

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*

9TH AUGUST 2026

NINETEENTH 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—19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our first reading beautifully describes the human encounter with God. God comes to Elijah not in the turmoil (of his heart?) but rather as the voice of sheer stillness. Notice that Elijah was told to 'go out' from his protective cave to stand in wait for the Lord 'on the mountain'.

Our Gospel reading picks up on the power of God to command nature. Elijah had to put aside his fears to hear the voice of the Lord, so too does Peter. The Lord has power over all of creation, then why not over me? Do I hold back from giving myself wholly over to God?



PIETY STORE — We are pleased to announce our Piety Store has reopened on Sunday mornings after 7:30am and 9:30am Mass, located near the sacristy at Wyong.
All proceeds will go toward the running and upkeep of our Parish.
We are in need of **volunteers** to keep it open on weekends. If you are able to assist with this please contact the office.



FREE WILLS SEMINAR & MORNING TEA

Plan Well

Attendees may be eligible for a complimentary will*



Parish Hall at Our Lady Star of The Sea
Terrigal Catholic Parish, 165 Serpentine
Road Terrigal NSW 2260

11 August, 2026

10:30AM-12:30 PM

Scan to register www.trybooking.com/DNNXF
For enquiries, please contact Terrigal Parish Office on (02) 4367 4610

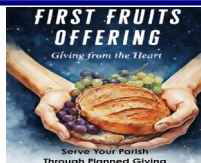


WHITE ELEPHANT STALL

White Elephant Stall will be held at St Cecilia's Church, Wyong on Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th August before and after Mass. There will be a lovely variety, gifts suitable for Dads and plenty of bargains.

FIRST FRUITS OFFERING

First Fruits Offerings or Planned giving is not merely a practical commitment; it is a spiritual one. It is an opportunity to offer Him our first and our best, from a grateful heart. Your financial offerings fuel the ministries and outreach which enable our parish family to grow together, in pursuit of Christ's Mission. Let us make space for God, asking Him to prepare our hearts. Please use the QR code below or envelopes in the Church.



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.)



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DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE

Domestic and family violence is never acceptable. Every person is created in the image and likeness of God and has the right to live in safety, dignity, and peace. Our parish is committed to supporting those affected by abuse with compassion, respect, and confidentiality.

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic or family violence, help is available.

CatholicCare Central Coast Family Centre

Phone: **1800 324 924**

Email: info@catholiccareddb.org.au

Address: **10/10 Pioneer Avenue, Tuggerah Business Park NSW 2259**

You are not alone. Support is available, and there is hope.

For those who have died due to family or domestic violence, may God welcome them into the fullness of eternal life, comfort those who mourn them, strengthen all who have survived violence, and guide our communities to protect the vulnerable and foster homes of peace and love. Amen

MARIAN PILGRIMAGE & SOUTH AMERICA 2027

Fr Raul Balute, SOLT, will be leading the Group to **Our Lady of Guadalupe, MEXICO and South America (PERU, ARGENTINA & BRAZIL)**.

An INFO session will be held soon, with the date & venue to be advised (TBA). Register your interest or contact "itravel with Susan Clark" — 0405 429 988 or email: susan@itravel-au.com for further details. Alternatively, you're welcome to contact Fr Raul on 0450 115 099 or Raul.Balute@bbccatholic.org.au

MOWERS NEEDED

We are in need of people to help with the lawn mowing of church grounds, this is done on a rotating roster. If you could give a couple of hours approximately 3x times a year, then please contact Brian on 0413 453 387.

MASS/PRAYER ENVELOPES

Please note all Mass/Prayer Intention Envelopes can be given directly to our Priests. If they are placed on the collection plate they will not be received until Tuesday midday.

CENSUS 2026

We are encouraged to identify as Catholics when completing the Census this coming week. The practice of our faith may vary throughout our life, but we still see the Catholic faith as part of our identity. Identifying as Catholic will ensure the presence and needs of the Catholic Community are recognised within Australian society and enable the Church to better serve "those in need, support families, educate future generations and continue proclaiming the hope of the Gospel with confidence"

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION — AUGUST 2026

For evangelization in the city.

