

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 JULY 2025— 14TH 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
Society of Our Lady of The Most Holy Trinity (SOLT)**



REFLECTION

14th Sunday In Ordinary Time

'Rejoice rather that your names are written in heaven.' What must I do to ensure my name is also written in heaven? For this is my heart and soul's deepest desire – to share the kingdom of heaven with my Lord upon my death. Being a disciple of Jesus involves work and commitment. It calls me to walk in faith, hope and love, daily. It can be difficult at times, particularly in those moments of darkness, rejection and challenge, but there is also great joy when I can bring Jesus' love to others, and when they too desire to be closer to him. Jesus, help me to trust in you, to create the kingdom of God here on earth, so that when the time comes, I may enjoy eternal rest in your heavenly presence.

IMPORTANT PARISH EVENTS—SAVE THE DATE!

Annual General Meeting—8th July
Christmas In July—29th July
Bunnings BBQ—13th Sept
Multicultural Dinner—10th Oct
Marian Spirituality Day—12th Oct
Ecumenical Christmas Carols—5th Dec
Parish Christmas Dinner—19th Dec

Jubilee Year Events—TBC

Pilgrimage Day, Marian Spirituality Day 12th Oct (rosary & afternoon tea) & Family Movie Night

With all of our wonderful Parish events coming up, they require many hands and lots of organization to keep them going. We would love your help! Should you wish to volunteer for any of these events, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible. Many Thanks.

The Sacrament of CONFIRMATION

Wyong Parish is now taking enrolments for the **Sacrament of Confirmation**.

If your child is in year 3 or above and they have received the Sacrament of Baptism they are eligible to enrol.

Please use the QR Code to enrol your child, respective of the school they attend & come along to the Parent Information Evening.

Important Dates:

Parent Information Evening – Mon 30th June, 7pm, St Cecilia's Church Hall

Tues 1st July, 7pm, St John Fisher Mass Centre

Presentation Mass – Sat 26th July, 5pm Mass, St Cecilia's Church

Sun 27th July, 5pm Mass, St John Fisher Mass Centre
 Ceremony – Sat 16th August, 10am, St Peter's College Hall

If you would like to book in a Baptism, please contact the parish office ASAP.

wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au

02 4352 1011

Office Hours: Tues, Wed, Fri 9.30am-2.30pm

St Cecilia & State School Students
 SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION
 ENROLMENT FORM 2025



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION
 ENROLMENT FORM 2025 St John
 Fisher



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.

JUBILEE COMMITTEE — Eucharistic Adoration

Our hope for the Jubilees Year is that – through receiving graces and mercies our relationships with God, with each other and with the world around us are restored and renewed. Spending time with Our Lord when He is exposed in the Eucharist is a perfect opportunity for a 'heart to heart'. The opportunity for Adoration will be available:

**Saturday, July 19th 3.30pm- 4.30pm at
 St Cecilia's Wyong & St John Fisher Tumby Umbi**

What to expect:

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 Adoration: (quiet reflection time) Somethings you can do in this time is pray a decade of the rosary, read from the bible, list some thing your grateful for and thank Him for each one, just sit and look at Him trusting He is looking back! Its okay to "zone out" just sit and rest awhile with Him.
 Hymn: Anima Christi (Soul of Christ) St. Ignatius
 Benediction (prayer)
 Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament

St Barnabas Church Yarramalong 1st Sunday of the Month

Mass will be celebrated at St Barnabas Church, Yarramalong

Sunday 6th July at 11.15am.

All are welcome.

NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY—JULY

There will be no Children's Liturgy for the Month of July.

We look forward to welcoming all the children back to Children's Liturgy in August.

God bless you all and your beautiful families!



CONGRATULATIONS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION/EUCHARIST 2025

Congratulations to all the children who received their Sacrament of First Holy Communion last week.

We wish to thank all the prayer partners who have prayed for the children from the beginning of their Sacramental journey and to those who had volunteered their time with the preparation. May God bless you and your families.



*Come
 join
 us!*

We need YOU to
 join our Wyong
 Choir!

