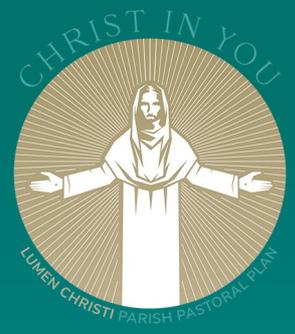


# 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, A

1 OCTOBER 2023

## PARISH VISION

We are called to reveal the Light of Christ to the world



## MASS TIMETABLE

### St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong

|           |                          |
|-----------|--------------------------|
| Monday    | Mass: 7am                |
| Tuesday   | Mass: 7am                |
| Wednesday | Mass: 7am                |
|           | Confessions: 11:30am     |
|           | Mass: 12.10pm            |
| Thursday  | Mass: 7am                |
| Friday    | Mass: 7am                |
|           | Adoration: 11:30am       |
|           | Confessions: 11:30am     |
|           | Mass: 12.10pm            |
| Saturday  | Confessions: 11am—12pm   |
| Sunday    | Mass: 7am, 10.30am & 5pm |

### St Brigid's, Gwynneville

|                |              |
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| Thursday       | Mass: 9.30am |
| Saturday Vigil | Mass: 5.30pm |
| Sunday         | Mass: 9am    |

### St John Vianney Co-Cathedral, Fairy Meadow

|          |                           |
|----------|---------------------------|
| Tuesday  | Mass: 9.30am              |
| Thursday | Mass: 9.30am (Italian)    |
| Sunday   | Mass: 8.30am              |
|          | Mass: 10am (Italian)      |
|          | Mass: 4.30pm (Vietnamese) |

### Mater Dolorosa, Balgownie

|        |            |
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| Sunday | Mass: 10am |
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## PARISH OFFICE

**Office Hours:** Monday to Friday 8.30am—2.00pm  
(Closed for Lunch 12pm—12.30pm)  
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Assistant Priest & UoW Chaplain  
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General Manager  
**Leanne Burlin,**  
Parish Secretary  
**Patricia Di Leva,**  
Administration Assistant

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**Gabi Tobin,** Chair of the Finance Council

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**Toni Sillis,** Principal, Good Samaritan Fairy Meadow

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We show our respect and acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the Dharawal Country, Elders past, present, and emerging, and extend that respect to all other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.



# LUMEN CHRISTI

## CATHOLIC PARISH

### MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE ...

Mary Formosa, Isobel Therese Joseph.

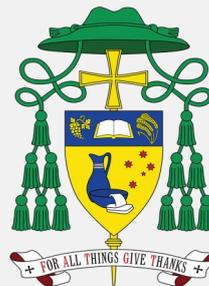
### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS ...

Bishop Peter Ingham, Fr David Catterall, Jan Coulson, Nelson Salinas, Margaret Gray, Joan O'Dowd, Alan Curtis, Matthew Johnson, Suzy May Gellel, Pat Carr, John Parkinson, Joseph Scalia, Bill Sharpe, Therese & Noel Rouse.

### MONTHLY PARISH LUNCHEON

We are calling for all parishioners to come to our Parish luncheon held on Thursday 5th October, 12pm at the Fraternity Club Fairy Meadow. You can grab yourself a meal, drink and have a chat with your fellow parishioners!

We look forward to seeing you there!



# In our parish & around the diocese

## PARISH CALENDAR: OCT—DEC 2023

**Wed, 4 Oct:** St Francis of Assisi  
**Thu, 5 Oct:** Parish Lunch, Frat Club Fairy Meadow 12pm  
**Sat, 7 Oct:** Songs from a Strange Land  
**Sun, 22 Oct:** World Mission Sunday & Catholic Mission Appeal  
**Tue, 31 Oct:** +BM, Priestly Ordination Anniversary (1992)  
**Wed, 1 Nov:** All Saints, SFX 7am & 12.10pm  
**Thu, 2 Nov:** All Souls, SFX 7am & 12.10pm & SBG 9.30am  
**Thu, 2 Nov:** Parish Lunch, Frat Club Fairy Meadow 12pm  
**Sun, 5 Nov:** Hospitality weekend  
**Sat, 11 Nov:** Diocesan Catechist Mass, SFX 10am  
**Sat, 11 Nov:** No Reconciliation at 11am  
**Wed, 15 Nov:** Baptism Class, SFX 7pm  
**Sat, 18 Nov:** Cathedral Cleaning Working Bee, SFX 8am  
**Sun, 26 Nov:** Feast of Christ the King  
**Sat, 2 Dec:** Hark concert  
**Sun, 3 Dec:** First Sunday of Advent - Year B  
**Sun, 3 Dec:** Blessing of St Francis Xavier Statue, SFX 10.30am  
**Sun, 3 Dec:** St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal 2023