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF FR STEPHEN WAYOYI OMWANDA

With hearts full of gratitude and joy, we warmly invite you to celebrate the **25th Anniversary of Fr Stephen Wayoyi Omwanda's Ordination to the Priesthood**.

For the past 25 years, Fr Stephen has faithfully served God's people with compassion, humility, and dedication. This significant milestone is an opportunity to give thanks for his vocation, honour his ministry, and celebrate the many lives he has touched through his pastoral care and leadership. Please join us as we gather in thanksgiving.

Date: Friday, 14 August

Time: 6:00 pm Mass

Venue: St Leonard's Naremburn (Corner of Donnelly & Willoughby Road, Naremburn)

Refreshments will be served following Mass, providing an opportunity to celebrate this special occasion together. Your presence would be a wonderful gift as we honour Fr Stephen's faithful service and pray for God's continued blessings upon his ministry.

Kindly RSVP by 10 August using the QR Code.



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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.

CATHOLIC CARE HOMELESSNESS APPEAL - 8 & 9 AUGUST

This year's CatholicCare Broken Bay Homelessness Appeal will be held across our parishes on the weekend of Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 August, coinciding with the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

The Appeal supports vital services such as Mary Mac's Place (Woy Woy) and Dom's Place (Hornsby), offering meals, practical assistance, and pathways to housing for those experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity. Last year, parishioners generously raised over \$118,000 for this important ministry. Please give generously and keep all who experience homelessness in your prayers.

FORMATION DAY

"Martha and Mary: A Ministry of Welcome and Hospitality for Parishes"

This Formation Day is grounded in the Gospel witness of Martha and Mary and our calling to be a people of welcome. This gathering is designed to support parishes in cultivating a consistent, intentional, and Christ-centred culture of radical hospitality within their local communities and across the Diocese.

This is for Clergy, Parish Pastoral Council Members, Parish Welcome Ministers, Parish Ministry leaders and all interested parishioners.

Date: Saturday 22 August 2026

Time: 9:30am - 3pm

Location: Ambrose Centre, The Entrance

Cost: Free (includes Morning Tea and Lunch)

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION PROGRAM

Are you thinking about becoming Catholic? Or maybe you haven't completed all your Sacraments? Our Rite of Christian Initiation Program is a program for those who are thinking of becoming Catholic, or who have been Baptised Catholic but have not yet received their initial Sacraments of Confirmation, Reconciliation or First Holy Communion/Eucharist. This is a space for you to ask questions and dive deeper into understanding what it means to be apart on the 'Body of Christ'.

STARTING IN OCTOBER 2026

If you are interested in being apart of this program please contact the Parish Office ASAP on: (02) 4352 1011 or: wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au

WYONG PARISH CONFIRMATION PROGRAM 2026

Wyong Parish will be commencing their Sacramental Program For Confirmation in August 2026. Due to Archbishop Anthony Randazzo concluding his service in our Diocese in late June 2026 there have had to be some changes made to Confirmation dates across the Diocese. We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Please come along to the respective Parent Information session and use the QR Code provided to enrol your child into our Confirmation Sacramental Program and stay updated. You're welcome to contact the Parish Office on 02 4352 1011 or email Christine, christine.sassine@bbcatholic.org.au, if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you at the Parent information night.

AS PART OF OUR PROGRAM WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO ATTEND MASS EVERY WEEKEND IF YOU DO NOT DO SO ALREADY, THE PERIOD LEADING UP TO THE CEREMONY IS CRUCIAL TO THE SPIRITUAL JOURNEY IN WHICH YOUR CHILD IS EMBARKING.

CONFIRMATION

FOR CHILDREN IN YEAR 3 AND ABOVE WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTISED
Parent Information Evening: (for Parents/Guardian's)

Tues 11th August, 6.30pm @ SJF Mass Centre (for SJF student parents only)

Wed 12th August, 6.30pm @ St Cecilia's Church Hall

Ceremony:

Friday 11th September, 6pm Our Lady of The Rosary, The Entrance (due to unavailability @ St Peter's)

More information regarding classes etc when you scan the relevant QR Code.

