

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*

7TH APRIL 2024 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER—DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

WYONG CATHOLIC PARISH

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

**Under the Pastoral Care of the
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Reflection 07.04.24

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER— DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Thomas was absent at the first appearance of the risen Jesus to his disciples, but he was the central character in the second appearance which ends with a beatitude forever associated with him: 'Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe'.

Thomas represents future generations of Christians who are called to believe on the testimony of others. At the Last Supper, in his prayer to the Father, Jesus already had them in mind: 'I pray not only for these, but for those also who through their words will believe in me. May they be one. Father, may they be one in us, as you are in me and I am in you' (John 17:20-21).

As profound as Thomas' confession was after he came to believe, the faith of those who do not enjoy the kind of experience he and the other disciples had is more remarkable.

Peter speaks so beautifully of this faith: 'You did not see him, yet you love him, and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls' (1 Peter 1:8-9).



DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

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

Divine Mercy Sunday—7th April 2024

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

CATHOLIC BOOKS—FREE TO GOOD HOME

Dear Parishioners,

We have been donated a range of Catholic books.

Please come to the office (Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday between 9:30am - 2:30pm) if you're interested to have a look.

You're welcome to take your books of choice home.

Margaret

St Barnabas Church,
Yarramalong

Mass will be celebrated at
St Barnabas Church,
Yarramalong **Sunday 7th
April 2024 at 11.15am.**

All are welcome.

Anointing of the Sick Friday: 5th April

First Friday of the Month

St Cecilia's During 8.00am
& 11.30am Mass

St John Fisher During
9.15am Mass

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250 Club Update for year 2024

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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6th / 7th April	weekly	Anonymous	Ted Dafter

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250 CLUB 2024 Prize Update

This year our 250 club has become a 200 club. An outstanding achievement in the current climate where we all must watch our "pennies".

Your support is greatly appreciated and a very big THANK YOU to everyone.

The changes caused because of the sale of 200 tickets has been applied to all areas of the fundraising. The adjustments are Youth Ministry (\$5100), Pastoral Works (\$2400) and Prizes(\$4450).

Prize Changes

The club will run from the weekend of 6/7 April to 27/28 December 2024.

30 Weekly Prizes: 1st \$50 2nd \$20

8 Monthly Prizes: 1st \$150 2nd \$50

1 Major Draw : 1st \$400 2nd \$200 3rd \$100 4th \$50

Number allocation

Everyone will be contacted by email or phone by Friday 5th April with their allocated number. Please phone 43882938 if you have any queries.

Best of luck to all.

Kerry Bugden organizer.

PROPOSED PARISH CALENDAR DATES

Up until APRIL 2024

(Modification of some dates may be necessary)

APRIL

6th / 7th – 2024 250 Club first draw

- Charity collection for disadvantaged Concludes

21st April- Official Opening, Windows Repair

Guests: Emma McBride MP & David Harris MP

25th — Anzac Day

CONGRATULATIONS

We warmly welcome and congratulate our candidates Taj, Jamie, Jessica, Summer, Eryn, Hayley & Isabella, Rebecca, Sky, Sarah and Amy who chose to further their Catholic journey & receive the Holy Sacraments of initiation into the Catholic faith and are now members of our Parish community.

We came together for a wonderful and unforgettable journey of faith and celebration at Wyong Catholic Parish Easter Vigil Mass.

Letting the warmth of community and the joy of the resurrection fill our hearts as we gathered to commemorate the most sacred night of the year.

Experiencing the beauty of tradition, the power of prayer, and the promise of hope as we welcome Easter with open arms.

Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers who helped make this Easter a memorable one.



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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

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

PARISH CONTACTS

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Parish Secretary **Margaret Vandenberg** ph: 02 4352 1011

Youth Co-Ordinator **Gabbi Scherer**

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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: Harriet Powell, Danae Roe, Peter Ford, Harry Hall, Michael Briggs, Christine Heffernan, Jennese Thompson, Leann Hazelton, Bernadette Kiely, Steve Durnford, Ann Durnford, Maureen Mulheron, Angela Watts, Terence (Ted) Dafter, Finn McConnon, Christine, Jacqui Stacey, Josie Campbell, Dave, Rodney, Gwen Dwyer, Helen Waters, Rod & Pauline Cornwell, Marie Rheinberger, Hannah Hopwood, Joan Mabbutt, Irene Dainty, Eoin, Paula, Peter Meury, Jai Coleman, Danielle, Frank Farrugia, Betty McDermott, David Myers, Adam Smith, Frank Laoulach

RECENTLY DECEASED: Richard Mahinay, Carol Dafter, Raymond (Ray) Baker, Fay King (Regina Preston's Aunt), Moira Grace, Maureen Murphy, Dorrie Betts, Maureen Martin, Fr Michael Kelly,

ANNIVERSARY APRIL: Aaron Collins, Kay Taylor, Leanne Smith, Leslie Smith, Beryl Móloney, Roberta (Robbie) Jones, Dominga & Eutiquio Diaz, Jack Gill, deceased members of Croke & Kenny families



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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Acts 4:32-35

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:2-4, 15-18, 22-24

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.