## SACRAMENTS

- ♦ **Baptisms:** By appointment only. Baptism preparation session must be completed. Contact the parish office or book online [lumenchristi.org.au/baptism](https://lumenchristi.org.au/baptism)
- ♦ **Marriages:** A preliminary appointment needs to be made at least 6 months prior to Wedding Date (**No Sunday weddings in our parish**)
- ♦ For Pastoral and Sacramental needs, please contact the parish office during office hours

## HELPFUL LINKS

- ♦ **Mass for you at Home:** [youtube.com/massforyouathome](https://youtube.com/massforyouathome)
- ♦ **Mass/Prayer Intentions:** [lumenchristi.org.au/intentions](https://lumenchristi.org.au/intentions)
- ♦ **Light a Votive Candle:** [lumenchristi.org.au/votive](https://lumenchristi.org.au/votive)
- ♦ **Census Form:** [lumenchristi.org.au/census](https://lumenchristi.org.au/census)
- ♦ **Online Donations:** [lumenchristi.org.au/donate](https://lumenchristi.org.au/donate)
- ♦ **Join Planned Giving:** [lumenchristi.org.au/support](https://lumenchristi.org.au/support)
- ♦ **Columbarium:** [lumenchristi.org.au/columbarium](https://lumenchristi.org.au/columbarium)
- ♦ **Sacramental Programme:** [lumenchristi.org.au/sacramental](https://lumenchristi.org.au/sacramental)
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- ♦ **St Brigid's School:** [sbgdow.catholic.edu.au](https://sbgdow.catholic.edu.au)
- ♦ **Good Samaritan School:** [gsfmdow.catholic.edu.au](https://gsfmdow.catholic.edu.au)

## PARISH EFT BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

### CHURCH ACCOUNT

(Donations & Planned Giving)

**BSB:** 066 711 **Account:** 008056

**Account Name:** Lumen Christi Parish

### PRESBYTERY ACCOUNT

(For the Clergy)

**BSB:** 066 711 **Account:** 002286

**Account Name:** Lumen Christi Parish Presbytery

## BLESSING FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS

9:30AM TUESDAY 17 OCTOBER @ SJV



All parishioners are invited to Mass at St John Vianney Co-Cathedral on Tuesday 17 October at 9:30am to pray for all mothers, especially those who preparing to give birth or are experiencing difficulties in their pregnancy. At Mass the blessing for expectant mothers will be prayed as a sign of our prayerful affection and support.

## CONCERTS IN THE CATHEDRAL

### BEAUTIFUL MUSIC UPLIFTS OUR SOULS

As you may have noticed, our parish has been hosting an increasing number of concerts and musical events. These gatherings have become a source of joy, inspiration, and faith for our community. We believe that music has the power to uplift our souls and bring us closer to the divine, and these concerts have certainly achieved that.

It is important to emphasize that these events also serve another very important purpose. While they provide us with spiritual enrichment, they also play a crucial role in supporting our faith community. The funds generated from these concerts go directly towards the operational costs of our Lumen Christi Parish.

We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all those who have attended these concerts, as your presence and support have made them a lively experience of the sublime. Your contributions, whether through ticket sales or donations, help ensure that our parish remains a place of worship, community, and culture for generations to come.

### UPCOMING CONCERTS AT THE CATHEDRAL

**Saturday 7 October 2023** Songs from a Strange Land

**Saturday 2 December 2023** Hark!

Tickets to be purchased online @ [songcompany.com.au](https://songcompany.com.au)

*Another six concerts scheduled in 2024!*

May the music that fills our parish continue to inspire and lifts our hearts on our spiritual journey, and may it serve as a reminder of the unity and faith that bind us together.

Kevin Galea, GM

### PUBLIC HOLIDAY LABOUR DAY

Mass will be offered at **8am Monday 2nd October** on Labour Day Public Holiday at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong.



For more information on bequests please visit: [lumenchristi.org.au/bequest](https://lumenchristi.org.au/bequest)

# In our parish & around the diocese

## MONTH OF THE ROSARY

October is especially dedicated to praying the Rosary, a most beautiful way of gently contemplating the saving Life, Light, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus. During the month of October you are warmly invited to pray the Rosary at **Mater Dolorosa Church Balgownie, 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th of October at 2pm.**

## NOVEMBER MASSES

To have Mass offered for your deceased relatives, friends, and benefactors, please print their names clearly on an envelope. Names will be published in the book of the dead. You can get envelopes at the church doors and parish office or visit our website at: [lumenchristi.org.au/NovemberMass](http://lumenchristi.org.au/NovemberMass)

## SUNDAY MASS COUNT IN NOVEMBER

Part of reviewing how we are progressing as a parish is to get a more precise picture of how many are attending Sunday Mass. To help in this review, a Mass count will be taken during the first three weekends in November.