St John Fisher
Students Only



St Cecilia & State
School Students



COMMUNION BLESSING

You can still receive a blessing if you're 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.



COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP

EVERY MONDAY (School Term)

8:15am—10:15am

All welcome—Meet in Parish Hall!



MAIN LITURGICAL FEASTS: AUGUST

9. *Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Opt. Mem.* 10. **St. Lawrence, Feast** 11. *Clare, Memorial* 12. *Jane Frances de Chantal, Opt. Mem.* 13. *Pontian and Hippolytus, Opt. Mem.* 14. *Maximilian Kolbe, Memorial* 15. **ASSUMPTION OF MARY, Solemnity** 16. *Stephen of Hungary, Opt. Mem.* 19. *John Eudes, Opt. Mem.* 20. *Bernard, Memorial* 21. *Pius X, Memorial* 22. 23. *Rose of Lima, Opt. Mem.* 24. **Bartholomew, Apostle, Feast** 25. *Louis IX of France; Joseph Calasanz, Opt. Mem.* 27. *Monica, Memorial* 28. *Augustine, Memorial*

ASSUMPTION —SATURDAY 15TH AUGUST

St John Fisher, Tumby — 5pm Friday 14th.

St Cecilia's, Wyong—8am Saturday 15th.

Please note: The Assumption Mass is a separate obligation than the Saturday Vigil mass which fulfills our Sunday obligations.



PARISH SUPPORTERS CLUB 2026

Draw Results : Week 6

1st - \$50 No 09 Anne Hooley
2nd - \$20 No 12 Steve Johnson

Thank you for your support!

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



10/8	Fr Vincent Nguyen
11/8	Fr Shansana Samarasinghe OSB
12/8	Fr Sam French
13/8	Fr David Ranson VG
14/8	Fr Anselam Lakra HGN
15/8	Fr Joey Frez
16/8	Fr Joshi Naduppura

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



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MASS TIMES

ST CECILIA'S CHURCH

23 Byron St Wyong

Saturday Vigil / Sunday Mass Times

Sat Vigil 5.00pm Sun 7.30am & 9.30am

Weekday Mass

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

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

ST JOHN FISHER MASS CENTRE

Hicks Lane Tumbi Umbi

Saturday Vigil / Sunday Mass Times

Sat Vigil 5.00 pm Sun: 8.30am & 5pm

Weekday Mass

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

Reconciliation/Confession Saturday at 4.30pm

EMERGENCY PRIEST CONTACT

Fr Raul Ph: 0450 115 099

Fr Alex Ph: 0432 947 245

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

Assistant Priest **Fr Teody Medina, SOLT Ph: 0410 202 823**

Parish Secretaries: **Margaret Vandenberg & Christine Sassine**

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

Youth Group Coordinator: **Christine Sassine**

PARISH EMAIL: wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au

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

FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/wyongcatholicparish



KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS

Prayer: The most valuable gift you can give someone.

SICK:

Jeanine Doueichi, Dave Rodney, Danae Roe, Milva Kefu, Tahnia Ahuriri, Badwi Laoulach, Rik, Rita Kerr, Michael Parry, Regina Preston, Adriana Milligan, Jean Jackson, Gabriel Molise, Helene Hussein

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Fr Robert Crawford, Brenda Hindmarsh, Peter Gill, Elliott Gill

ANNIVERSARY AUGUST: Lucy Smith, Ruth & Cecil Booth, Martin Milroy, Ian Smith, Phill Houstien, Benigno Bito-On, Monica Bito-On, Rose Vida Again, Natividad Dieta

Children's Liturgy at Mass

St Cecilia's 5pm Mass Saturday

St Cecilia's 9.30am Mass Sunday

St John Fisher 5pm Mass Sunday

Youth Group

St Cecilia's Parish Hall

1st Fri Night of the Month (May vary- check bulletin for details)

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

Bible Studies

First Thursday of every month 7-9pm in the Parish Hall

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

FOR SACRAMENTS PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE

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.



