

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*

8th March 2026—3rd 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)

*"but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water
I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."
John: 4:14*



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REFLECTION Third Sunday of Lent

Jesus speaks to a Samaritan woman, and through her, he speaks to us.

He describes the kind of worship that is pleasing to God, worship 'in spirit and in truth.' To worship God in spirit and truth implies that our devotion and prayer is not simply to be a matter of mechanical formal observances. Indeed, such formal observances are, in the sight of God, of infinitely less consequence than the disposition of heart. This is not to say that formal religious observances are futile or devoid of value—indeed, they are essential to Christians, since they are an expression of our union with Christ's mystical body, the Church.

Nevertheless, our every thought and deed, however mundane, if done with the intention of expressing the glory of God, can also become a true and genuine act of worship—a living sacrifice of praise, a passionate song of love, and even a heart-felt plea for forgiveness.

PRAYER

Dear God, as I journey through this Lenten season, open my eyes to see where it is you are calling me to grow, open my heart to heal and see my own weakness before I look to see someone else's, open my mind to understand your word Lord so that I may be able to learn to implement it in my life. Thank you for all you have given me, my home, my loved ones, the food that nourishes my body, all the things I need Lord, you have provided, especially my spiritual food. Lord, I pray for my neighbour, in this land and overseas, open their eyes, hearts and mind to see you and heal them in mind body and spirit so we can all live in harmony. I ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.



WYONG CATHOLIC PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Please use the relevant QR Code to register your interest and receive the updated information regarding your interest.

WYONG PARISH - SACRAMENTAL
PROGRAM - EXPRESSIONS OF
INTEREST 2026



St Cecilia & State Schools

ST JOHN FISHER - SACRAMENTAL
PROGRAM - EXPRESSIONS OF
INTEREST 2026



St John Fisher Students

ANGLICAN CARPARK

We ask parishioners, please do not park in the Anglican Car park, especially the **disabled zone**. This is reserved for their parishioners/visitors.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Station of the Cross will be held on **every Friday** evening throughout Lent (excluding Good Friday) at **6pm** in **St Cecilia's Church**.



WYONG PARISH COMMUNITY COLLECTIONS 2026

Each year as a parish we support the disadvantaged members of the community. This year once again we will support the **Wyong Neighbourhood Centre**.

We ask that individual items are placed in the special collection trolleys or containers which will be available at both churches.

This collection drive will run from: **18 February - 11 April**

Please see below suggested items which can be donated. These items are those specifically needed by the disadvantaged people the charity supports. 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, Beans, 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.

More information on the charity can be found at the web address listed: Wyong Neighbourhood Centre Inc: <https://www.wnci.org.au>

Serra Weekly Vocations Prayer Calendar.
Please pray for those in formation or Already serving the Church



9/3	Fr Bronislaw (Broniek) Pietruszewicz SDS
10/3	Fr Ryszard (Richard) Sadowski SDS
11/3	Fr Zygmunt Smigowski SDS
12/3	Fr Bill Stephens
13/3	Fr Harry Kennedy
14/3	Fr Stephen Hamilton
15/3	Fr Rex Curry

Daily Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, we praise You for Your goodness and thank You for Your gifts. Help us respond to and live out our mission in the Church. Assist all Your people to know their vocation in life and help them to prepare for it. Call many to be priests, deacons and consecrated men and women for Your greater glory, and for the service of Your people. Give those whom You call the grace to respond generously and to persevere faithfully. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen

RCIA/RCIA PRESENTATION MASS

We welcome our candidates and catechumens into our faith filled community this weekend and keep them in our prayers! They will receive their sacraments at the Easter Vigil Mass.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY CALLING ALL CHILDREN !

⇒ **Children's Liturgy is held every Sunday**, and we warmly invite all children to join us for the **Liturgy of the Word** — a joyful space where kids meet Jesus through stories, prayer, and engaging faith activities designed just for them.