*Don't let your talents go to waste - let us come
 together and praise God in song as one.*

PRACTICE ON TUES 5PM AT ST CECILIA'S CHURCH

LEGION of MARY

The Legion of Mary is a group of dedicated parishioners which meets every Wednesday at 9am to discuss and pray. They have been running in our parish since 1974.

They visit the sick at home, in nursing or hospitals and give Communion to those who need it.

Over the years this group has become smaller and is on the verge of closing. We are calling to all those who having been thinking about it or want to give back and don't know how, here is your way.

The Legion of Mary is asking you to dedicate 2hrs a week. If you are interested of having any question please contact Irene on 02 4393 6033.



EOFY TAXATION RECEIPTS —Taxation Receipts for Pastoral Works and Caritas are now ready for your collection at the back of the Church/Mass Ctr. Thank you for your support to these appeals. Please contact the office and speak with Margaret if you cannot locate your box set or should you wish to discuss giving options. New Givers are always very welcome.

THANK YOU Once again we sincerely thank you for your financial support.

Parish E-Bulletin—If you would like to have the bulletin emailed to you, please send an email with "e-bulletin" as the subject to: wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au

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Get Involved in the Social Justice & Vinnies Ministry

Would you like to make a difference in our local community – even in a small way? The Social Justice and Vinnies Ministry at our parish is a beautiful way to live out our faith in action. From helping with appeals to visiting those in need or supporting local initiatives, there are many ways to get involved – and no contribution is too small.

Our wonderful parishioner Kerry Bugden has been carrying this important work and would warmly welcome others to join her. The more people involved, the lighter the load becomes – and together we can make a lasting impact.

If you're a parent, this is also a powerful way to show your children what it means to live the Gospel through love and service.

Interested?

Pick up a Volunteer Interest Form after Mass at the back of the Church, or, email wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au to learn more.

Your "yes" could be the hope someone else is waiting for.

Introduction to Pastoral Care Course

Volunteer Catholic Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion visit hospitals throughout the Diocese of Broken Bay providing comfort and care to Catholic patients. Our Diocese and NSW Health require that 40 hours of training is completed to perform this important role. The *Introduction to Pastoral Care Course* (IPCC) meets this requirement, is **FREE** and is open to those who already volunteer in a hospital context, or in local health and aged care facilities, and to those who might be deciding if they are suited to this ministry.

As well as being prepared by your Parish to be an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, some of the key qualities we are looking for in anyone who may be considering being part of this hospital ministry are:

- A genuine prayerful faith life including reverence for and regular participation in Sunday Eucharist
- An ability to listen and a willingness to refer on when necessary
- A warm, friendly, empathetic disposition
- The ability to relate to people of different ages, personalities and backgrounds
- A respect for others and their diversity
- The ability to work as part of a team
- Enthusiasm, motivation and professionalism
- A compassionate heart

*Please note that this role is not suitable for those seeking to proselytise.

The course will be offered on five consecutive Wednesdays: **July 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 between 9:00am and 3:00 pm** at CatholicCare Central Coast Family Centre (10/10 Pioneer Avenue, Tuggerah). Morning tea and lunch will be provided.

Please speak to your Parish Priest for more information about the course and how to apply, or contact Peter Brown, *Practice Manager Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care*, CatholicCare Diocese of Broken Bay on 0418 616 602.

Pope's Prayer Intention for July 2025

During the month of July, Pope Leo invites us to pray for formation in discernment. Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

Main Liturgical Feasts: July

July 5: St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria, **July 6:** St. Maria Goretti, **July 7:** Blessed Peter to Rot **July 9:** St. Augustine Zoo Rong & Companions **July 11:** St. Benedict, **July 14:** St. Kateri Tekakwitha & St. Camillus de Lellis, **July 15:** St. Bonaventure **July 16:** Our Lady of Mount Carmel, **July 21:** St. Lawrence of Brindisi **July 22:** St. Mary Magdalene, **July 23:** St. St. Briget, **July 24:** St. Charbel Makhlouf **July 25:** St. James the Apostle, **July 26:** St. Joachim & Anne, **July 29:** Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus, **29:** St. Peter Chrysologus, **July 31:** St. Ignatius of Loyola

PLANNED GIVING

Dear Parishioners, should you wish to donate electronically, please see details below.

We appreciate all offerings and support gifted to our Parish!