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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13

A reading from the first book of the Kings

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 84:9-14

R. Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Second Reading Romans 9:1-5

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ - it is the truth - my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Ps 129:5

Alleluia, alleluia!

I hope in the Lord,

I trust in his word.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 14:22-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

After he had fed the people, Jesus made the disciples get into a boat and precede him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. After doing so, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray.

When it was evening, he was there alone. Meanwhile the boat, already a few miles offshore, was being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was against it. During the fourth watch of the night, he came toward them walking on the sea. When the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified. "It is a ghost," they said, and they cried out in fear.

At once Jesus spoke to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was, he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" After they got into the boat, the wind died down. Those who were in the boat did him homage, saying, "Truly, you are the Son of God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



30 July 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

IDENTIFYING AS CATHOLICS IN THE 2026 CENSUS

As you may be aware, Australia will undertake the national Census this August. This important event provides an opportunity for every person to be counted and for our communities to be better understood and served.

In recent years, some groups have encouraged Australians to identify with a religion only if they are actively practicing, suggesting that those who are less engaged should instead select "No Religion."

As Catholics, we know that the journey of faith is often personal and, at times, complex. While our practice of the faith may vary throughout different seasons of life, many people continue to identify as Catholic because it remains a fundamental part of who they are. Research consistently shows that many Australians who may not attend Mass regularly still regard their Catholic faith as an important part of their identity.

For this reason, I encourage you, when completing your Census, to identify your religion as Catholic if you feel this reflects your faith and identity.

Selecting "Catholic" in the Census is more than a statistical exercise. It helps ensure that the presence and needs of the Catholic community are recognised within Australian society. Census information is used by governments, researchers and community organisations to:

- Plan schools, hospitals and community services;
- Inform the allocation of resources and funding; and
- Better understand the spiritual, cultural and social life of our nation.

An accurate picture of the Catholic community strengthens the Church's ability to advocate for the needs of our people and to continue serving communities across Australia.

Every person who identifies as Catholic helps tell the story of the Church's continuing presence and mission in Australia. Your response contributes to a clearer understanding of the Catholic community, enabling the Church to better serve those in need, support families, educate future generations, and continue proclaiming the hope of the Gospel with confidence.

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The Census will be conducted in August, and every household will receive information about how to complete it, either online or by paper form.

I encourage you to take a few moments to complete the Census prayerfully and accurately. Thank you for your participation and for the many ways you contribute to the life of our parish and the wider community.

Be assured of my prayers for you and your families.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Ranson'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large 'D' and 'R'.

Very Rev Dr David Ranson
Diocesan Administrator of Broken Bay



FREE WILLS SEMINAR & MORNING TEA

Plan Well

Join us for a free seminar with legal expert Cecilia Castle, Principal of Castle Lawyers, who will cover essential estate topics like:

- Writing a Will
- Power of Attorney
- Enduring Guardianship

 Attendees may be eligible for a complimentary will*



CECILIA CASTLE
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Terrigal Catholic Parish, 165 Serpentine
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 11 August, 2026

 10:30AM-12:30 PM

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JOIN US IN

Celebrating

25TH ORDINATION
ANNIVERSARY OF

*Rev. Fr. Stephen Wayoyi
Omwanda*

FRIDAY 14 AUGUST 2026 | 6PM | ST LEONARD'S NAREMBURN,
CORNER OF DONNELLY & WILLOUGHBY ROAD,
NAREMBURN

*Refreshments to follow after Mass.
Please RSVP using the QR code.*



ALL-NIGHT EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS

AUGUST 14-15
ASSUMPTION OF
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OUR LADY OF DOLOURS

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VOCATIONS

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

Fri 14 6:30 PM

7:00 PM

7:30 PM - 8:30 AM

Sat 15 8:30 AM

8:45 AM

9:00 AM

VESPERS

VIGIL MASS

NOCTURNAL ADORATION

BENEDICTION

MORNING PRAYER

MASS

ZOOM ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS : AUGUST 15 8 PM

MEETING ID: 89128242753 NO PASSWORD REQUIRED



Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day

You are invited to a Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day at St Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia on Sunday, 16th August.