⇒ Each week, children take something beautiful home in their hearts: a sense of belonging, a Bible story they understand, a message from Jesus to guide their week, a new faith word like mercy, hope, or kindness, simple prayers and lessons on love and forgiveness, confidence to speak about God, the reminder that "Jesus is with me," ideas for kindness at home and school, a craft to remember the Gospel, and a heart ready to pray for others.



*Children return to the church for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

*(Children under 5yrs of age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times.)

LEGION OF MARY ACIES CEREMONY



On March 25th is the Feast of the Annunciation. Annually The Legion of Mary come together on or around this day to make a personal or collective consecration to Our Lady. This year we invite you to join us on **March 25th, 8am Mass at St Cecilia's Church** to make a personal consecration to Our Lady. All are welcome!

Share your talents and skills in the ministry/ ministries where you are called to be.

JOIN US!

Volunteer Roles include:

- ✓ Maintenance /Mowing upkeep
- ✓ Altar Servers
- ✓ Linen Upkeep
- ✓ Catechist or a helper
- ✓ Cleaning
- ✓ Choir/ Musician
- ✓ Children's Liturgy Helper (Sun)

Speak to one of our Priests or contact the office

📞 02 4352 1011



UNITE AGAINST POVERTY

this Lent

Third Sunday of Lent 7th & 8th March

Monoranjon lives in a village in Bangladesh close to the sea, where floods and storms often damage his crops and his home. With support from Project Compassion, he learnt climate-resilient farming techniques and new ways to diversify his income, helping his family survive and build a safer, more sustainable future.



Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.
Or online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate
Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty* this Lent.



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HELPING HANDS

Wyong parish's social justice program for 2026 will add a third string to the already two string program which has been in place for many years. String 1: prayer; string 2: the many donations of food and clothing. String 3, which will be established this year, will be called 'Helping Hands.'



Helping hands need people who are able and 'willing to step out of the boat' as Jesus asked. These volunteers will reach out to those in our community who are on the edge and need help. Each will be asked to offer this help as best meets their own individual circumstances and work with others, where there are already established teams.

If you can offer this kind of help, please phone the parish office (4352 1011) by **27th March** to give your name and contact information. The first meeting for helping hands will be on **14th April**. Any assistance no matter how small it is will be greatly appreciated.

Vox Populi—4 March 2026

Pope Leo XIV has made peace a central tenet of his Papacy.

He has reiterated this call in the past few days, urging peace after the explosion of war in the Middle East.

"Pray for peace, work for peace, less hatred. Hatred in the world is constantly increasing," the Pontiff told journalists on Tuesday.

He has also made it his prayer intention for the month of March, asking for the Church to pray nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

While we can often feel removed from the direct impacts of violence, the tension in the Middle East will have far reaching consequences beyond the region too.

The war will likely driving up the price of fuel and pushing inflation even higher, putting more pressure on the cost of living for families who are already struggling.

Particularly during this Season of Lent, as we deepen our time of prayer and fasting, we join in the Holy Father's intentions and pray for a swift conclusion to this war, hoping for a solution that will lead to lasting peace.

We also keep in our prayers Bishop Anthony Randazzo, who remains stranded in Dubai. He is hopeful the airspace will reopen soon and he will be able to leave Dubai. He has asked everyone to pray for those caught up in the conflict.

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Main Liturgical Feasts: March

March 8: Saint John of God, March 9: Saint Frances of Rome, March 17: Saint Patrick, Bishop, March 18: Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor,

March 19: Saint Joseph Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary—Solemnity,

March 23: Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop,

March 25: Annunciation of the Lord—Solemnity.



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.



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.

March is the month of St. Joseph! St. Joseph holds a revered and pivotal role, recognized as one of the most important saints in the Catholic Church. As the



earthly father of Jesus Christ and the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph played a crucial part in the Holy Family. His significance lies not only in his familial role but also in his unwavering faith, righteousness, and humble obedience to God's divine plan for him.

The Feast of St. Joseph is on March 19th. He is the powerful intercessor for various aspects of life and is the patron saint of fathers, workers, immigrants, and a model for those seeking guidance in their daily struggles. Many turn to St. Joseph in times of need, seeking his intercession for employment, family matters, and spiritual guidance.

