

WELCOME

VISION *The Wyong Catholic Parish is a welcoming, caring dynamic community*

MISSION STATEMENT *We will live and proclaim the message of the Gospel :
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9TH NOVEMBER 2025—THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERTAL BASILICA

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—THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERTAL BASILICA

A community discerning the building of a new parish church or chapel might first consider the choice of site, asking where we will build. Perhaps it's helpful to ask whether the new church will be built on earth or in heaven? The question is a surprise, but a church in the Catholic tradition is understood to be a foyer or narthex of heaven. Of course, a church building is not completely in heaven, but neither is it simply another earthly shrine.

Today's feast of the Cathedral for the diocese of Rome blends the boundaries between earthly church buildings and the Church as the body of Christ: We are God's building and Jesus is our foundation. We are, each of us individually and all of us together, temples of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, when we enter a church building we are no longer simply on earth, but we are touching and tasting the heavenly realities and our eternal future.

From the Collect for today's feast we pray: O God, who from living and chosen stones prepare an eternal dwelling for your majesty, increase in your Church the spirit of grace you have bestowed, so that by new growth your faithful people may build up the heavenly Jerusalem. Amen.

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PARISH CALENDAR—IMPORTANT DATES

- ◆ **9th Nov**—Deceased Spouse Masses
- ◆ **21st Nov**—Parish Volunteer Thank You 3:30pm
- ◆ **5th Dec**—Ecumenical Christmas Carols 6pm
- ◆ **19th Dec**—Parish Christmas Dinner at SJF school hall

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

November—Month of Remembrance

It is customary for us to acknowledge All Souls in November.
"It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins." 2 Maccabees 12.46

Our Book of Remembrance (Memorial) will be put up near the Sanctuary of the Church from All Souls Day and will remain throughout November.

November Mass Offering Envelopes

There are envelopes available for you to write the names of your beloved deceased. Please put the envelopes into the special box near the sanctuary in both Churches. All Masses in November will be offered for our departed brothers and sisters.

Spouses Remembrance Masses 8th & 9th November

At all Masses 8th & 9th Nov, all parishioners are invited to remember and pray for deceased spouses and loved ones. We will invite you to light a candle during our Mass for your loved one.

***OFFICE HOURS CHANGE**—As of Monday 10th November our office will be open on Mondays as well.
 Our office hours will be Mon-Wed & Fri 9.30am-2.30pm.

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.

RED NOVEMBER WED 19TH NOV—8AM MASS

A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia and New Zealand: ACN is the Pontifical Foundation dedicated to supporting the suffering and persecuted Church. Red Wednesday is an international initiative of Aid to the Church in Need (ACN). It is a day to stand up for faith and freedom; to gather and pray for those who suffer and are persecuted for their faith. Around the world, churches and public buildings will light up in red. In our Church we will celebrate Mass at 8am.

You can also visit rednovember.org to learn more.



HOUSE & GARDEN STALL—Thank You!

Thank you to all who donated towards the House & Garden Stall.
 \$825 was raised to go towards the Pastoral Works Appeal.

PASTORAL WORKS BROKEN BAY NOVEMBER 2025 APPEAL

Our Diocese of Broken Bay will be launching at the start of November, the Pastoral Works (PWBB) November Appeal. The Appeal supports various charities in our Diocesan community, particularly the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) and the Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Program. PWBB also supports St Lucy's School and St Edmund's College for students with disabilities, and the Ephpheta Centre supports the deaf community.



This financial year, 2025/2026, Wyong Parish has been asked to contribute to the charity works of our Diocese with \$21,083. These ministries need our community's generosity as they get little or no Government funding. Please consider donating to help us reach this year's goal. You can donate at any time, not only during May or November.

ALL DONATIONS OVER \$2 ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE!

Your generosity is much appreciated, and your donations will help someone within your Parish or the wider local Broken Bay community.

**You can also make a donation by scanning the QR code.*



CHILDREN'S LITURGY—YOU'RE INVITED !