To support the Priests (1st Collection):

Acc name: SOLT Australia Inc

BSB: 062 195

Acc no: 1022 9389

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

Acc name: Wyong Catholic Parish

BSB: 062 784

Acc no: 100 001 943



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.**



200 Club 2025

Thank you to everyone who purchased a number in this year's 200 club. A total of **185** have been sold.

Prize change : First prizes have been lowered by \$50.

Monthly Prizes: 1st \$250; 2nd \$150; 3rd \$100; 4th \$50

Major Prizes : 1st \$450; 2nd \$250; 3rd \$150; 4th \$100

First Draw : At the PPC Meeting on Tuesday 8 July

Results : Publication in the church bulletin on 12/13 July

BROKEN BAY PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE

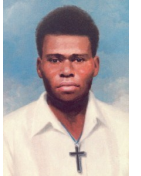


7th of July – Feast of Peter To Rot

Feast Day: July 7

Beatified: January 17, 1995

Venerated: April 2, 1993



Peter To Rot was born in 1912 in Papua New Guinea. He, his father and his mother were among the first Catholics in the village.

In 1936 he married Paula la Varpit, a Catholic from a nearby village. They had three children, but only his daughter, Rufina, survived past childhood.

World War II changed the lives of the people of Papua New Guinea forever. It was forbidden to be Christian and worship or have religious gatherings, even those in homes.

He provided prayer services, instruction, the Eucharist and Baptism, and helped the poor. He built a church for Catholics from tree branches, the only material available. When people were afraid, he reminded them that God was with them.

In 1945 he was arrested and sentenced to several months in prison & was eventually killed. From the day of his funeral, he was seen as a martyr for the Catholic faith.

On January 17, 1995, Pope John Paul II visited Papua New Guinea to celebrate the beatification of Peter To Rot.



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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

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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

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

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: Irene Dainty, Michael

McDermott, Michele Bolton, Jeanine

Doueihi, Lisa Glanville, Margaret

McDermott, Dave Rodney, Danae Roe,

Milva Kefu, Georgina Mastroianni, Baby

Vinnie, Tahnia Ahuriri, Mary Anne Xuereb

RECENTLY DECEASED: Finn

McConnon, Sue Evans, Carolynne

Vanderpoel

ANNIVERSARY JULY: Pauleene Crass,

John Dwyer, Nora Dillon, Bridget

Dermody, Sr Sylvia Markulin, James

Bastick, Phyll Angela Reeves, Bridget

Dermody, Carol Dafter, Helen & Edwin

Kingsley, Raymond (Ray) Baker, Phill

Housten, Ian Smith, Eddie Donnelly



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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN OUR PARISH

Heard the saying "many hands make light work"? There are plenty of areas where your Parish could use a hand.

We're in need of Church cleaners, Children's Liturgy members & Choir members – just to name a few!

If you're willing and able to assist in any way, please contact the Parish office. Thank you.



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Isaiah 66:10-14

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Rejoice, Jerusalem, be glad for her, all you who love her!

Rejoice, rejoice for her, all you who mourned her!

That you may be suckled, filled, from her consoling breast, that you may savour with delight her glorious breasts. For thus says the Lord: Now towards her I send flowing peace, like a river, and like a stream in spate the glory of the nations.

At her breast will her nurslings be carried and fondled in her lap.

Like a son comforted by his mother will I comfort you.

And by Jerusalem you will be comforted.

At the sight your heart will rejoice, and your bones flourish like the grass.

To his servants the Lord will reveal his hand.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Second Reading Galatians 6:14-18

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

The only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. It does not matter if a person is circumcised or not; what matters is for him to become an altogether new creature. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, who form the Israel of God.

I want no more trouble from anybody after this; the marks on my body are those of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, my brothers. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Colossians 3:15, 16

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
and the fullness of his message live within you.

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves.

Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road. Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, "Peace to this house!" And if a man of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for the labourer deserves his wages; do not move from house to house. Whenever you go into a town where they make you welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are sick, and say, "The kingdom of God is very near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not make you welcome, go out into its streets and say, "We wipe off the very dust of your town that clings to our feet, and leave it with you. Yet be sure of this: the kingdom of God is very near." I tell you, on that day it will not go as hard with Sodom as with that town.'

