

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

PARISH BULLETIN, 9TH OCTOBER 2022

*For all things give thanks to God,
because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.*

WYONG CATHOLIC PARISH

ST CECILIA'S CHURCH & ST JOHN FISHER MASS CTR

Under the Pastoral Care of the

Society of Our Lady of The Most Holy Trinity (SOLT)

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*



Reflection 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Like the nine lepers who didn't think it necessary to thank Jesus for the healing received, many of us take for granted our innumerable everyday blessings! We seem to move about with a sense of entitlement convinced we are deserving of the blessings received. True happiness lies not in what we receive, but in how we receive. As is evident from Jesus' commendation, 'your faith has saved you', the thankful Samaritan had understood the full meaning of what he had experienced.

St Ignatius of Loyola says, 'Gratitude is an attitude that keeps us aware of how we are blessed and who it is that blesses us. No doubt, all ten lepers had cried out in faith, 'Jesus, Master, take pity on us'. But only one felt inclined to show gratitude. When in trouble or pain we, like the lepers, desperately seek God and when help does come, be it through family, neighbour or friend, do we bother to thank God and that person? Or do we simply take it for granted, saying, 'Oh! He or she was just doing their duty'. **Today let us take the time to recall gratefully ten miracles God has wrought in our lives! Lord, let your touch warm us and heal us.**

Birthday Blessings 7th Oct

Happy Birthday Fr Raul, we hope your special day is blessed with God's joy and peace.

**Please RSVP
to Jo on 0424 763 734
BRUNCH IS SERVED!!**

Join us for Eggs, Bacon,
Sausages, Scones with jam
and cream, Tea and Coffee.

**10th October at 11am
On the Parish Veranda
23 Byron Street Wyong
All welcome!!**

PARISH 100 CLUB FUND RAISER

A '100 Club' will run from 31 October to 16 December. The funds raised will help our parish with commitments for the 2022/2023 Church year.

Minor draws will occur each week leading up to the major draw which will take place at the Parish Christmas Get Together on 16 December.

Cost for a number is \$40.00

Detailed information will be handed out on the weekend of 8/9 October, where the first sale for a number will occur.

Thank you to all parishioners for being part of this fundraising.

Commemoration Masses for Deceased Pre-term and Post-term Babies

At each Mass on the 15th/16th October there will be an opportunity for families or individuals to remember those babies who died either pre-term or post-term. Candles will be lit, special prayers offered and commemoration cards be given out. In times past, little recognition was given to the death of a pre-term baby particularly, so some parents or individuals have found it helpful to actually give the deceased baby a name even years later. Each year we have more families or individuals coming to these Masses to honour the short life of their little ones.

PRAYER:

Heavenly Father you know each of us inside and out. We pray that you grace us with the goodness and compassion to be generous with what we own and serve the poor in our midst. In you all things are possible, so whilst we are thankful for the blessings in our lives, may we always love you above all else. Amen

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Jam Jars Needed

Rae is going to make some of her delicious Passion Fruit Jam, that she will sell at our weekend Masses to raise money for the parish. If you have some small to medium jars you can donate, please either bring them along to mass and give them to Fr Raul and Fr Alex our you are welcome to drop them to the Parish office.

Sisters of Charity Raffle to be held all Masses this weekend 8th/9th at St Cecilia's. Proceeds go towards Missionary Sisters of Charity at Catherin, Alice Springs and Orange. Tickets are \$2.00 each

Upcoming Events/meeting

BRUNCH IS SERVED!!

Monday 10th October at 11am On the Parish Veranda 23 Byron Street Wyong

Catechist Meeting

11th October 10.30am

Memorial Mass for Deceased Pre-term & Post-term Babies (still-births, miscarriages, terminations & abortions)

All weekend Masses 15th/16th October

Computer Classes

19th October and 9th November
meet 8.30am St Cecilia's church car park

ALL SAINTS

1st November Tuesday - Mass
St Cecilia's 8am & St John Fisher 9.15am

ALL SOULS DAY

2nd November Wednesday - Mass
St Cecilia's 8am & St John Fisher 8am

Baptism Preparation

5th November 10.00am

Spouses Remembrance Mass.