St. Joseph is admired for his obedience to God, his unwavering faith, and his role in protecting and providing for Mother Mary and Jesus. St. Joseph's prominence in the Catholic Church emphasizes the value of a righteous and humble life and a complete and total surrender to the Lord. St. Joseph, Protector of the Church, pray for us!

"Of all the people I have known with a true devotion and particular veneration for St. Joseph, not one has failed to advance in virtue; he helps those who turn to him to make real progress. For several years now, I believe, I have always made some request to him on his feast day, and it was always been granted; and when my request is not quite what it ought to be, he puts it right for my greater benefit."— St. Teresa of Avila

Invitation to celebrate Weekday Mass with the students from St Cecilia's Mondays 9.15am & St John Fisher Tuesdays 9.15am (School Term only)

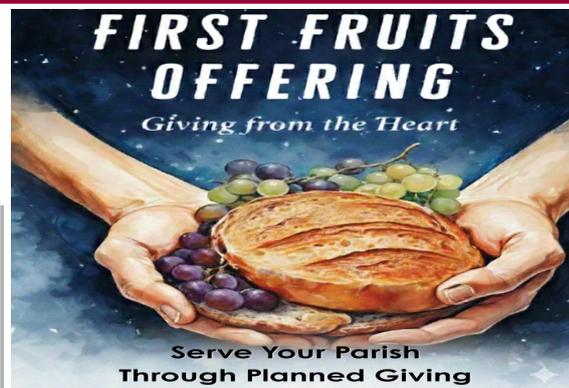
We encourage and extend a warm welcome to ALL parishioners to this beautiful half hour week day Mass.

**Please Note—Mass at St Cecilia's may vary depending on weather conditions.*

PLANNED GIVING

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ST CECILIA'S CHURCH

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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: 0410 202 823

PARISH OFFICE: 23 Byron Street Wyong

Phone: 02 4352 1011 **Mail:** Po Box 385 Wyong 2259

OFFICE HOURS: Monday -Wednesday & Friday 9.30am to 2.30pm

PARISH CONTACTS

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SRE Catechist Co-Ordinator: **Margaret Vandenberg**

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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

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

St Cecilia's Sat after 8am Mass

St John Fisher Wed 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, Wed 9.15am in Parish Hall.

Meetings

St Cecilia's Choir practice every Tues night 5pm to 6pm

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

PPC Secretary: Kerry Bugden

Ph: 02 4388 2938

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS
PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE

KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS

Prayer: *The most valuable gift you can give someone.*

SICK:

Michele Bolton, Jeanine Doueih, Lisa Glanville, Margaret McDermott, Dave Rodney, Danae Roe, Milva Kefu, Georgina Mastroianni, Tahnia Ahuriri, Badwi Laoulach, Maureen Cross, Vince Bosco, Anthony Philip Power

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Sauhaela Sabat, Delma Baker, Antoni Szczur, Peter Meury, Susan Monk

ANNIVERSARY MARCH:

Myrtle & James Murphy, Reg Preston, Fr Tito Ayo, SOLT, Kevin Barry, Tony Cox



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 Exodus 17:3-7 (Year A)

A reading from the book of Exodus.

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 94:1-2, 6-9 (Year A)

R: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 (Year A)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation of John 4:42, 15 (Year A)

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water,
that I may never thirst again.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel John 4:5-15, 19-26, 39-42 (Year A)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' - Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you:

Give me a drink,

you would have been the one to ask,

and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water

will get thirsty again;

but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give

will never be thirsty again:

the water that I shall give

will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming

when you will worship the Father

neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.

You worship what you do not know;

we worship what we do know;

for salvation comes from the Jews.

But the hour will come - in fact it is here already -

when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth:

that is the kind of worshipper

the Father wants.