All children are invited to attend the children's Liturgy at our weekend masses. Children's Liturgy is when the children leave the congregation to celebrate and reflect on the Sunday Gospel reading in an age appropriate way. The children are led through prayers, songs and readings that are adapted to their level of understanding. *(Please ensure there is a parent/guardian for children under 5yrs old; all parents/guardians welcome).*



Attending Mass together is a part of being a Catholic Family, while Children's Liturgy allows children to enter the celebration more fully by catering to their needs.

Mass with Children's Liturgy:

St Cecilia's Church, Wyong Sunday 9.30am
 St John Fisher Mass Centre, Tumby Umbi—Sunday 5:00pm



Speak with Maria to find out how you can volunteer!

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Renewing Our Eucharistic Practice

In every celebration of the Mass, the moment of Holy Communion is not simply a personal devotion, it is a sacred act of communion with Christ, with the Church and with one another.

In recent years the reception of Holy Communion has become increasingly irregular. Every parishioner should refresh the reception of Holy Communion from the Bishop's Pastoral Letter titled 'The Mystery of Faith: Encountering Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.' From the Feast of Christ the King, the faithful in Broken Bay Diocese as well as receiving the Body of Christ will once again receive the Blood of Christ from the Chalice.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are asked to remain after each Mass on the 8/9 November. A short training session will be held then, with a full commissioning planned for 2026.

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.



Parish Volunteer Thank You!

Fr Raul, Fr Alex & Fr Teody would like to thank all our volunteers, including, but not limited to, Liturgy, Cleaning, Mowing, Choir, Flowers, Fundraising and Sacraments. Your hard work is appreciated. All you do makes this a great Parish community!

Please join us on **Friday the 21st of November at 3:30pm** in the Parish Hall for drinks and nibbles.

RSVP by Tuesday the 18th November on the sheets provided in the Church or contact the Parish Office.



DID YOU KNOW?

DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

This commemoration replaces a Sunday in Ordinary Time because it is regarded as a Feast of the Lord. The basilica at the Lateran is one of the great churches in Rome, dedicated to Christ the Saviour in the fourth century. It is the cathedral church of Rome and it was there that the pope lived until the 14th century before he moved across to the Vatican. The inscription on the front of the building reads: Most Holy Lateran Church, of all the churches in the city and the world, the mother and the head.

This feast may seem unusual at first: why celebrate the dedication of a church building in Rome? Yet the Lateran Basilica, the cathedral church of the Bishop of Rome, symbolises the unity and communion of all the local Churches gathered around the successor of Peter. When we honour this physical building, the "mother and head of all churches", we affirm the deeper mystery it represents: the living temple of God's people built of living stones.

The prophet Ezekiel's vision of water flowing from the Temple captures this beautifully. From the sanctuary, a trickle becomes a river bringing life wherever it goes. God's presence is never static or confined; it overflows into the world, renewing and healing creation. The Church, too, is called to be that river, a people through whom the grace of Christ flows outward to bring life.

St Paul reminds the Corinthians that they themselves are God's building, founded on Christ, and that the Spirit dwells within them. The true temple of God is not stone or marble but a community shaped by holiness, faith, and love. Every Christian, every parish, every Eucharistic assembly is a visible sign of that living temple.

In the Gospel, Jesus cleanses the Temple, not to destroy it but to reveal its true purpose. "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." His own body becomes the new dwelling place of God among us. From his pierced side, as from Ezekiel's temple, flows the water of life and the Spirit poured out on the Church.

Today we give thanks for every church that shelters the gathered Body of Christ. Within their walls we are formed, forgiven, and sent forth. The feast of the Lateran Basilica calls us to recognise that the holiness of the Church's buildings points to the holiness of her people, and that from our worship should flow a living stream of mercy and renewal for the world.

<https://www.liturgia.com.au/App/Overview>



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.*

Parish E-Bulletin

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

Main Liturgical Feasts: November

9. Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, Feast 10. Leo the Great, 11. Martin of Tours; 12. Josaphat, 13. Frances Xavier Cabrini, 15. St Albert the Great, 16. Margaret of Scotland; Gertrude 17. Elizabeth of Hungary, 18. Basilicas of Peter and Paul; 21. Presentation of The Blessed Virgin Mary, 22. St Cecilia, 23. OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE, Solemnity, 24. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions, 25. Catherine of Alexandria, 30. Andrew the Apostle.