Arrival from 10am to register for a 10:30am start, presentations, introduction to meditation, Middle of the Day Prayer with the monks, Mass at 2pm, conclusion around 3pm. Book display and morning tea provided, please BYO picnic lunch. Extensive grounds and labyrinth.

General enquiries: Ann Lomas atlomas@bigpond.com OR 0437 340 250

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MBB FORMATION DAY:

Martha & Mary

MINISTRY OF WELCOME AND HOSPITALITY FOR PARISHES

Saturday 1 August

9:30am

Caroline Chisholm Centre,
2/423 Pennant Hills Road

OR

Saturday 22 August

9:30am

Ambrose Centre,
12 Ashton Ave, The Entrance





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MISSION BROKEN BAY INVITES YOU TO:



*MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS
FORMATION SERIES, SESSION 2*

ETHICAL DIMENSIONS OF AI **IN PRACTICE**

VENUE 1

CAROLINE CHISHOLM CENTRE
Wednesday, 26th August at 6pm,
2/423 Pennant Hills Rd,
Pennant Hills

VENUE 2:

AMBROSE CENTRE
Thursday, 27th August at 6pm,
12 Ashton Avenue,
The Entrance

This is a REPEAT of the session at the CCC, not a separate event.

Light refreshments provided.

This formation session will explore a range of considerations on both the supply chain side (machine learning and human training of AI, data centres, etc), and the consumer side of AI.

Factors considered will be the impacts to human flourishing, including human interaction, welfare of young people and work, as well as broader considerations such as economic and ecological impacts, with a focus on concrete things that we can do in our everyday lives and local communities to promote and build a world where people continue to thrive.

TO REGISTER, PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE:



Enquiries: mission@bbcatholic.org.au



Filipino Chaplaincy Cultural Showcase 2026

Celebrate faith, culture and community with us!

You are warmly invited to join the Filipino Chaplaincy of the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay as we celebrate the **40th Anniversary of the Diocese of Broken Bay**, the **7th Anniversary of the Filipino Chaplaincy**, and the Feast of **St Lorenzo Ruiz** and **St Pedro Calungsod**.

The celebration begins with the **11:00 am Anniversary Mass** at **Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara**, followed by a **free Filipino lunch** and the **Filipino Cultural Showcase** at the **Light of Christ Centre**. Enjoy vibrant performances by our five Filipino communities, live music, fellowship, and a grand raffle draw with fantastic prizes.

Everyone is welcome—parishioners, families, friends and members of the wider community.

Admission is free; however, all attendees are required to register through Humanitix to receive a free entry ticket. Your ticket helps us manage venue capacity and prepare enough food for everyone. Register early to secure your free ticket.

We look forward to celebrating this special occasion with you. Come dressed in your **Filipiniana or Barong** and bring your family and friends!

Support Our Chaplaincy Raffle

Help support the charitable works of the Filipino Chaplaincy by purchasing raffle tickets. **Tickets are \$2 each or \$20 per booklet of 10**, with fantastic prizes to be won, including a **return airfare to Manila**. Raffle tickets are available through your local Filipino Chaplaincy community or parish representatives.

Register via QR code

Seasons for Growth for Adults Program is coming to the Central Coast

Seasons for Growth Online Information Session for Understanding Change, Loss and Grief Seminar

The Seasons for Growth for Adults Program is an education program designed to support and equip adults in their knowledge, skills and understanding of experiences of change, loss and grief. This online Information Session will outline the upcoming three-hour seminar Understanding Change, Loss and Grief

Intended for Clergy, Parish Staff, Ministers of Holy Communion, Visitation, Senior and Bereavement Ministries, Interested parishioners

Date: Wednesday 19 August

Time: 7pm

Location: Online

Cost: Free

Registration: mission@bbcatholic.org.au

Seasons for Growth Seminar: Understanding Change, Loss and Grief Seminar

This seminar is designed for individuals and groups seeking to deepen their understanding of the experiences of change, loss and grief, while exploring the ways we can compassionately support ourselves and others through times of transition and sorrow.