God is spirit,

and those who worship

must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah - that is, Christ - is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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International Women's Day

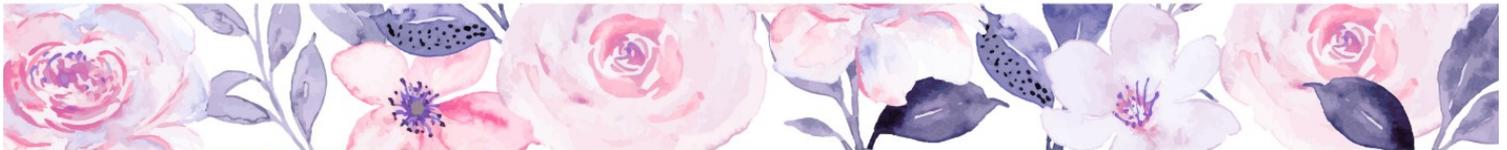
**Sunday 8th of March
at 1pm**

To honour Saint Mary MacKillop and celebrating her witness of faith, courage, and service (this will also happen at our 8am and 11am service).

As part of this Mass, there will also be a special blessing and prayer for International Women's Day, giving thanks for the dignity and contribution of all women in our Church and wider community.

Join us for cake in the courtyard after Mass.

All are welcome!



Water Colour Workshop

8 MARCH 2026 | 11AM - 1PM | THE SCHOOLHOUSE

Gather your friends for a morning of creativity and fun. Talented Sydney Artist, Rachel Carroll, will be your guide through the workshop. She has a passion for teaching art and is inspired by the environment and nature.

During the two hour workshop you'll learn the basics of water colour before creating your own unique artwork.

This is a beginner friendly workshop. All are welcome.

Ticket includes all supplies and a light morning tea.

Cost per person:

\$65

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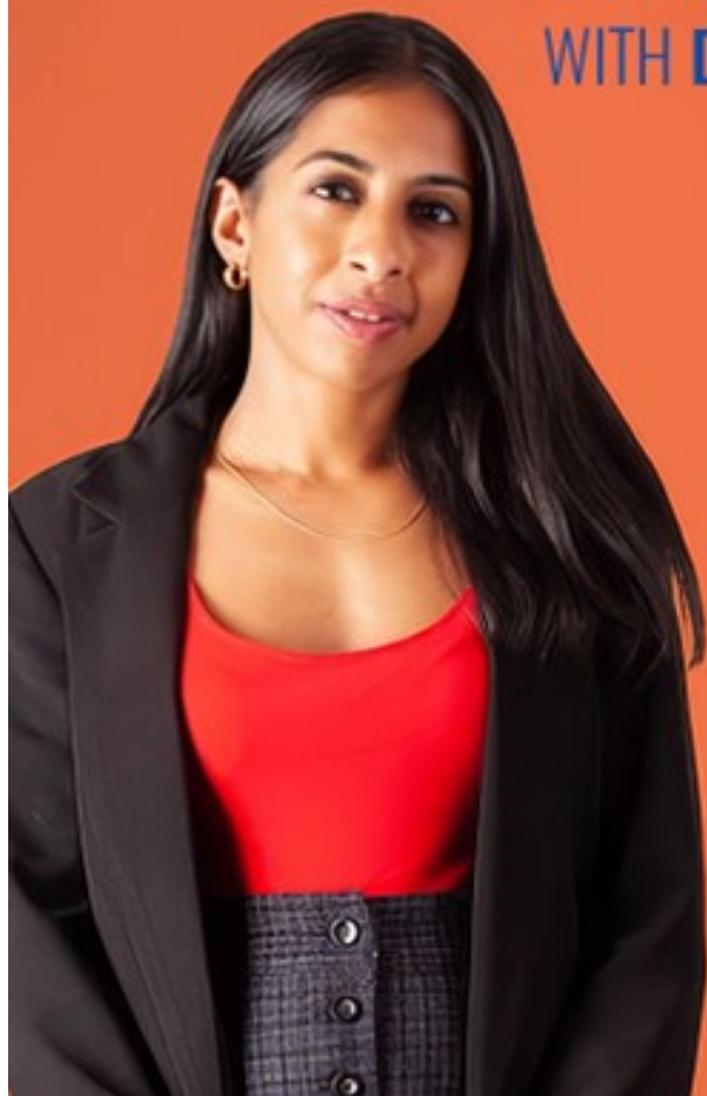
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FREE SEMINAR ON WILLS

A free seminar on Wills, Enduring Guardianship and Power of Attorney at
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Where: St Patrick's Primary School Hall, 1 Royston Parade, Asquith.