The seventy-two came back rejoicing. 'Lord,' they said, 'even the devils submit to us when we use your name.' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Yes, I have given you power to tread underfoot serpents and scorpions and the whole strength of the enemy; nothing shall ever hurt you. Yet do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you; rejoice rather that your names are written in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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
Diocese of Broken Bay

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INNER SHRINE BEHIND THE CURTAIN,
HEBREWS 6: 19



GUEST SPEAKER
CARDINAL PABLO VIRGILIO DAVID

INVITATION TO SANTA MARIA FESTA (OUR LADY OF MARY FEAST) ON THE 17TH OF AUGUST 2025

The Santa Maria Central Coast Association celebrates the Feast of Our Lady (Santa Maria Festa every August at the St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Church Warnervale.

We invite you to join for us for mass at 3pm at St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Church, Warnervale followed by a procession around the church at 4pm. Mass will be celebrated by **Most Reverend Anthony Randazzo Bishop of Diocese of Broken Bay**. Traditional Maltese sweets and pastizzi will be on sale. This will be followed by celebratory fireworks at 6pm.



Over 300 people including Maltese people who travel from Sydney and from all over the Central Coast attend this joyous celebrations. We have people from other communities attending and celebrating.

This is a tradition in Malta and celebrated for the last 15 years on the Central Coast of New South Wales .

We invite you to join us in this joyous celebration this year on the 17th of August 2025 3pm at

[St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Church](#)

91 Sparks Road Warnervale NSW 2259 Australia

FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT

PRESIDENT CHARLIE SCICLUNA 0404194020

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Sunday, August 31st

Wentworth Common, Sydney Olympic Park

12:00 pm to 2:00 pm



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9:30am - 2:10pm

The Pilgrim's call to hopefulness in human happiness and holiness.

Refreshing our sense of Vatican II's teaching on God's Self-Revealing Word in human-beinghood.

May
21
WED



9:30am - 2:10pm

Patient in suffering, persistent in belief, conviction and love.

Reflecting on St Paul's letter to the Romans especially 8:15-30 and a glimpse into Vatican II's "Gaudium et Spes" [Joy and Hope].

July
30
WED



9:30am - 2:10pm

Recognising Signs of hope among us and being sources of hope for others in need.

Recognising the "Universal Call to Holiness" in Vatican II's document "Lumen Gentium" [The Light of the World].

Sept
17
WED



9:30am - 2:10pm

Anchored in hope of being the Body of Jesus Christ, opening doors of healing, forgiveness, support and encouragement for others.

Glimpsing Vatican II's document on the Christian community's participation in the Sacred Liturgy.

Nov
19
WED



MARY MACKILLOP PLACE



JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE REFLECTION DAYS WITH THE SISTERS OF SAINT JOSEPH

All are welcome to join us for a series of Wednesdays dedicated to prayer, reflection, and faith enrichment, inspired by the 2025 Year of Hope, accompanied by Sr Virginia Bourke rsj, held at Mary MacKillop Place.

Please RSVP by emailing Olivia.Lee@mmp.org.au

For more info or questions:

✉ ministries@mmp.org.au

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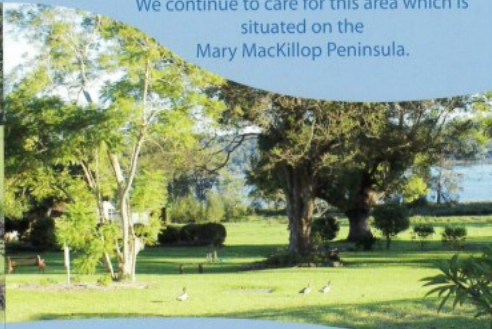
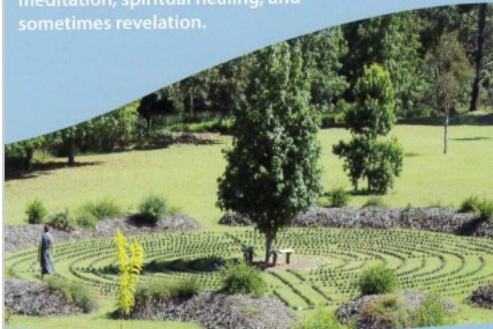
St Joseph's Spirituality and Education Centre Kincumber South