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

We appreciate all offerings and support gifted to our Parish!

To support the Priests (1st Collection):

Acc name: SOLT Australia Inc
BSB: 062 195
Acc no: 1022 9389

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

Acc name: Wyong Catholic Parish
BSB: 062 784
Acc no: 100 001 943

200 Club 2025

Prize change :

First prizes have been lowered by \$50.
Monthly Prizes: 1st \$250; 2nd \$150; 3rd \$100; 4th \$50
Major Prizes : 1st \$450; 2nd \$250; 3rd \$150; 4th \$100

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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 Teody Medina, SOLT Ph: 0410 202 823**

Parish Secretaries **Margaret Vandenberg & Christine Sassine**

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

FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/wyongcatholicparish

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SICK: Michael McDermott, Michele Bolton, Jeanine Doueihy, Lisa Glanville, Margaret McDermott, Dave Rodney, Danae Roe, Milva Kefu, Georgina Mastroianni, Tahniah Ahuriri, Mary Anne Xuereb, Tony Sabat, Colleen Goodwin, Maureen Cross, Vince Bosco

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Barbara Barry, Josephine Imer, Fahim (Frank) Laoulach

ANNIVERSARY NOVEMBER: Ron Mahoney, Marie Therese Bartlett, Frank Costa & Buttigieg Family, Martin Lloyd



Children's Liturgy at the following Masses

St Cecilia's 5:00pm Mass Saturday

St Cecilia's 9.30am Mass Sunday

St John Fisher 5pm Mass Sunday

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE

Mass St Barnabas, Yarramalong

1st Sun of month 11.15am

Filipino Mass St Cecilia's Church

3rd Sun of the month 12pm

Anointing of the Sick

First Friday of the Month

St Cecilia's During 8.00am & 11.30am Mass

St John Fisher During 9.15am Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

St Cecilia's Daily 7am-8am

St John Fisher 1st Fri 8.45 - 9.15am

Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual

Help Saturday—St Cecilia's & Wednesday—St John Fisher (after the 8am Mass)

Devotion to the Divine Mercy

St Cecilia's Fri after the 8am Mass

St John Fisher Fri after the 9:15am Mass

Prayer groups

St Cecilia's Rosary Group Tues after 8am mass followed by Divine Mercy

St Cecilia's Legion of Mary 9am Wed Meetings

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

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

PPC Secretary: Kerry Bugden

Ph: 02 4388 2938

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 Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The angel brought me to the entrance of the Temple, where a stream came out from under the Temple threshold and flowed eastwards, since the Temple faced east. The water flowed from under the right side of the Temple, south of the altar. He took me out by the north gate and led me right round outside as far as the outer east gate where the water flowed out on the right-hand side. He said, 'This water flows east down to the Arabah and to the sea; and flowing into the sea it makes its waters wholesome. Wherever the river flows, all living creatures teeming in it will live. Fish will be very plentiful, for wherever the water goes it brings health, and life teems wherever the river flows. Along the river, on either bank, will grow every kind of fruit tree with leaves that never wither and fruit that never fails; they will bear new fruit every month, because this water comes from the sanctuary. And their fruit will be good to eat and the leaves medicinal.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 45:2-3, 5-6, 8-9

R. The waters of the river gladden the city of God.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 3:9-11, 16-17

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

You are God's building. By the grace God gave me, I succeeded as an architect and laid the foundations, on which someone else is doing the building. Everyone doing the building must work carefully. For the foundation, nobody can lay any other than the one which has already been laid, that is Jesus Christ.

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation 2 Chronicles 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

I have chosen and sanctified this house, says the Lord,
that my name may remain in it for all time.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 2:13-22

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market'. Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up'. The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Spirituality in the Pub (SIP) Meeting

Spirituality in the Pub (SIP) Meeting 7.30-9.00pm **Wednesday 12th November** at the Grange Hotel, Wyoming (cnr. Renwick St & Pacific Hwy). Changed from Tuesday 11th November due to unavailability of venue, the special guest speaker is Dr John Irvine.