When: Saturday 14th March 2026 from 10.30am-12.00pm.

For more information, please contact the Parish office:
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Accessible Church Mass

Holy Cross Church, South Kincumber

Sunday 8 March 2026

We are pleased to announce that an Accessible Mass is being offered at Holy Cross Catholic Church, South Kincumber, designed to be welcoming and inclusive for people of all abilities, including individuals and families living with disability, neurodiversity, or additional needs.

**10.30am Second Sunday of each month
commencing Sunday 8 March 2026**

Holy Cross Catholic Church, 9 Humphreys Rd, Kincumber South 2251

This Mass is offered in a supportive, flexible, and understanding environment where people are welcome to participate in ways that feel comfortable for them. Families, carers, and support workers are warmly invited to attend. The church is accessible, wheelchair-accessible toilets are available adjacent to the church and we are making efforts to be sensory aware

To help us offer the best possible welcome, we would appreciate any requests for specific accessibility or support needs being shared in advance.

Please contact Mission Broken Bay mission@bbcatholic.org.au

We invite parishes, schools, and special education communities to share this information with families, students, staff, and parishioners who may benefit from a more accessible liturgical setting. Thank you for helping us continue to build parish communities that are welcoming, inclusive, and grounded in dignity for all.

Formation Opportunity

Breaking Open Dilexi Te - Apostolic Exhortation Of The Holy Father Leo XIV To
All Christians On Love For The Poor

Join parish leaders from across the Diocese for a practical and accessible day of formation in social justice ministry. Build your confidence, connect with others, and gain useful tools to support your parish work. Breaking Open Dilexi Te : Discover the powerful teachings of Pope Leo XIII and how they can inspire your leadership today.

All parish social justice ministers, volunteers and leaders are warmly invited.
Follow the link to register today: [Breaking Open Dilexi Te](#)

Date: 28 March 2026

Time: 10:30 am – 4:00 pm

Venue: Ambrose Centre, 12 Ashton Ave, The Entrance NSW 2261

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MAGI PILGRIMAGES

FOOTSTEPS OF ST PAUL (5th - 20th May 2026)

Fr. Sebastian A.M invites you to a journey in the footsteps of St. Paul, reliving the Acts of the Apostles and exploring the letters of the New Testament. Explore Greece and Turkey with a 3-night Greek Islands cruise in this 14-day pilgrimage for an all-inclusive price of \$9790+ tips (25+ pilgrims). The early bird price expires on January 30th.

SAINTS OF ITALY (8th - 21st June 2026)

Fr. Franco Filippetto invites you to a 14-day journey to Italy, visiting Milan, Padua, Siena, Assisi, Rotondo, Sorrento, and Rome, with an all-inclusive price of \$ 9,290 + tips (for 30+ pilgrims). The early bird price expires on January 30th.

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ABOUT OUR HOST

FR. CHRISTOPHER WATERHOUSE



The Rev'd Christopher Waterhouse is Rector of St James' King Street, Sydney. Prior to his appointment, he served as Precentor and Chaplain

for the Arts at St David's Cathedral, Hobart. Born in the United Kingdom and raised and educated in Tasmania, Christopher developed an early passion for the performing arts, particularly theatre and music. He appeared in numerous stage productions across Tasmania before relocating to Sydney to work with the Sydney Theatre Company, and later moving to London where he worked at the St James' Theatre.

He subsequently left the theatre industry to work at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, while undertaking ministry studies.

Christopher returned to Australia in 2017 to become Director of the St James' Institute. He has more than 25 years' experience as a radio presenter in Hobart, London and Sydney, and has served on the boards of a range of philanthropic, church, education and arts organisations. These include the national board of the Anglican Board of Mission, the Council of St Andrew's College, and 2MBS Fine Music Sydney.