Second Reading 1 John 5:1-6

A reading from the first letter of St John Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's Children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is - keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world - our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness - since the Spirit is the truth.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;
happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

Gospel John 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them.

The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book.

These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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EASTER MESSAGE 2024

MOST REV ANTHONY RANDAZZO DD JCL - BISHOP OF BROKEN BAY

My dear brothers and sisters,

As we approach the solemn and joyous celebration of Easter, let us reflect on the profound message of hope and renewal that this sacred season brings - a message that comes to us from the enduring promise of God's guidance and mercy.

Baruch, a Jewish aristocrat who became the scribe of the prophet Jeremiah, wrote on the circumstances of Jewish exiles from Babylon, and addressed how important it is to live our lives with wisdom. Not being clever or overloaded with information, but wisdom that wraps itself into our lives and translates our days into something meaningful.

When we begin and end each day in prayer, the fruit of wisdom becomes visible in our lives in our discernment, our understanding, and our decision making.

The words of Baruch serve as a reminder of what is truly enduring in our world, namely the wisdom that God never fails, and that profound wisdom comes from walking in the way of God. It is a path that leads to peace, harmony, and everlasting life.

Our Church uses Baruch as the sixth reading in the Easter Vigil liturgy because it is also a book of hope which reveals the transformative power of trusting in God with sincere repentance.

This Easter, in the Year of Prayer, as we commemorate once more the life, death, and resurrection Jesus Christ, might we embrace his spirit of compassion and service, reaching out to all people of goodwill, regardless of faith, tradition, or background. Let us embody the love of Christ in our actions, bringing hope and healing to a world in need.

May this most significant season in the Christian calendar be a time of renewal and transformation, as we walk hand in hand with God, guided by the light of His love. May we all find peace and hope, wisdom and mercy in the embrace of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

May the hope of Easter fill your hearts with joy.

Bishop Anthony Randazzo

11th
Anniversary
*of the Divine
 Retreat Centre
 Somersby*



*Blessed are the merciful,
 for they will be shown mercy. Matthew 5:7*

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

7th April 2024

9.00am to 4.00pm



**Rev. Fr. Paul
 Puthuva VC**
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 Marymatha Province



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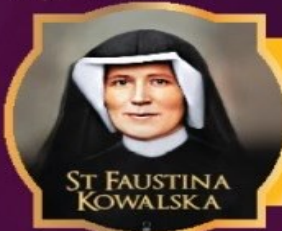
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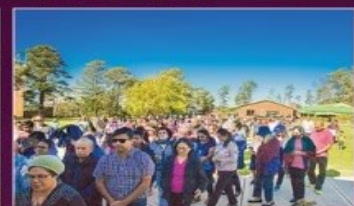
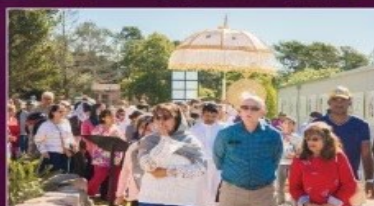
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The Divine Retreat Centre promotes the safety and protection of children and other vulnerable persons in its care.

SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

The monthly meetings of the Fraternity will be held in the Reynolds Room on the SECOND FRIDAY of each month.

The next meeting will be held on Friday, 12th April at 1:00 pm - after the 11:45 am Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, The Entrance,

A warm invitation is extended to everyone.

Please come along and enjoy fellowship and prayer in the spirit of St Francis of Assisi.

In September we will be celebrating 800 years since St Francis received the gift of the Stigmata - the first recorded saint to have received this gift.

For additional information about the Franciscan charism, please see the website:

<http://www.ofsaustralia.org.au>

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Services and Wreath laying ceremonies will be held at both Palmdale and Greenway.

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to the Defence Force
Memorial.

Greenway Phone:
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Please join the Catholic Charismatic Renewal NSW in celebrating Pentecost Eve "Anointing" on Saturday 18th May at Servants of Jesus Centre 15 Park Road Seven Hills for an afternoon of Praise & Worship, Testimonies and Prayer Ministry from 4-7pm hosted by youth from different streams. Booking is essential, register with link. <https://www.trybooking.com/CPMXQ?qr=true> .

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- Fr Raúl 0450 115 099
- Maureen Roast 0435 245 849
- Anne Hooley 0428 149 793

Contact will be made with Diocesan Safeguarding Office



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