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

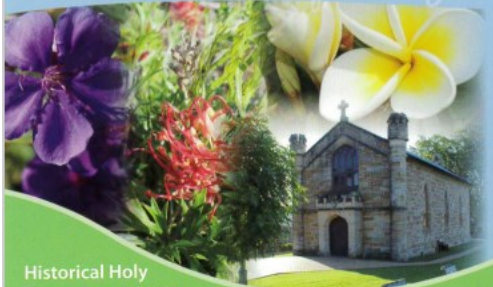
The labyrinth is a place for prayer, meditation, spiritual healing, and sometimes revelation.

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



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 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.

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

St Joseph's Spirituality & Education Centre

8 Humphreys Road, Kincumber South, NSW 2251
Phone: 02 43682805 : Fax: 02 43683849
Email: bookings@stjosephsretreat.org.au
Web: www.stjosephskincumber.org.au



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

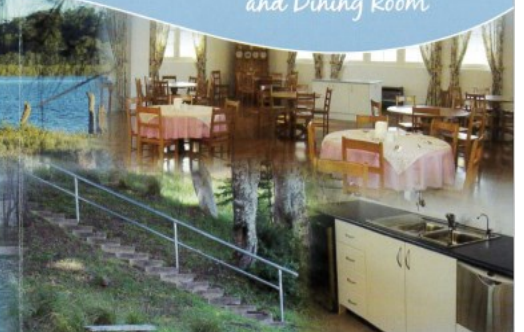
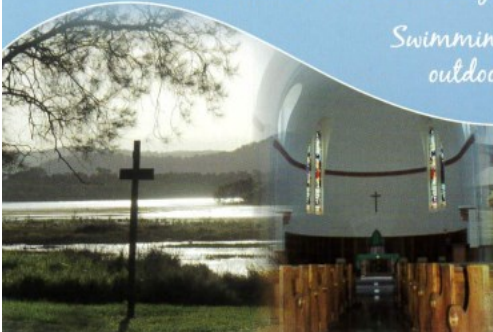
Meditation Areas and Mary of the Cross Walk

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@catholiccaredbb.org.au or text a photo of the form to 0481 602 046. Thank you.



IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF **MARY MACKILLOP**

AN OFFICIAL PILGRIMAGE LEAD AND RUN BY THE
SISTERS OF SAINT JOSEPH OF THE SACRED HEART



9-20 SEPTEMBER 2025

Led by Sr Annie Bond, a Sister of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart, this pilgrim focuses on prayer and reflection as an integral part of pilgrimage. At each of the sites around Australia we visit we take time to pray and reflect on our own lives in the light of Mary MacKillop's life.

We start in Melbourne and end in Sydney at the tomb of Saint Mary MacKillop. Anyone at any stage of their faith journey is welcome to join us!

For all inclusive costs and more information please get in touch:

For more information:

✉ national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au

☎ +61 406 195 861

🌐 Or visit our website and navigate to the pilgrimage section:
www.marymackillopplace.org.au

Let's walk together in hope - be part of our national pilgrimage this year!



Our Lady of Guadalupe

With Fr Peter De Souza

*Mexico City (2 nights) • San Miguel de Allende (1) •
Guanajuato (1) • Guadalajara (4) • Pátzcuaro (1) •
Mexico City (2)*

**Commences 22 September 2025.
12 Days.**

Experience the rich faith of the Mexican people and the miraculous story of Our Lady of Guadalupe. View the miraculous tilma of Juan Diego that bears an inexplicable image of Our Lady that is revered the world over.

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

10
DAYS

Jubilee Pilgrimage of Hope

Every 25 years, the Church proclaims a Holy Year, a special gift of grace and mercy for all God's people. Not only is Italy a land of unforgettable charm and beauty, it is also a land made rich in grace by its colourful history of holy men and women. In this dedicated Jubilee year, be inspired to encounter the pathways of some of the Church's greatest saints, from St Francis and Clare in Assisi to St Peter and Paul in Rome, the Eternal City, where we cross the threshold of the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica and receive the Jubilee blessing.