Intended for Adults who have been living with the impact of significant change, loss or grief for six months or longer.

Date: Wednesday, 9 September

Time: 9.30am

Location: St John the Baptist Parish, 54 Victoria Road, Woy Woy

Cost: Free

Registration: mission@bbcatholic.org.au

Repeated session:

Date: Saturday 12 September

Time: 10am

Location: Ambrose Centre, The Entrance

Cost: Free

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- 7pm ● Mass Bishop David Walker's 30th Episcopal Anniversary with Hospitality

FRIDAY 4 SEP OLOD, Chatswood

- St Leo's Catholic College, Wahroonga
- St Augustine's College, Sydney
- 6:30pm ● Young Adult Event
- 24 Hours Eucharistic Adoration begins

SATURDAY 5 SEP OLOD, Chatswood

- 9am ● Mass
- 9:30am ● Rosary & Adoration
Public veneration of the Relic Harrington Hall exhibition
- 7pm ● Holy Hour of Sacred Music

SUNDAY 6 SEP OLOD, Chatswood

- 7:30am, 9:00am and 10:30am ● Morning Masses (OLOD, Chatswood)
- 12pm ● Filipino Mass (OLOD, Chatswood)
- Transport to Gosford

SUNDAY 6 SEP St Patrick's, East Gosford

- 6pm ● Mass at St Patrick's, East Gosford
- Prayer vigil with youth St Patrick's, East Gosford
- Exhibition in the Jordan Room

MONDAY 7 SEP St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Warnervale

- Transport to Tuggerah
- School Visit, St Peter's Catholic College Tuggerah
- School Visit, MacKillop Catholic College, Warnervale
- Evening prayer and veneration of Relic Mary MacKillop, Warnervale

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Dying To Know Day 2026

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Dying to Know Day

An annual campaign that empowers all adult Australians to be strong self-advocates for their own personal planning when it comes to their future.

During August, adults at all stages of life are encouraged to take individual action. All to improve their knowledge around choices for their end-of-life.

Throughout the event you will find helpful guides, toolkits and resources to support taking action with 'Dying to Know Day'. Start conversations with the people most important to you about your unique choices and wishes for your end-of-life.



GUEST SPEAKERS FOR 2026

-  Aubrey Brown Lawyers
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-  Grief discussions - NALAG
-  Creightons Funeral Service

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 **TIME:** Commencing at 10am - 2pm

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8th August: First Friday Service, CHATSWOOD NSW
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at Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church, 94 Archer St, Chatswood

Friday 14th August 5:30pm–Sunday 16st August 4:00pm
Growth Retreat, SOMERSBY NSW

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17th August: 3rd Monday Service, WALLSEND NSW
Healing Prayer Service, 7:00pm–9:00pm
at St Patrick's Church, 11 Macquarie Street, Wallsend

21st August: 3rd Friday Service, EPPING NSW
Healing Prayer Service, 6:00pm–8:00pm
at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, 31 Oxford St, Epping

30th August: Last Sunday Service 9:00am–4:00pm
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PALMS INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERING

Simplicity September

Bring simple living discovery to your parish

An experiential staff formation initiative built on 65 years of volunteer wisdom, and an opportunity to support the ongoing intercultural development work of Palms in our Asia-Pacific region.

www.simplicityseptember.org.au



For 65 years, Palms volunteers have discovered one truth while living alongside communities across Asia-Pacific: simple living creates space for what truly matters: Family. Connection. Purpose

When we slow down, we notice things. We connect more deeply with the people around us. We discover what we actually value, not what we think we should want. These aren't lessons learned in textbooks—they're discoveries made by living differently.

This September, we're bringing that wisdom to Australian parishes (and classrooms in Catholic schools).

How your parishioners can participate

As a family

The world is changing rapidly with demands on individual time, energy and attention that often draws family members apart, rather than together.

Simplicity September is an opportunity for families to pledge to devote time to simple practices of their choice, which they believe will support their families eg.