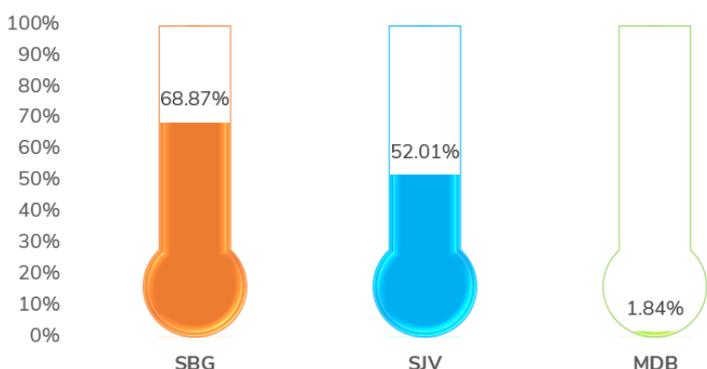


## SAVE OUR KNEES APPEAL

Please donate for new padding on the kneelers at St John Vianney's Co-Cathedral, St Brigid's and Mater Dolorosa by:

- ◆ completing a pledge form online at: [www.lumenchristi.org.au/kneelers](http://www.lumenchristi.org.au/kneelers)
- ◆ **Direct Deposit**  
BSB: **066 711** Account #: **008056** Ref: **Your Name-SOK**  
Cheques Payable to: **Lumen Christi Parish**
- ◆ Or by collecting an envelope from the church door (mark it **"Kneelers Donation"**) and place it inside the collection bag, collection boxes, or hand it in at the parish office.

## DONATIONS AS OF 25 SEPTEMBER 2023



For more information on our Columbarium please visit: [lumenchristi.org.au/columbarium](http://lumenchristi.org.au/columbarium)

pire of Caesar to the Kingdom of God. This signalled a profound change of heart.

We may have said 'No' to God at various times with various intensity in our lives. But God is wonderfully patient and prepared to hear 'No' many times in the hope of hearing 'Yes'. God's patience never runs out. But our time to say 'Yes' does run out. We only have a relatively short life span!

At the end of Mass, I will say 'Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.' As St Francis of Assisi put it, 'Preach the Gospel, and occasionally use words.' Walk the talk.

## HELLO FROM RAINY DUBLIN!

Dear Parishioners of Lumen Christi

One resolution I set myself for this sabbatical was to get a regular Sunday experience of Mass from the congregation's perspective in Ireland. One Sunday I attended Mass at Mary Immaculate Refuge of Sinners, Rathmines, when parishioners were celebrating the 200th anniversary of their parish.

Parishioners of all ages were present and the children from the local parish school were warmly welcomed and proclaimed the Prayers of the Faithful for deceased and present parishioners, the sick, the homeless, (there was a collection for them at the request of the Archbishop of Dublin) and the people suffering in Morocco and Libya. The organ music was mellifluous and grand, the hymns and chanting of the Kyrie eleison, Gloria in Excelsis and Credo in Unum Deum prayerfully relaxing. The homily gracious, clear and measured.

The basilica style church crowned by a majestic copper dome was the third built on that site over 200 years of parish life. During the Mass, the parish priest honoured all the parishioners who had contributed so much in that time to the



Mary Immaculate Rathmines, in the quiet after Mass

building of their magnificent church. But, he noted that the parish is more than the physical building but rather the living stones of the People of God who live, worship, pray, and fulfill the mission of the Church in Rathmines, Dublin.

At the end of Mass, there was a procession of a relic of the Cross held in a crucifix reliquary that was 500 years old and had been given to the Pope of the time by Queen Isabella of

Spain. In 1856 Pope Pius IX gave the reliquary to Cardinal Paul Cullen of Dublin and it was eventually bequeathed to the parish of Rathmines. It is who you know ...

With prayerful best wishes,

Fr Bernard

### Entrance Antiphon

**Daniel 3:31,29,30,43,42**

All that you have done to us, O Lord,  
you have done with true judgement,  
for we have sinned against you  
and not obeyed your commandments.  
But give glory to your name  
and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

### First Reading

**Ezekiel 18:25-28**

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

*The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.*

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6**

**(R.)** Remember your mercies, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.  
Do not remember the sins of my youth.  
In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**

### Second Reading

**Philippians 2:1-11**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

*In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.*

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine,  
yet he did not cling  
to his equality with God  
but emptied himself

to assume the condition of a slave,  
and became as men are;  
and being as all men are,  
he was humbler yet,  
even to accepting death,  
death on a cross.  
But God raised him high  
and gave him the name  
which is above all other names  
so that all beings  
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,  
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus  
and that every tongue should acclaim  
Jesus Christ as Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

### Gospel Acclamation

**John 10:27**

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;

I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

**Matthew 21:28-32**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.*

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

### Communion Antiphon

**Cf Psalm 118:49-50**

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,  
by which you have given me hope.

This is my comfort when I am brought low.

### REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

**'No, no, no, no ... Y-yes!'**

Jesus tells a little story about two brothers. One said 'Yes', but never did anything. The other said 'No', but then had a change of heart and did what was required. Jesus loved the brother who came around. He was very hard on the one who said 'Yes' but did not 'walk the talk'.

That is why he loved those tax collectors who gathered the revenue for the Roman authorities, and the prostitutes who serviced the Roman occupying army, but who switched allegiance from the Em-

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