to our volunteers.

A morning tea will be held on Monday 14th August at 10am in our Parish Centre.

For catering purposes would you please ring Kerry Bugden on 43 882938.

St Barnabas Church Yarramalong

Mass will be celebrated at St Barnabas Church, Yarramalong **Sunday 6th August at 11.15am.**
All are welcome.

Congratulations—40th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood

Fr Robert Borg and Fr Brian Moloney are celebrating their 40th Anniversary of their Ordination to the Priesthood in August.

We Congratulate both Fr Robert and Fr Brian and keep them in our prayers as they celebrate this wonderful Jubilee in God's ministry.

Parishioners are invited to a Thanksgiving Mass & Supper for Fr Brian at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish 19th August 5pm

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Feast Day Tuesday 8th August



Mary MacKillop was a trail-blazer in her lifetime, leaving a culture of exemplary living for her followers to emulate. Mary paved the way for education of poor children and a variety of ministries which addressed the needs of 19th century Australia.

Mary MacKillop's legacy holds more for the Sisters of Saint Joseph and followers than the way we minister. She encourages us to be women of justice and ecumenism. Mary inspires us to be courageous and hopeful and to have a deep faith in our God who provides.

Mary MacKillop has shown us how to forgive and how to be compassionate; she teaches us about sanctity and is a saint for all of us today.

Mary MacKillop Place and the Sisters of Saint Joseph extend a warm invitation to celebrate the Feast Day of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop on Tuesday, 8 August 2023. *"Mary MacKillop Place is a site unlike any other because Mary lived, died and is buried there."*



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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

PARISH OFFICE 23 Byron Street Wyong

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

PARISH CONTACTS

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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 night 5pm to 6pm

KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS

Prayer: The most valuable gift you can give someone.

SICK: Harriet Powell, Danae Roe, Peter Ford, Harry Hall, Michael Briggs, Christine Heffernan, Jennese Thompson, Leeann Hazelton, Bernadette Kiely, Steve Durnford, Ann Durnford, Maureen Mulheron, Angela Watts, William Martin, Terence (Ted) Dafter, Finn McConnon, Margaret Hobbs, Christine, Jacqui Stacey, Josie Campbell, Dave Rodney, Gwen Dwyer, Helen Waters, Rod & Pauline Cornwell, Marie Rheinberger, Hannah Hopwood, Fay King, Joan Mabbutt, Irene Dainty, Eoin, Paula, Peter Meury, Lyn Nash, Jai Coleman, Danielle, Frank Farrugia, Betty McDermott.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Richard Mahinay, Carol Dafter, Raymond (Ray) Baker

ANNIVERSARY AUGUST: Lucy Smith, Ruth & Cecil Booth



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Safeguarding Message

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

Vocations

Annual Seminarian Benefit Dinner

Calling all #BrokenBay faithful! Come join us for an amazing evening Saturday, September 2nd 2023. Enjoy delicious food, friendly company and musical performances put on by our very own seminarians. Most importantly, support our diocese's commitment to inspiring vocations! Seats are limited. Tickets are \$60pp, all are welcome! Secure yours now at the [link](#).

Date: Saturday, September 2, 2023, at

Time: 6:30pm, after the 5pm Vigil Mass.

Venue: Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood Parish – Harrington Hall, 94 Archer Street, Chatswood 206

Tickets: \$60 per person

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2023

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WYONG PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2023

We are delighted that you are bringing your child to receive the Sacraments, we look forward to sharing with you and your child, this journey of faith as he/she prepares to receive this sacrament.

In Baptism, your child began a life-long journey and a way of life. At Confirmation, the graces received in Baptism were sealed with the reception of the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit. First Eucharist completes their reception of the Sacraments of Initiation into the Christian life.

The Family plays a central role in the faith formation of children, and as parents, you are your child's primary teacher as he/she develops a relationship with the person of Christ and his Church. We are also grateful to the grandparents, godparents, aunts and uncles, older siblings, other relatives, and family friends who undertake this role.

As family, friends, parish personnel, teachers, and volunteers work with the children in the activity of preparing them for the sacraments, the Holy Spirit inspires and draws them into the relationship with Christ. It is a sacred time and we encourage you to enter this process whole-heartedly with the children as they prepare to receive this sacrament.

Wyong Parish will be commencing their Sacramental Program for 2023 in February. Please contact the Parish Office on 0424 763 734 to make arrangements for your child to receive instruction for Confirmation, Reconciliation, and First Eucharist. We look forward to seeing you at the Parent information night.

RECONCILIATION FOR CHILDREN IN YEAR 4 AND ABOVE WHO HAVE COMPLETED CONFIRMATION

Parent Information night 7 pm Monday 20th February St Cecilia's Church 23 Byron Street Wyong

Enrolment Presentation weekend at all weekend Masses 25th /26th February

Children will be asked to attend Mass for the 4 weeks leading up to the Reconciliation Ceremony.

Reconciliation Ceremony Tumbi Monday 20th March 4 pm

Reconciliation Ceremony Wyong Tuesday 21st March 4 pm

CONFIRMATION FOR CHILDREN IN YEAR 3 AND ABOVE WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTISED

Parent Information night 7 pm Monday 29th May St Cecilia's Church 23 Byron Street Wyong

Enrolment Presentation weekend at all weekend Masses 3rd /4th June

Children will be asked to attend Mass for the 4 weeks leading up to the Confirmation Ceremony

Confirmation Ceremony St Peters College Saturday 15th July

FIRST EUCHARIST FOR CHILDREN IN YEAR 4 AND ABOVE WHO HAVE COMPLETED CONFIRMATION & RECONCILIATION

Parent Information night 7 pm Monday 7th August St Cecilia's Church 23 Byron Street Wyong

Enrolment Presentation weekend at all weekend Masses 12th/13th August

Children will be asked to attend Mass for the 4 weeks leading up to the First Eucharist Ceremony

First Eucharist Ceremony Friday 8th September St John Fisher Mass Ctr 5 pm and 6.30 pm

First Eucharist Ceremony Friday 15th September St Cecilia's Church 5 pm and 6.30 pm