- Regular Sunday dinners
- Phone-free times of the week
- Weekly walks or cycling adventures
- Parent-child practical sessions teaching 'old fashioned' skills like mending, cooking, and making
- Family gardening days
- Reflection and prayer sessions with neighbours or the family

As individuals

Formal demands of work or study can mean we neglect our own personal development, and our need for times of simple reflection or communion with God and His Creation.

A new habit can be formed in a month of intentionality. This is the opportunity to make a commitment for oneself, eg.

- to care for one's body (eg. reduce sugar intake; walk daily)
- to introduce a daily Gratitude practice or spiritual exercise
- to tend to creative talents
- to care for country or people



How It Works (3 Easy Months)

Simple timeline. Maximum impact.

August: Setup & Preparation

You register yourself or your family (pseudonyms are perfectly acceptable!) and the Simplicity September Challenge you are setting yourself(ves) on the Simplicity September campaign website.

You share your challenge as widely as you wish. People you love may be happy to help be your 'accountability partners' and encourage you along the way. We also invite you to seek sponsorship from friends and family to help fundraise for the work of Palms.



September: The Month

You undertake your Simplicity September Challenge. Be kind to yourself. You may slip up. That's OK. The main thing is: you made a commitment to yourself, and started a process.



October: Celebrate

What a great excuse for a party or dinner with those you love! You might like to thank your friends and family who sponsored you and were your accountability partners. And if not - thank yourself!



Ready to bring Simplicity September into your life and your family?

Registration begins 31 July 2026

[Registration link](http://www.smplicityseptember.org.au)

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Family members and carers are also supported as they adjust to the emotional and practical realities of caring for a loved one with a terminal illness. The service is available to anyone facing the end of life.

MORE INFORMATION

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Saints of Italy (2nd - 16th October 2026)

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APR	17-19, Deliverance Retreat
MAY	15-17, Preparation For Pentecost Retreat
JUN	19-21, Inner Healing Retreat
JUL	10-12, Family Healing Retreat
AUG	14-16, Dei Verbum Retreat
SEP	11-13, Deliverance Retreat
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Third Monday (Wallsend)

Healing Prayer Service, 7:00pm-9:00pm
at St Patrick's Church, 11 Macquarie street, WALLSEND

Third Friday (Epping)

Holy Mass & Adoration, 6:00pm-8:00pm
at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, 31 Oxford St, EPPING

Fourth Thursday (Adelaide)

Spiritual Healing Retreat, 7:00pm-9:00pm
St Peter Claver Church, 8 Stuart Road, Dulwich,
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Eucharist28 Update – This is My Body, Given For You

The International Eucharistic Congress in Sydney in 2028 ('Eucharist28') will be a global gathering of the Church centred on the Eucharist, the source and summit of our Christian lives, culminating in a Papal Mass with Pope Leo XIV. It will be a festival of faith, rich with worship, prayer, testimonies, art, music – a truly 'once in a lifetime' experience, and a transformative moment for our nation.

The theme for Eucharist28 is 'This is My Body, Given For You', which invites us to reflect on the words that Christ spoke as he instituted the Eucharistic Sacrifice.

At each Mass, the priest repeats Jesus' words from the Last Supper, and the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ.

This miraculous change does not end with the gifts. As we receive the Body of Christ, we are transformed into the Body of Christ, carrying His presence into our homes, workplaces, schools, parishes and communities.

Just as He gave His life for us, we too are called to offer our lives in sacrifice and service to God and to those around us.

This national journey to Eucharist28 is an invitation for all of us to share in the breaking of the bread and allow Christ's presence to transform us. The journey begins now, in our own hearts and in our own parishes.

For catechetical material to help your parish and community prepare for this moment, head to **eucharist28.org/resources**.