Scandinavia Itinerary Overview

Stockholm 5 nights

- Arrival in Stockholm with airport transfer.
- Guided city tour featuring City Hall, the Old Town (Gamla Stan), the Royal Palace and Parliament.
- Scenic boat cruise through the Stockholm Archipelago.
- Full-day guided excursion to Sigtuna and Uppsala, exploring Viking-era sites, the historic university precinct and Uppsala Cathedral.
- Free day to explore Stockholm independently, with the option to use the Stockholm Pass.
- Visits to ABBA The Museum and the Vasa Museum.

Vadstena - 2 nights

- Travel south with a stop at Östanbäck Monastery.
- Guided walking tour of medieval Vadstena.
- Visits to Vadstena Abbey and Vadstena Castle.

Malmö - 3 nights

- Travel to Malmö.
- Visit Malmö Castle and key churches. Church service.
- Excursion to Skanörs Church and final sightseeing in Malmö.
- Full-day excursion along the Skåne coast. Visits to Ystad and Simrishamn.
- Stop at the Kivik Grave and visits to historic churches including St Nicolai Church and St Olof's Church.

Copenhagen - 5 nights

- Travel to Denmark via ferry. Visit Kronborg Castle (Hamlet's Castle).
- Scenic coastal drive along the Strandvej to Copenhagen.
- Guided city tour including Nyhavn, Amalienborg Palace, Christiansborg Palace and The Little Mermaid.
- Canal cruise and visit to the Church of Our Lady. Excursion to Roskilde, including the Viking Ship Museum and Roskilde Cathedral.
- Full-day excursion to Odense, visiting H.C. Andersen's House and Odense Cathedral.

Inclusions & Important Information

- Depart Australia: 24 September 2026
- Full breakfast daily. 7 dinners included, featuring both a welcome dinner and a farewell dinner.
- Single supplement available on request.
- Ask about extending your journey to Norway — we offer tailored packages to make this a reality.
- All listed activities are subject to change at any time due to operational requirements.
- Flights are with Air China, offering Economy, Premium Economy and Business Class options.
- The itinerary includes a stopover in the spectacular historic city of Beijing.

Carmel House Retreats 2026

**MAY
20-24**

**Pentecost Intensive
RUAH**

"He breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit'". Jn 20:22
The Ruah (breath) of God renews each soul that receives its power. Embrace the gift of the Holy Spirit through fellowship, inputs, prayer and practical workshops and help renew the face of the earth
<https://www.trybooking.com/DIDAV>.

**OCT
16-18**

**Hand Made
Creative Healing Retreat**

"In his hand is the life of every creature." Job 12:10
Come away for a weekend of reflection on how carefully God has made and upheld your life through different creative prayer experiences.
<https://www.trybooking.com/DIDCB>

**JUNE
27**

**GARDENS
Day Retreat**

"Grieve not as those who have no hope." 1 Thess 4:13.
Spend a day reflecting on how while we experience pain, grief and loss in life, we can also discover in such moments that God is renewing us and doing "a new thing" (Rev 21:4) within us.
<https://www.trybooking.com/DIDBD>

**NOV
14**

**ALIVE
Holy Spirit Family
Retreat Day**

Your family has been carefully chosen and put together by God and has an important mission entrusted only to you.
Discover as a family the power of the Holy Spirit to live with boldness and love!
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**AUG
28-30**

**HOMECOMING
Silent Retreat**

"His father saw him, ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him." Lk 15: 20
Your heavenly Father waits for you to come away with him for a weekend of silently soaking in his great love for you. Embrace this opportunity for encountering deep peace and serenity.
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extensive: <https://www.trybooking.com/DIDBU>

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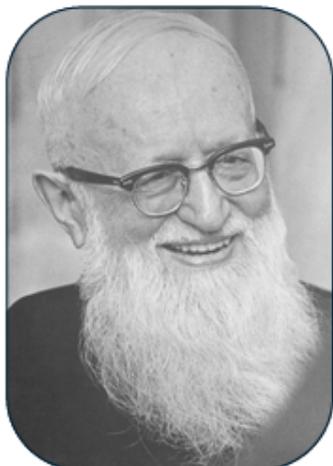
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[mglisters.org](https://www.mglisters.org)

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- Come with own priest
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CONFESSION

- Available with own priest only

PRAYER

- Devotion
- Rosary
- Stations of the Cross
- Private

TALK BY A SISTER

- About Schoenstatt and the sisters community



MEALS

- BYO
- Morning tea, lunch & afternoon tea available at a cost

PIETY STORE

- Gifts
- Souvenirs
- Religious items

Plenary indulgence available
until **4th NOVEMBER 2026**

*Tailor your pilgrimage
to suit your needs!*

ALL PILGRIMAGES BY DONATION!