Dr John Irvine: Dr John has been one of Australia's most heard, seen and read child psychologists. Specialising in child development he has been working with children and families for 60 years.

Dr John discovered the 'worrywoos' and he has dedicated much of his retirement years to promoting their worth in "Developing Children's Emotional Intelligence". He then wrote two booklets for parents around the worrywoos, and developed the Australian guidelines for using the worrywoos in schools and early childhood centres. After a long and illustrious career Dr John is now dedicating his professional life to paying tribute via podcasts and books to the many kids, parents, grandparents and celebrities who have inspired him over the years.

Tell anyone else who may be interested. Bistro opens at 5.30pm. SIP enquiries: 0415 129250 or 0439 678608.

Many thanks in anticipation,

Tony

Tony Voller

for SIP Committee

Mob. 0488 334446

Catholic Vocations Broken Bay
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Please join us for our end of year gathering on
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Franciscan Invitation

Please join us at our November 14th monthly Franciscan prayer meeting at 1pm in the Reynolds Room Our Lady of the Rosary The Entrance. We take our inspiration of Gospel living from the way St Francis of Assisi interpreted the Gospels.

He counselled, admonished and exhorted his followers to be Meek, Peaceful, Modest, Gentle, Humble and to Speak courteously. They were not to Quarrel, Argue or Judge. Supporting the poor and marginalised is an absolute priority for Franciscans. Our meeting ends at 2.30pm

All newcomers and visitors welcome.

For further information please text Sandra Petith OFS Mob 0499811177 or you may like to check out our National Website

ofsaustralia.org.au

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11:28



November 2025

7th Nov (1st Friday)

Healing Prayer Service, 6:30pm-8:30pm

at Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church, **Chatswood**

INNER HEALING RETREAT, 14th-16th Nov

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For bookings: 02 4372 1598 or email: drcretreatrego@gmail.com

17th Nov (3rd Monday)

Healing Prayer Service, 7:00pm-9:00pm

at St Patrick's Church, 11 Macquarie street, **WALLSEND**

21st Nov (3rd Friday)

Holy Mass & Adoration, 6:00pm-9:00pm

at Our Lady Help of Christians, Church, 31 Oxford St, **EPHING**

30th Nov, 9:00am - 4:00pm

ONE DAY PILGRIMAGE (Last Sunday)

- Praise and Worship • Preaching the Word
- Eucharistic Adoration • Divine Mercy Chaplet • Holy Mass

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Contacts:

Vilma Tolosa 0411 250 593
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16 - 24 Dec | 5:30 AM

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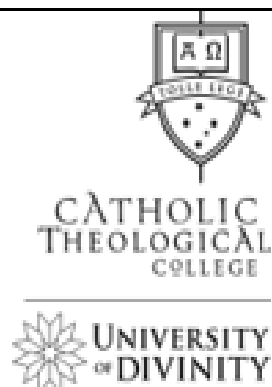
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Day 3	Mon 1 Dec	ACYF
Day 4	Tue 2 Dec	ACYF
Day 5	Wed 3 Dec	Return (Travel Day)

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Pilgrimage is open to young people in Year 9 at school, through to the age of 25, and their leaders and clergy.



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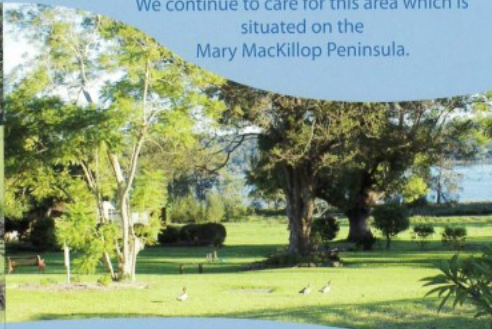
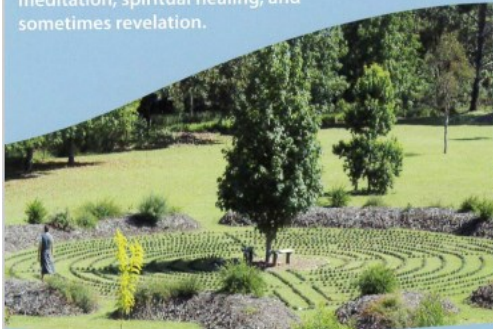
St Joseph's Spirituality and Education Centre Kincumber South