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September 28-30, 2026



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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

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**JUNE
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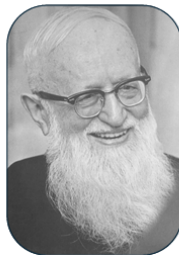
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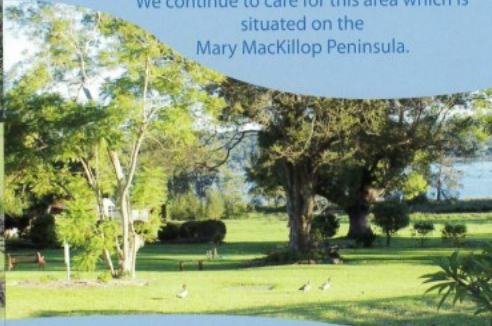
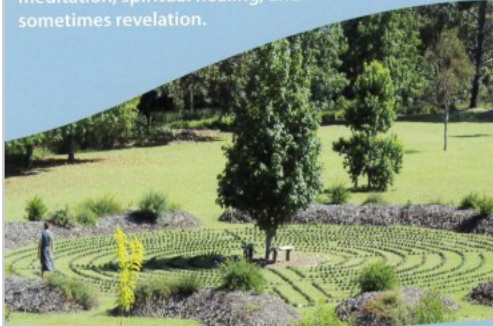
St Joseph's Spirituality and Education Centre Kincumber South

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

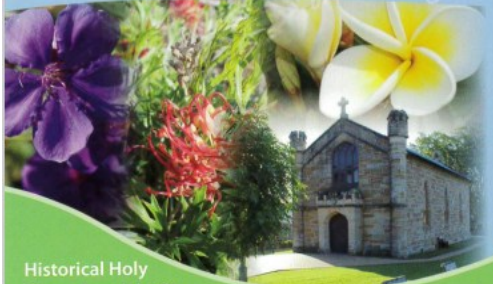
The labyrinth is a place for prayer, meditation, spiritual healing, and sometimes revelation.

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

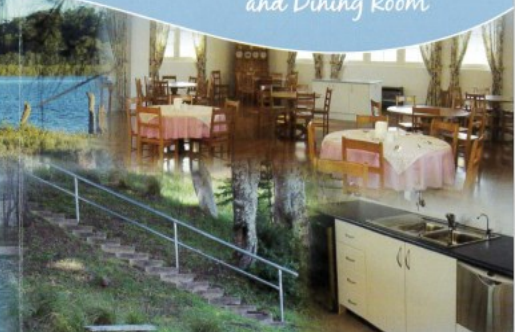
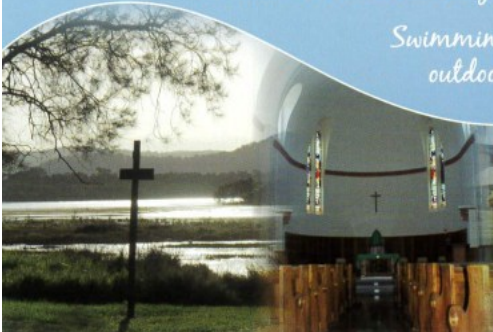
Meditation Areas and Mary of the Cross Walk

Swimming pool and outdoor patio

Chapel and prayer rooms

Conference Rooms

Lounge, Tea Bays and Dining Room

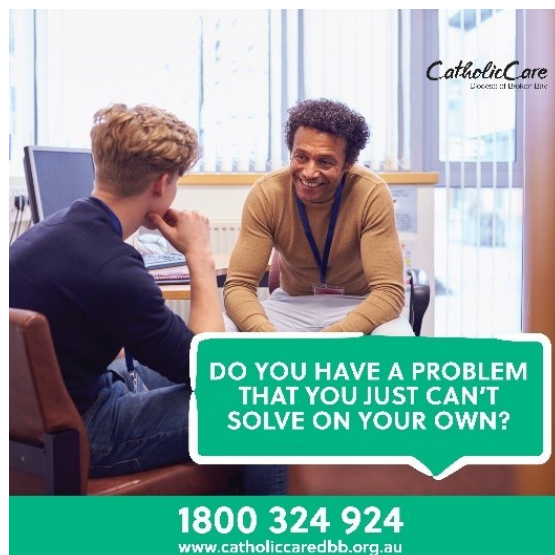


CATHOLICCARE BROKEN BAY

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 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

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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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