COMMENCES WEDNESDAY 01 OCTOBER 2025 • 10 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS
Rome Airport vicinity (1) • Assisi (2 nights) • Orvieto • Rome - Jubilee (6 nights)



Accompanied by
Fr Hien Vu



"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,
Bishop of Broken Bay**



The dome of St Peter's over the River Tiber, Rome

the genuine pilgrim experience

harvest
journeys

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

The Jubilee Year is a time for the faithful to renew their commitment and strengthen their relationship with God. It is also a time for 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.

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

* Costs are indicative and have been based on prices as at January 2025 and must remain subject to possible change in the event of significant exchange rate variations, tax increases or minimum group size factors beyond Harvest's control. Refer to Harvest Booking Terms & Conditions for more details.

INCLUDED

ACCOMMODATION & MEALS: Based on quality religious houses or 3 and 4-star hotels • Meals as specified in Itinerary.

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.

NOT INCLUDED

International airfares • Travel Insurance • Visits and entrances not listed • Passport and visa costs (if applicable) • Other meals not stated • Drinks with meals • Items of a personal nature • Prepaid Tipping

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SHRINES OF OUR LADY (18th Aug- 3rd September 2025)- Few more seats are available.

Fr Johnson Malayil, CRS, Glenmore park parish would like to invite you for a 16-day Jubilee pilgrimage, departing on the 18th of August 2025. This pilgrimage features Fatima, Avila, Loyola, Lourdes, Turin, Milan, Padua, Assisi, Rotondo, and Rome for an all-inclusive price of \$8890 + tips (30+ pilgrims).

The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in 4-star Premium Hotels, Catholic priest, Meals + English speaking professional guides + Entrances as per itinerary and more. For inquiries & bookings call 03 8839 6615 or email

us pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au

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Why Poland? It is a destination:

- that guarantees customer satisfaction
- that boasts beautiful cities and UNESCO sites, such as Krakow, Warsaw, the Wieliczka Salt Mine, Torun, Malbork Castle, etc.
- with a moving history: Auschwitz-Birkenau, Schindler's Factory, the Warsaw Uprising Museum, etc.
- with spectacular nature: Zakopane, national parks, rafting down the Dunajec River
- excellent cuisine and traditional folklore dinners
- and other special attractions such as the Chocholowskie thermal baths or a boat trip on the grass (Kanal Elblaski)
- for pilgrimage groups, many places of devotion: Wadowice and John Paul II Shrine, the Shrine of Divine Mercy in Lągowo, and St. Faustina Shrine in Czestochowa
- with many direct flights.

Of course, we have English-speaking guides and TE available.

We especially recommend the following programs:

- Krakow in 4/5 days
- Warsaw and Krakow in 5-6 days
- Poland in 8 days
- Poland Pilgrimage
- Prague/Vienna/Budapest or Poland combined with any of these cities
- Lithuania/Latvia/Estonia
- European programs 20-21 days.

Everything is always quoted on a tailor-made basis, upon request. To prepare the offer, we need you to inquire and inform us of the flights, arrival and departure cities, the base number of people, and the group profile.

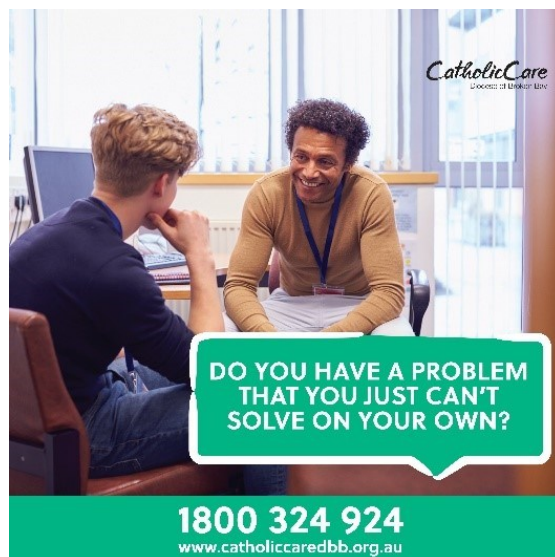
We are pleased to provide you with information regarding our fam trip schedule for Krakow from October 30th to November 3rd, 2025: please visit www.buykrakow.com or www.icortap.com

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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 suggestions 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.

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:

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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