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

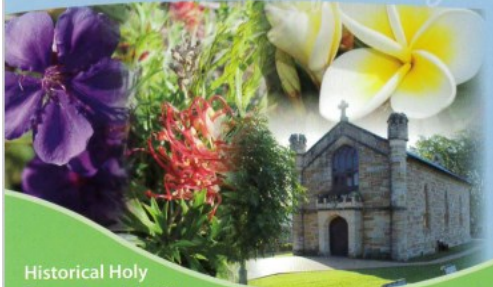
The labyrinth is a place for prayer, meditation, spiritual healing, and sometimes revelation.

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
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St Joseph's Spirituality and Education Centre offers the opportunity for individuals and groups to experience spiritual enrichment and personal development in a peaceful and spacious setting. The facilities are available to those whose purpose is in harmony with the spirit and philosophy of the Sisters of St Joseph.

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

St Joseph's Spirituality & Education Centre

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



Location

St Joseph's Spirituality and Education Centre is located at Kincumber South, in a natural bushland setting, in a quiet corner of the beautiful Central Coast of NSW.

The spacious grounds front the Kincumber Broadwater, creating an atmosphere of tranquility and peace that enhances the spiritual and reflective nature of the Centre.

A perfect place where people can be recharged, re-energized and spend precious time connecting with God, each other and nature.

Services

Dedicated staff are on hand to advise and to ensure the smooth running of your group's activities.

You can be certain of our personalised & professional service from start to finish for your conference, meeting or seminar.

The Centre is open to people of all faiths and beliefs and is a warm and welcoming place respecting cultural and religious differences.

Meals are prepared on site, catering for special dietary requirements.

Morning and afternoon tea are all homemade.

Facilities

St Joseph's is a smoke free environment.

The quality and presentation of the accommodation add to the overall ambience of the Centre.

A maximum of 54 people can be accommodated in 35 double, twin, or single rooms, all with modern ensuites.

Ramp and lift access to rooms is available, some bathrooms are wheelchair friendly.

Our facility hosts
Retreats
Conferences
Group Seminars
Small Group Meetings
Bible Study Groups
Prayer Days

Sound and visual equipment for conferences are available on request.

Walking Tracks and Gardens

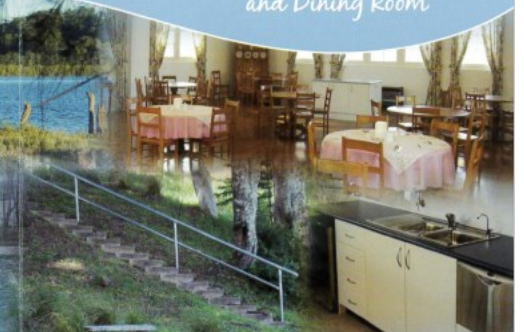
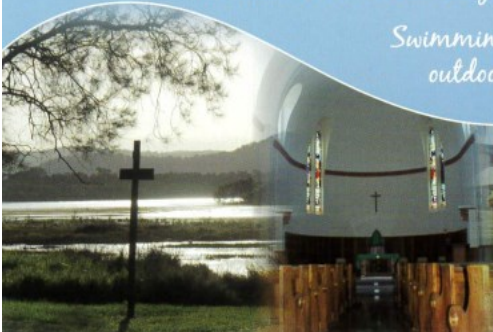
Meditation Areas and Mary of the Cross Walk

Swimming pool and outdoor patio

Chapel and prayer rooms

Conference Rooms

Lounge, Tea Bays and Dining Room



WE ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE OUR NEW ACCREDITATION FOR **HOME CARE PACKAGES**

CatholicCare is our social care agency in the Diocese of Broken Bay and we have been supporting the Northern Sydney, Northern Beaches and Central Coast communities for 35 years.