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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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

AGED CARE VOLUNTEER VISITORS SCHEME

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Discover and share in our story

The Sisters of Charity Heritage Centre brings alive the spirit of the Congregation, it's history and heritage.

Australia's first religious sisters have been of service to the community regardless of creed, wealth or ethnicity, for over 185 years.

Tuesday – Thursday
10.00am-3.00pm or by appointment
Free entry, parking available
Bookings recommended

You too are part of this continuing and living heritage and we'd love to welcome you.

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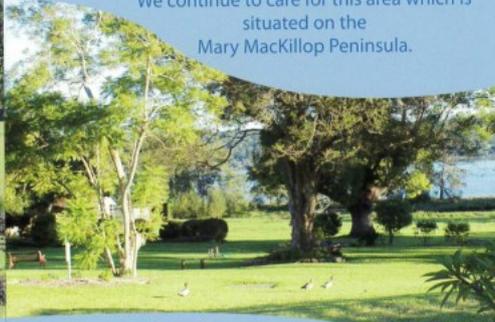
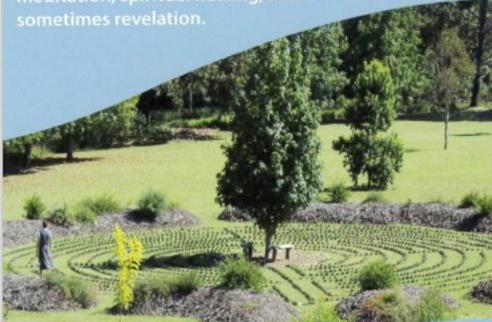
St Joseph's Spirituality and Education Centre Kincumber South

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.

St Joseph's Spirituality & Education Centre

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Phone: 02 43682805 : Fax: 02 43683849
Email: bookings@stjosephsretreat.org.au
Web: www.stjosephskincumber.org.au



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

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

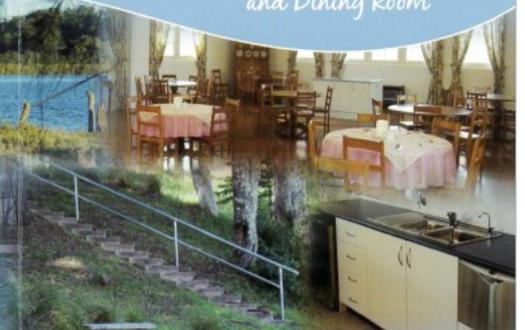
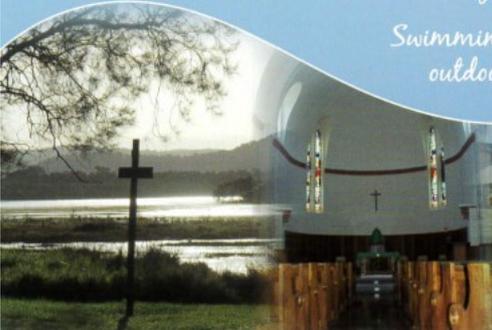
Meditation Areas and Mary of the Cross Walk

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

CATHOLICCARE BROKEN BAY

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 sugges-

tions 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.

CATHOLIC CARE 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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SAFEGUARDING is everyone's responsibility



Everyone must practice **A DUTY OF CARE**. We are called to step up and speak out.

Need to be listening & watching to understand if there are any concerns and take them seriously



Tell one of our designated persons in authority

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

Contact will be made with Diocesan Safeguarding Office



Our Community is **SAFE**