

# 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 JULY 2023 FOURTEENTH 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 9.7.2023 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

*This Sunday's readings are full of joy. Just look at the first two lines of the first reading from Zechariah. They say 'Rejoice heart and soul'. And 'Shout with gladness'. And what is the reason for this joy? God has come in kindness and compassion, as the responsorial psalm says. And not only that, but as St Paul writes, God's Spirit has made his home in us. These are certainly things to be joyful about. The yoke of Jesus is light, but sometimes may bring us challenges and burdens. Yet we can always trust in Jesus' promise that in him we will find rest for our souls and joy for our hearts. What are the challenges I face in living out my faith? Do I trust in Jesus' closeness and his desire to carry them with me?*

## ***Congratulations & Welcome***

***We warmly welcome Gabrielle Scherer to our Parish as Youth Ministry Leader and look forward to supporting her .***

***Gabrielle's enthusiasm and love of faith will have a positive impact on the youth in our Parish.***

***May God Bless and guide you in all your efforts.***

## Thank You & Congratulations

As most of you are aware our Jo Helm will no longer be with us in her role as Parish Coordinator: our heartfelt thanks and gratitude Jo for all your love and faithful dedication you have given over the years.



Fortunately, this does not mean that we will be losing such a valuable person in our parish. Jo has secured the position of Parent Engagement Coordinator (PEC) for both St Cecilia's Primary School and St Peter's College. Congratulations on your new role. We know this role will be beneficial for the young families of our parish and the parish itself, as we work together under your leadership. May God Bless you always.



### Parish Christmas in July Tues 18th July 12 Noon St Peter's College

Our annual 'Christmas in July' is fast approaching. As usual, the students from St Peter's College will be catering and the meal, no doubt will be mouthwatering.

Any aged parishioner who wishes to attend this function, please contact the Parish Office on 4352 1011, Jo Helm 0424 763 734 or Kerry Bugden 4388 2938. **A few seatings are still available.**

A special fund-raising raffle will be on sale on the day with all proceeds going towards the Youth Ministry.

## Pastoral Works Donations—Thank You

A very sincere and **BIG THANK YOU** for your generous donations to our Pastoral Works Appeal for this financial year. This also includes the wonderful support we had in our 'special stalls' for this appeal.

The great news is that we reached our quota. Once again thank you, thank you.

**Taxation Receipts for Pastoral Works and Caritas** are now ready for your collection at the back of the Church/Mass Ctr. Thank you for your support to these appeals.

**Please Note: there are still some NEW Allocated Planned Giving Envelopes to be collected. New Givers are always very welcome. If you wish to give via credit card, direct debit or giving envelopes, please contact the Parish Office.**

### THANK YOU

Once again we sincerely thank you for your financial support.

## Liturgy Training—Lectors

A short training session (15 minutes) will be held after each Mass next weekend 15/16th July.

All readers and any other interested parishioners are welcome and invited.

## Urgently Needed—Church Cleaners

Please we **urgently** need some volunteer cleaners for our Church. The upkeep of our Church is so important. Could you please consider volunteering 1 hour every 5-6 weeks (if we have the required numbers).

**Thank you. Kay 0419 021 214**

## 250 Club Update

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING SUPPORT**  
**250 NUMBERS SOLD**

Weekly Prizes are \$50 – 1<sup>st</sup> & \$20 – 2<sup>nd</sup>

Monthly Prizes are \$200 – 1<sup>st</sup> & \$50 – 2<sup>nd</sup> and will be last weekend of the month.

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1/2 July	Weekly	169	Libby & Mike Gleeson	193	Arlene Barnett
8/9 July	Weekly	105	Tony Camenzuli	110	Anonymous

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## **Court Morning Teas to Resume**

St Cecilia's Care Group was formed by a group of dedicated parishioners in 1993. They attended Wyong Court every Thursday providing morning tea (coffee, tea & biscuits) for those attending court. A donation was made for this service which amounted \$ 12,950 between the years 1993—2020 when we had to cease because of the Covid Pandemic. Over that time all the money raised was donated to local Charities.

Following a visit to the court this week, our Care Group is starting up again. We need volunteers, who are willing to offer their services on a Thursday morning for two hours. If we have eight to ten volunteers you will only be required once each month.

For more in formation, please contact Kay Muir on 0419 021 214 or email [muirkn@gmail.com](mailto:muirkn@gmail.com)

## **Vacant Position Parish Secretary – Wyong Catholic Parish Permanent, part-time role**

Could you see yourself as the face of our Wyong Parish community, providing a sense of warmth and welcome to visitors?

Wyong Parish is seeking to recruit a part-time Parish Secretary, working 3 days per week. This role plays an important part in the Parish team, providing support for Parish communications, administration, financial processes, Parish property, compliance and Diocesan support.