We understand many seniors prefer to stay at home as they age. The Government's funding for Home Care Packages can help you live independently at home for longer.

We want to know if our Home Care Packages are of interest to you, or a loved one and want to prioritise the needs of our parishioners before we promote to the general public. As a Catholic organisation we want the seniors we support to know they are truly cherished and valued and we're confident our services will be very well received.

There's no obligation to partner with CatholicCare. We may contact you to discuss your needs, but you're welcome to opt-out at anytime.

Name _____

Suburb _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Do you currently have Home Care Package funding from the Government?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

Do you need help applying for a Home Care Package?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Maybe

Is there any other feedback you'd like to provide?

Take a photo of this completed form and email to info@catholiccaredbb.org.au or text a photo of the form to 0481 602 046. Thank you.



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CHRISTOPHER WEST
THEOLOGY
of the **BODY I**

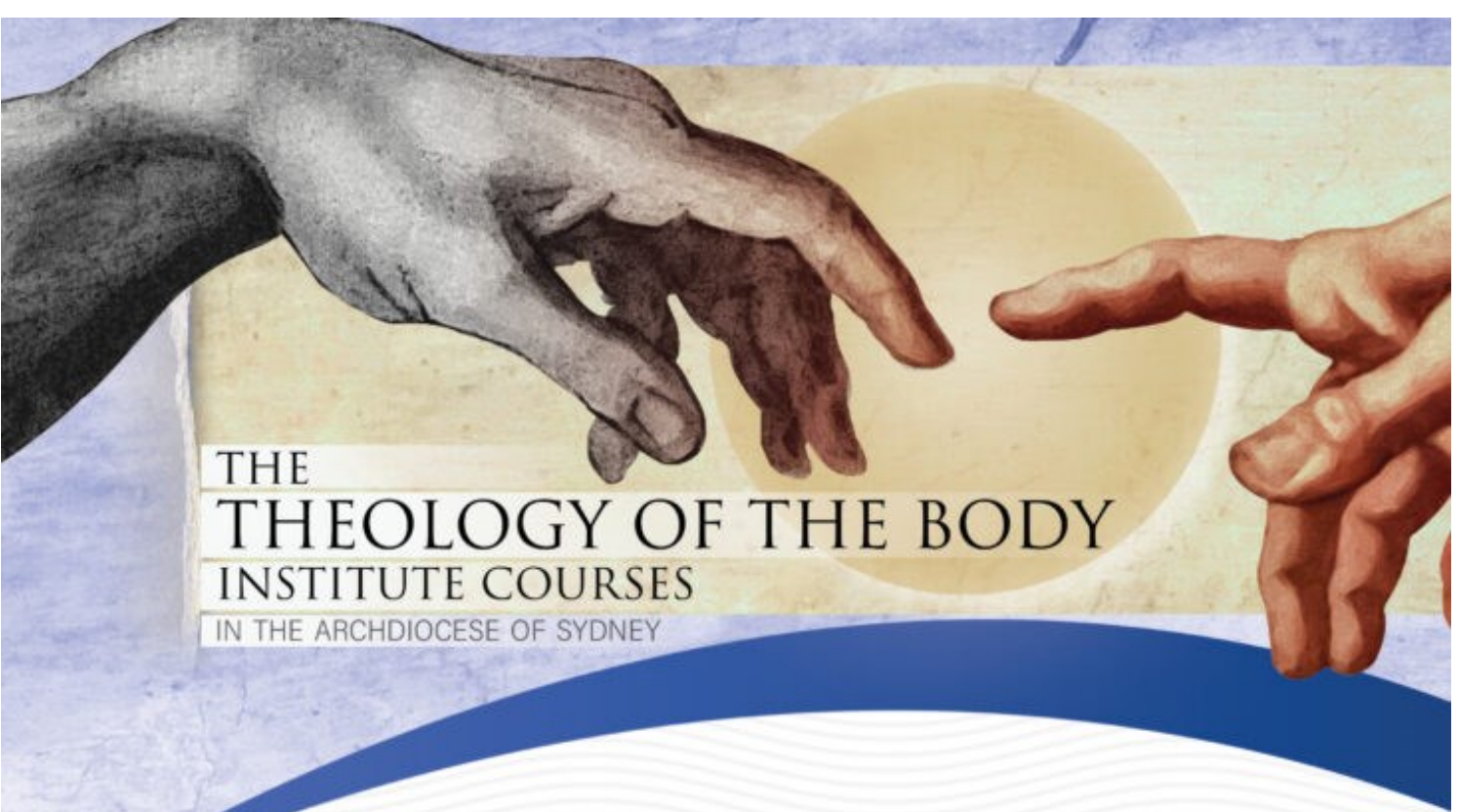
HEAD *&* HEART IMMERSION

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18-23 JANUARY 2026

Benedict XVI Retreat Centre



THE THEOLOGY OF THE BODY INSTITUTE COURSES

IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

“ And this is why it's already changing so many lives around the world. The Pope's teaching helps us distinguish between the real million-dollar bill and the counterfeit. It helps us 'untwist' our disordered desires and orients us towards the love that truly satisfies.

- Christopher West.

As part of its commitment to leadership and formation, expressed in the mission plan Go Make Disciples, the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation in the Archdiocese of Sydney has partnered with the Theology of Body (TOB) Institute to provide more accessible opportunities for Catholics in Sydney and beyond to be trained and formed in the Theology of the Body as proclaimed by St. John Paul II.

The TOB Institute are the leading providers of outreach and educational offerings of Theology of the Body and are dedicated to making these profound riches available in the lives of men and women around the world.