All weekend Masses 5th/6th November

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

8th November 6pm

St Cecilia's Feast Day

Tuesday 22nd November

Bunnings BBQ

Saturday 3rd December

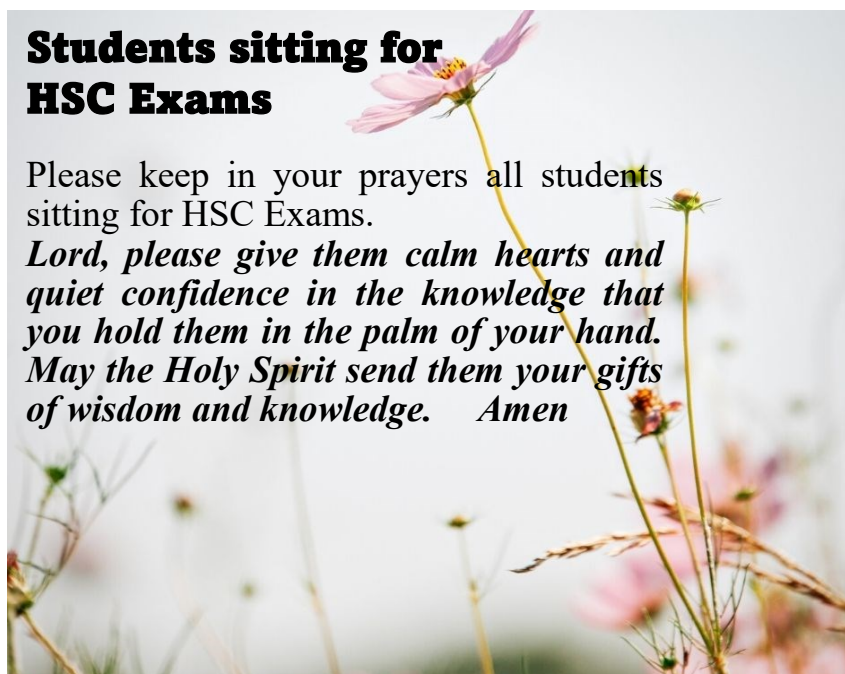
Parish Christmas Get Together dinner

Friday 16th Dec 6.00pm St John Fisher Hall

Students sitting for HSC Exams

Please keep in your prayers all students sitting for HSC Exams.

Lord, please give them calm hearts and quiet confidence in the knowledge that you hold them in the palm of your hand. May the Holy Spirit send them your gifts of wisdom and knowledge. Amen



"AN OPURTUNITY RETURNS"

Students at St Peter's College are once again offering to help parishioners with their electronic devices such as phones, laptop, iPad. If you need help working your electronic devices the students can help!!

The two sessions are

Wednesday 19th October &

Wednesday 9th November

From 9am to 12pm.

Morning tea will be provided

Please RSVP to Jo on

0424 763 734

Please meet at St Cecilia's Church at 8.30am. A bus will take you to and from the college, no need to worry about parking.

Extra Mower's Required

We are appealing for more mowers

If there is any person who would be kind enough to join us in the mowing and general maintenance of the Church (approx. 1 hr four times a year depending on the numbers we have) please contact Brian on 4388 2938.

To make life a little easier our equipment consists of a ride-on-mower and a self-propelled mower. Thank you.



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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

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

ST JOHN FISHER MASS CENTRE

Hicks Lane Tumby 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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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

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

PARISH EMAIL: wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au

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

FACEBOOK: 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 8.15 - 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 & Peter Rheinberger, Hannah Hopwood, Fay King, Joan Mabbutt, Irene Dainty, John Cornwell, Eoin, Paula, Francis (Frank) Trinca, Peter Meury

RECENTLY DECEASED: Patricia Doyle

ANNIVERSARY OCTOBER: Margaret Donnelly, Frank Costa, Kerry Baldwin, Eileen Preston, James Smith

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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.

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD *Reproduced from Liturgia*

First Reading 2 Kings 5:14-17

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 97:1-4

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Second Reading 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Remember the Good News that I carry, 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal - but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:

If we have died with him, then we shall live with him.

If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him.

If we disown him, then he will disown us.

We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful,
for he cannot disown his own self.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Alleluia, alleluia! For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention October

A Church Open to Everyone

We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.



Vox Episcopi - the Voice of the Bishop

7th October 2022

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

One only need look at the evening news bulletin to realise that there are some very worrying developments in our world: wars and conflicts, the rise of secularism and the decline in religion, the sexual revolution and the lack of morality, increasing violence and crime. We have Global problems of famine and poverty, debt and disease, displaced and homeless people, asylum seekers and political refugees.

A quick glance around can easily lead to a sense of hopelessness and fear. Given our situation, the words of the Archangel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary in Luke's Gospel can seem rather unrealistic: "*Do not be afraid*". Do we not have a reason to be afraid? Where are the signs of God's Kingdom?

This week we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. It is the patronal feast of our Cathedral Church here in Broken Bay. The feast that we celebrate reminds us of our need for faith. Like us, Mary simply had the word, the promise of God to rely on, yet she allowed this promise to mould and direct her life completely, because the word spoken by the Angel was no ordinary word, but rather the living and eternal Word, Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

We too are like Mary, setting out on a faith-journey, knowing that only God can answer our deepest needs, yet unsure as to how this will happen. And so, at times we might feel discouraged and begin to doubt. As the first disciple of the Lord, Mary teaches us to be ready for action, alert, always watchful, not to be distracted from the goal to which our faith calls us.