The ideal candidate will have a comprehensive knowledge of office administration processes and procedures and a sound understanding of Microsoft Office Suite, MYOB, bookkeeping or accounting practices.

As you will often be the first point of contact for our parish, well-developed communication and interpersonal skills are crucial.

An ability to work autonomously while remaining a team player, with a commitment to be accountable for performance, and an ability to work collaboratively across a wide spectrum of stakeholders, supported by a good understanding of, and commitment to, Catholic values and teachings will be crucial to your success.

If you have high developed administration skills coupled with well-developed relational and rapport building skills and this role interests you, please email a brief cover letter and CV to [wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au)

Applications close **Wednesday, 12 July 2023**

[The Diocese of Broken Bay is committed to and promotes a culture of safety and care for all people, especially for children and others in the community who are vulnerable. Our Diocese has no tolerance to Child Abuse and is committed to ensuring our staff and volunteers understand the joint responsibility to safeguard all those within our community.](#)

The successful applicant must have the right to work in Australia and will be required to undertake pre-screening which may include a National Police History Check and/or Working With Children Check.

**Central Coast Chaplaincy** -You are invited to an **Information Morning Tea** to explore new volunteering opportunities in Spiritual Care within the Central Coast Local Health District.

**When:** Tuesday 1st August 2023 10am

**Where:** Gosford Hospital Chapel, Level 4

**RSVP:** Eleanor Castle 0414 193 979 Or Peter Wakeley 0418 445 289



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## MASS TIMES

### 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

**PARISH OFFICE** 23 Byron Street Wyong

Phone: 02 4352 1011 Po Box 385 Wyong 2259

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

### PARISH CONTACTS

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email: [raul.balute@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:raul.balute@bbcatholic.org.au)

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

Parish Coordinator **Jo Helm** ph: 0424 763 734 (Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri)  
email: [jo.helm@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:jo.helm@bbcatholic.org.au)

Parish Secretary **Helen Bath** ph:02 4352 1011 (Wed & Thurs)

**PARISH EMAIL:** [wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au)

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

**FACEBOOK:** [www.facebook.com/wyongcatholicparish](https://www.facebook.com/wyongcatholicparish)

### Children's Liturgy at the following Masses

St Cecilia's 5pm Mass Saturday  
St Cecilia's 9.30am Mass Sunday  
St John Fisher 5pm Mass Sunday

### BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE

**Mass St Barnabas, Yarramalong**  
1st Sun of month 11.15am  
**Filipino Mass St Cecilia's Church**  
3rd Sun of the month 12pm

### Anointing of the Sick

**First Friday of the Month**

**St Cecilia's** During 8.00am & 11.30am Mass

**St John Fisher** During 9.15am Mass

### Eucharistic Adoration

**St Cecilia's** Daily 7am-8am

**St John Fisher** 1st Fri 8.45 - 9.15am

**Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help** Sat St Cecilia's & Wed St John Fisher (after the 8am Mass)

### Devotion to the Divine Mercy

**St Cecilia's** Fri after the 8am Mass

**St John Fisher** Fri after the 9:15am Mass

### Prayer groups

**St Cecilia's** Rosary Group Tues after 8am mass followed by Divine Mercy  
**St Cecilia's** Legion of Mary 9am Wed

### Meetings

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

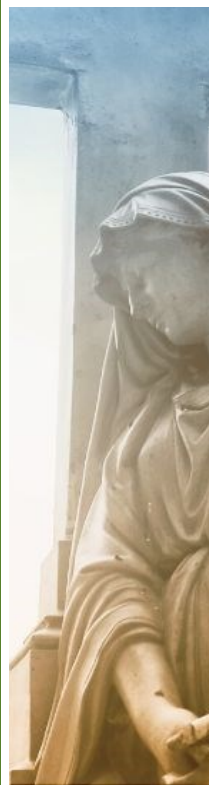
### KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

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

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

**ANNIVERSARY JULY:** Tom Dermondy, Bridget Dermody, Frank Costa, Pauleene Crass, John Dwyer, Nora Dillon, Sr Sylvia Markulin, James Bastick, Phyll Angela Reeves



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### Safeguarding Message

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

## **Pope Francis' Prayer Intention July**

### **For a Eucharistic Life**

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

## **Sacrament of Confirmation**

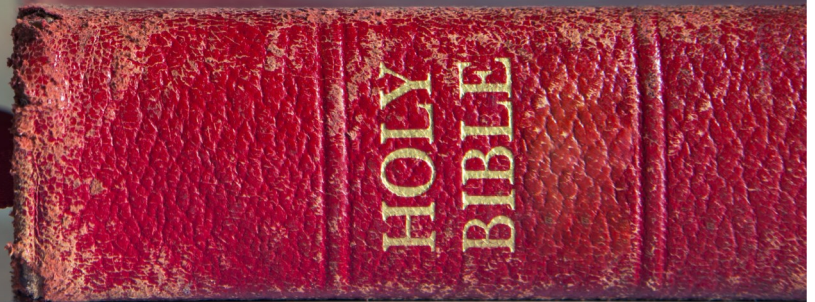
We continue to pray for the children in our Parish who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

*We pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to grow in their hearts.*

**Sunday 9th July 2023**

**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD (Year A)**



## **First Reading Zechariah 9:9-10**

The Lord says this:

'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion! Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem! See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished. He will proclaim peace for the nations. His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.'