Through this partnership, our hope is that Australians are introduced and re-energised with this most important and crucial 'masterwork' and reach men and women in every state of life with a hopeful, liberating vision of human identity that appeals to the deepest yearnings of the heart for love and union.

“ It is a huge blessing to be doing this course together with my husband, as it has opened the way for us to share more deeply with each other and understand each other better as husband and wife.

- Jane, Wife and Doctor ”



THEOLOGY OF THE BODY I: HEAD & HEART IMMERSION COURSE

18-23 JANUARY 2026

3PM SUNDAY TO 1PM FRIDAY

Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, Grose Vale

- Five and a half days of live-in learning & interactive lectures (30 hours of graduate/master's level instruction)
- All course workbook and materials to help you focus more on listening and receiving
- Daily Mass, adoration, and confession
- 5-night accommodation in a **twin shared room** and delicious meals throughout the week
- Time for relaxation and networking
- Gorgeous retreat setting grounds to soak in God's natural beauty

Course Description

This course is a dynamic introduction to St John Paul II's groundbreaking *Theology of the Body* — a series of teachings from his 129 Wednesday addresses — that explore what it means to be human, made in God's image, and called to love.

Students will unpack themes like identity, freedom, gender, vocation, fall and redemption, and discover how our deepest desires can be a path to God — not a detour.

More than just head knowledge, this course invites a journey from insight to transformation — from head to heart, and into daily life.

Learning Objectives

The course is designed to:

- Explore and understand the philosophical foundation on which John Paul II built his theology of the body;
- Synthesize John Paul II's "adequate anthropology" and apply it to the Christian vocations of celibacy and marriage;
- Apply John Paul II's anthropology to a range of questions such as sexual morality, bio-ethics, gender issues, the sacramental life, and the new evangelization;
- Evaluate alternative anthropologies in comparison and contrast with John Paul II's vision of man and woman;
- Integrate the principles of John Paul II's Theology of the Body in one's own life and relationships.

This course is perfect for adults (18+) - lay, clergy, seminarians, religious, ministry leaders, parish coordinators, teachers and those who have a passion and desire to dive deeper into "the rediscovery of the meaning of the whole of existence, the meaning of life". No prerequisite is required to take this course.