In the Church, the month of October is traditionally dedicated to the Rosary. Today I would like to recommend the Rosary to you as a powerful prayer by which we can mediate upon the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus – through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

If you are already familiar with this marvellous prayer, might you take the time to invite someone to pray it with you during this month. It may be a terrific opportunity to teach someone who is unfamiliar with the Rosary. Do not be afraid. You can always use the Sacred Scriptures as your guide. There you will find the strength and hope that is needed in our world today.

May Our Lady of the Rosary, intercede for us. With and through her, may we gaze on the face of Christ our Lord and Saviour.

+Anthony

Parish Pastoral Councils Diocesan Online Gathering

All Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Members and Clergy of the Diocese of Broken Bay are invited to gather to:

- Share our parish good news stories
- Discuss strategies for evangelisation at Christmas
- Look ahead at planning for 2023

Date: Wednesday 12 October 2022, 7:00pm – 8:30pm

To be held online via Zoom

Please register [here](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

For further information, please contact Pina Bernard, Team Leader Parish Renewal and Discipleship, on 0432 682 239 or pina.bernard@bbcatholic.org.au

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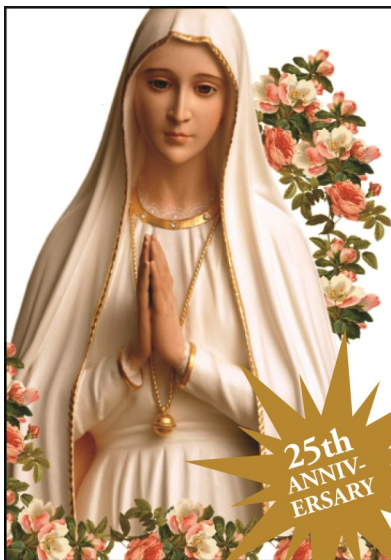
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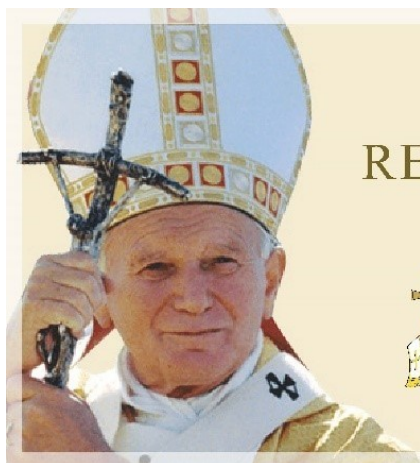
Our Lady of Fatima Feast Day

WITH MOST REV ANTHONY RANDAZZO
BISHOP OF BROKEN BAY DIOCESE

Here at St Benedict's Parish, Sunday 9th October 2022 at 12:30pm
Commences with recital of the Rosary in five languages followed by Mass.

For further information: 0438 521 421

There will be a nine-day **"NOVENA"** held at 6.25pm in St Benedict's Church, starting Fri 30th September 2022. (First Friday Mass will follow)



INSTALLATION MASS

RELIC of SAINT POPE JOHN PAUL II

at St PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
EAST GOSFORD



TIME: 11:00am
DATE: 22nd October 2022



On October 22, Bishop Anthony will be installing a relic of Saint Pope John Paul II at St. Patrick's Church, East Gosford. At this Mass, St. Patrick's will be established as a Shrine, with a blessing of the associated Pastoral Centre. The Shrine aims to invoke new inspiration for evangelisation, offering pilgrims a form of devotion that is not common in the Australian context. Those who attend the Mass are eligible to receive a partial indulgence, and the Shrine will be open during the day for prayer and veneration. A celebration with refreshments will follow.

All are warmly welcome to join in this wonderful event. Please register your attendance at JP11.Centre@bbcatholic.org.au, including your full name and the number of people attending with you. Large groups (especially bus groups - e.g., from parishes and schools) are asked to make contact early to ensure arrangements can be made.

Date: Saturday 22 October 2022

Time: 11:00 am

Venue: St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 76 York Street, East Gosford

More information will be available at: www.bbcatholic.org.au/gosford/JP11 (website to go live soon).

CatholicCare

Diocese of Broken Bay

PASTORAL CARE SEMINAR DAY

Wednesday 26th October 2022

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

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In Times of Crisis

To celebrate **Pastoral Care Week 2022**, CatholicCare's Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Team invite you to our **Pastoral Care Seminar Day**. This will be a day of enrichment and fellowship for all those people in the Diocese of Broken Bay who are involved in a ministry to care for the sick.