## **Responsorial Psalm Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14**

**R.** I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

## **Second Reading Romans 8:9, 11-13**

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

## **Gospel Acclamation of Matthew 11:25**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

## **Gospel Matthew 11:25-30**

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

**Vox Populi**

**06 July 2023**

There is a real buzz around the Diocese with students, young adults and leaders making final preparations for their pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal.

Many will journey with Bishop Anthony on a pilgrimage through Italy visiting the birthplaces of saints, and the Shrines and Basilicas dedicated to these holy men and women.

Others will fly direct to Lisbon where all our pilgrims will join hundreds of thousands of young people from around the world for moments of sharing and faith; a gathering and celebration of cultures, participating in catechesis, and a meeting with the Pope.

For those who have been to previous World Youth Days they know what a transforming experience this pilgrimage will be.

The Diocese is fortunate to have Chancery and Catholic Schools Broken Bay staff who have attended many WYDs and have been working for more than 18 months to ensure WYD23 is an exciting, rewarding and memorable time for our pilgrims.

This week the Vatican released the Official Schedule for the Apostolic Journey of Pope Francis. The Holy Father will spend from August 2-6 in Lisbon and Fatima.

He will meet Archbishops and Bishops, Priests, Deacons, Consecrated Persons, Seminarians, and Pastoral Workers from every corner of the world. And of course thousands and thousands of young people.

Pope Francis will join the gathering for the Opening Mass, the Way of the Cross and then celebrate the Holy Mass for World Youth Day on Sunday, 6 August at Campo da Graca on the outskirts of Lisbon.

The theme for this WYD is "Mary rose up and went with haste" (Lk 1:39). This quote opens the account of the Visitation (Mary's visit to her cousin Elizabeth), a biblical episode following the Annunciation (the angel's announcement to Mary that she would be the mother of the Son of God, and the theme of the last WYD, in Panama in 2019.).

It also inspired the name for the Diocese pilgrimage and theme song – Magnify - which in turn was inspired by the Magnificat, or Song of Mary, meaning my soul magnifies the Lord.

Our pilgrims have been practising the song for months which will no doubt be heard throughout Lisbon!

On Friday, 14 July Bishop Anthony will celebrate the Pilgrim Blessing Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara at 5.00pm.

The students, young people, leaders and their families are looking forward to this final gathering before departure.

However you are all invited to pray for our WYD pilgrims, for a wonderful, holy experience and a safe return.

## WYONG PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2023

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Reconciliation Ceremony Tumbi Monday 20th March 4 pm

Reconciliation Ceremony Wyong Tuesday 21st March 4 pm

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

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

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

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

Confirmation Ceremony St Peters College Saturday 15th July

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

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

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

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

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

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



Inviting all pilgrims, their families,  
friends, and Community Leaders to the

## **PILGRIM BLESSING MASS**

**5pm Friday 14 July, 2023**  
**Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral**  
**Waitara**

After Mass, supper and formalities will occur in  
**The Light of Christ Centre**



With the departure date nearing, 167 pilgrims and leaders are in the final preparations for their pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal. The final gathering before departure will be the Commissioning Mass on 14 July with Bishop Anthony at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara followed by dinner and distribution of travel documents. Please join us at this Mass to pray for our pilgrims and leaders for an amazing experience and safe return.



# SEA SUNDAY

9 July 2023

**“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.”**  
- Matthew 11:28 (NRSVCE)

Stella Maris is the largest network of chaplains and ship visitors around the world. We welcome and support seafarers who come into Australia to bring us many of the things we need.  
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Sea Sunday is when we remember, celebrate, and pray for seafarers and their families. We also give thanks for their lives and often dangerous and challenging work, no matter where they are.

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The Apostleship of the Sea Ministry is now called Stella Maris globally, and is the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church.

Please pray for our seafarers and if you would like to assist this ministry go to <https://stellamarisaustralia.org/sea-sunday-appeal/>

## The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship for Lay Ministry is now open for applications for 2023. You may wish to alert your parishioners. Details below

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**Closing Date 4 August 2023**



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