“ The Theology of the Body Institute takes the great scholarship of St John Paul II and translates it into a language, images, music and stories that are understandable and resonate in the heart of the average person.
- Christopher West. ”

“ The greatest gift Theology of the Body gave me as an affirmation that the deepest longings, desires and yearnings of my own heart for love, fulfillment and intimacy were not only good but holy.
- Marie, university student ”

Meet your Instructors and Team:

CHRISTOPHER WEST



Dr Christopher West is the most dynamic and compelling evangelists renowned for his mission in spreading the teachings of St John Paul II's Theology of the Body. His global lecturing, best-selling books and multiple audio and video programs have made him the world's most recognised teacher of St John Paul II's "Theology of the Body" – a bold, biblical vision of love and sexuality. He is the co-founder, president and senior lecturer of Theology and Christian Anthropology at the Theology of the Body Institute and a devoted husband and father.

JASON CLARK



Since 2010, Jason has served as Christopher's closest collaborator in overseeing the global mission and outreach of spreading St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body. He has a passion for drawing people closer to the heart of Christ and has been doing so since the early 1990s as a youth and young adult minister, a seminarian, a worship leader, a speaker throughout the United States and abroad, and, most importantly, as a husband and father of five.



**LIFE, MARRIAGE
AND FAMILY**
SYDNEY CENTRE FOR EVANGELISATION

The **Life, Marriage and Family** team in the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation serves parish communities through initiatives that affirm the dignity of the human person and build a culture that supports marriages and families in their vocations. We provide opportunities for spiritual encounter, growth and formation in the areas of RCIA, sacramental life, marriage, family life and men's and women's ministry.

VISIT: www.sydneycatholic.org/lmf

The team will serve as your local support and point of contact for any queries about the program. They will also be present to assist with any needs during the course.

**REGISTRATION
INFORMATION**
REGISTRATIONS CLOSE
8 DECEMBER 2025



EARLY EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

- **Cost:** \$2100 AUD
- **Inclusion:** Immersion Course with all materials, five nights (twin-shared occupied) accommodation and meals.
- **Apply:** tobi.sydneycatholic.org

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

KEY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

POLICE: 000

Call the Police for immediate assistance.

1800 RESPECT: 1800 737 732

A national 24-hour 7 day a week service, for advice or support in relation to sexual assault and domestic violence. The service also connects victims to the nearest help according to their location.

FOR NON-ENGLISH SPEAKERS

Call 131 450 for an interpreter. Ask them to ring 1800 RESPECT for you.

CATHOLICARE BROKEN BAY

CatholicCare provides a range of services to assist women and children experiencing domestic violence

Central Coast: 1800 324 924	Northern Beaches: 1800 324 924
Naremburn: 1800 324 924	Waitara: 1800 324 924

MEN'S REFERRAL SERVICE: 1300 766 491

A national 24-hour 7 day a week anonymous and confidential counselling, information and referral service to help men stop using violent and controlling behaviour.

FOR FEMALE MIGRANTS UNDER A TEMPORARY VISA

Migrants are especially vulnerable to abuse because they are in unfamiliar territory without knowledge of the laws and emergency services they can access.

If you are experiencing domestic violence, you can take out an Apprehended Violence Order (AVO) against your partner.

Under the Migration Act you can apply for permanent residency due to domestic violence.

Ring any of the following numbers:

Immigration Advice and Rights Centre	02 8234 0777
Immigrant Women's SpeakOut Association	1800 656 463
Legal Aid NSW	1300 888 529 (business hours)

PHYSICAL AND SEXUAL ABUSE ARE SERIOUS INDICTABLE OFFENCES UNDER THE NSW CRIMES ACT 1900. It is an offence to fail to report knowledge or belief of a serious indictable offence. If in doubt, call 000.

This parish resource has been developed by the Diocese of Broken Bay's Catholic Life & Faith Formation Team in consultation with the Safeguarding Office (Chancery) and CatholicCare Broken Bay. This booklet is part of a Parish Kit which assists parishes to respond to those experiencing domestic violence or those who are seeking help for their violent behaviour. The kit is available for download www.bbcatholic.org.au

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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