All are very welcome to attend, including: Priests, Deacons, Religious, Pastoral Care Practitioners, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Pastoral Visitors and Social Workers.

Morning tea and lunch will be provided.

Our special guest presenters will be:

Rev. Dr Stephen Robinson & Rev David Riethmuller

Venue:

Caroline Chisholm Centre
Building 2, Level 8
423 Pennant Hills Rd
Pennant Hills
(Car park entry via City View Rd or
a 10 minute walk from Pennant Hills Station)

For enquiries please contact:

Denis O'Brien
Acting Practice Manager Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care
Mobile: 0439 009 932

**To register your attendance please send an email by
Wednesday 19th October to:**

denis.obrien@catholiccaredbb.org.au

(please also note any special dietary requirements)

Diocesan Celebration of World Youth Day - Youth Gathering for Feast of Christ the King

In the afternoon and evening of Saturday the 19th of November, Catholic Youth Broken Bay will be inviting together youth, young adults, and our Diocesan community to mark Local World Youth Day. The **19th of November** is the vigil of Christ the King and in answer to Pope Francis' call to gather youth, young adults, priests, families, youth ministers, and teachers for pilgrimage, Mass, food, fun, prayer, and community. Bishop Anthony will celebrate the Mass and help us all to discover the journey that God has in store for each of us. More details are to be released soon, but for now, save the date.

All are invited to attend.



Only 42 weeks to go!

The good news is that there is still time to register your interest in joining the DBB WYD23 pilgrimage to Portugal.

There are two pilgrimage options for young adults (18-35yrs):

- 1: **Full pilgrimage: Italy and Portugal (22 July – 11 August 2023)**
- 2: **Direct pilgrimage: Portugal only (29 July – 11 August 2023).**

Watch this video for details and some footage of our Lisbon destinations: [Young adult WYD Lisbon update](#)

Bookings for young adults are filling up fast, so don't wait too long: ask yourself today whether God might be calling you to World Youth Day Lisbon in 2023!

Visit <https://bbwyd.org.au/register-for-wyd/> to register.

20-22 OCTOBER 2022

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ENCOUNTER
DISCIPLESHIP
MISSION

An excellent formation opportunity for your parish is being offered through the 'Evangelise' conference this October.

The Australian Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry will host a national online conference from October 20-22. The conference will promote understanding and explore practices of evangelisation in Australia through *encounters* with Christ, formation in *discipleship*, and *mission* in the world.

A wide variety of topics will be offered, including areas of evangelisation, leadership, ministry, liturgy and sacraments, social justice, youth, and marriage and family.

Please promote to parishioners, in particular to parish and ministry leaders and teams. Parishes are encouraged to attend as a group, and to subsidise registration where possible to enable participation.

Cost is \$25 per person, \$20 for 5 or more registrations.

Further information and registration details: <https://nce.catholic.org.au/bcelm-conference/events/bcelm-conference>

This is a great follow-up to the recent Laying a Missionary Foundation course that many parishes participated in. To discuss how this Conference could be part of a wider parish strategy towards parish renewal, and to receive support in implementing outcomes, please contact Pina Bernard on 0432 682 239

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Twilight Talks Formation Reboots

On Wednesday 21st of September, a much-loved CYBB initiative recommenced with the return of the Twilight Talks format. Wednesday's gathering at Hotel Pennant Hills was the first of a 2023 series called *Being Human* which examines who we are as people and what this means for our fulfillment and happiness. Guest speaker Marie Van Rensberg – previously from *The Culture Project* – broke open God's original plan for humanity, and how this is still possible despite the challenges we face.



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FORTNIGHT**



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Diocese of Broken Bay

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COMMUNITY VISITORS SCHEME

www.catholiccaredbb.org.au/volunteer

We are seeking volunteers for our Community Visitors Scheme

JUST ONE HOUR A FORTNIGHT IS REQUIRED

Would you like to volunteer for an organisation with exceptional values? Are you passionate about achieving positive outcomes for seniors?

CatholicCare Diocese of Broken Bay is seeking volunteers for our federally funded Community Visitors Scheme. Our volunteers have flexibility to choose a day and time that suits them, we just ask for a commitment of at least one hour per fortnight. As a volunteer you will support seniors in a local Aged Care facility or in their own home to help improve their quality of life.

Affectionately referred to as CatholicCare's 'friendship program', you will be able to build new connections and positive relationships with someone who will greatly appreciate your company. The time will be spent having a cuppa, going on outings, reading together, listening to music, playing games and other activities. We receive regular requests for volunteers who speak other languages so it's a bonus if you are multilingual! All volunteers are supported with regular check-ins. Can you help? Please call Nicki on 0418 435 304, email nicki.bispham@catholiccaredbb.org.au or visit www.catholiccaredbb.org.au/volunteer