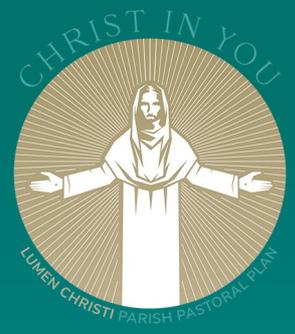


29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, A

22 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

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

Sunday	Mass: 10am
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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.



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MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE ...

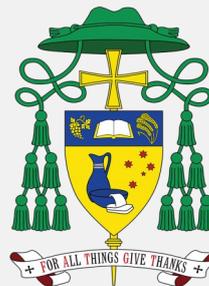
Maria da Luz, Ian Hiscox, John & Jane Refalo, Margaret Gray, Elsie Baird, Robert (Ron) Lunnon, Daphne O'Donnell, Richard O'Donnell.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS ...

Bishop Peter Ingham, Fr David Catterall, Brian Bourke, Jan Coulson, Joan O'Dowd, Suzy May Gellel, Pat Carr, John Parkinson, Joseph Scalia, Therese & Noel Rouse.

DAILY ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS REFLECTIONS

The Sign: Daily Advent and Christmas Reflections 2023—a captivating 80-page book containing spiritually rich, yet accessible, daily reflections from the beginning of Advent through to the Baptism of the Lord. Purchase your Advent Book for only \$2.50 each. Go to: lumenchristi.org.au/shop



In our parish & around the diocese

PARISH CALENDAR: OCT—DEC 2023

Fri, 27 Oct: Rosary Prayed at Mater Dolorosa Church, 2pm
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
Sat, 11 Nov: Wollongong Concert, SFX 4pm
Wed, 15 Nov: Baptism Class, SFX 7pm
Tue, 21 Nov: Australian Brandenburg Concert, SFX 7pm
Sun, 26 Nov: Feast of Christ the King
Sat, 2 Dec: Hark concert, SFX 2pm
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
Sun, 3 Dec: Hospitality weekend
Fri, 8 Dec: Immaculate Conception

SACRAMENTS

- ♦ **Baptisms:** By appointment only. Baptism preparation session must be completed. Contact the parish office or book online 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
- ♦ **Mass/Prayer Intentions:** lumenchristi.org.au/intentions
- ♦ **Light a Votive Candle:** lumenchristi.org.au/votive
- ♦ **Census Form:** lumenchristi.org.au/census
- ♦ **Online Donations:** lumenchristi.org.au/donate
- ♦ **Join Planned Giving:** lumenchristi.org.au/support
- ♦ **Columbarium:** lumenchristi.org.au/columbarium
- ♦ **Sacramental Programme:** lumenchristi.org.au/sacramental
- ♦ **Privacy Policy:** privacy.lumenchristi.org.au
- ♦ **St Brigid's School:** sbgdow.catholic.edu.au
- ♦ **Good Samaritan School:** 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

"HEARTS ON FIRE, FEET ON THE MOVE"

- WORLD MISSION SUNDAY APPEAL -

This year's World Mission Sunday theme is inspired by the story of the disciples on the way to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35): "Hearts on fire, feet on the move". Pope Francis' message for Mission Day encourages us all to renew our commitment to proclaim the Good News and support missionary work.

Please give to the World Mission Sunday Appeal by using the envelopes provided this **weekend of 21/22 October** for cash or credit card donations.

Catholic Mission thanks you for your great support!

BELFAST IS BEAUTIFUL!

Dear Parishioners,

Northern Ireland is a treat. The grass and gentle hills are soothing rich green. But, now the Autumn has arrived, the temperature is cool at night with sunny days, the air is clear and fresh, and the green leaves on trees are transforming to fiery reds, burnt oranges and glorious yellows. There is a young tree outside my room in Belfast that is the deepest plum and it sways majestically in the breeze. It as though this land was always called to be a place of different minds and hearts to delight us in their wild harmony.

What a wonderful treat to feast the eyes and the last vibrant gift of nature before the quiet rest of winter. Still, the change in season, temperature and colour leads us to another level of feeling, place and possibility. Nature has so much to teach us.



Belfast is beautiful and the people welcoming. The buildings—Queens University, City Hall, the Opera House— are grand examples of architecture.

Connecting to our Catholic heritage, this morning I walked for half an hour or so to the famous Clonard Monastery (I will explain more later) for Sunday morning Mass (pictured opposite). It is a most beautiful church where the

Redemptorists care for a congregation that surrounds the monastery in the Gaeltacht (Gaelic) Quarter of Belfast city. When you walk into the Gaeltacht you know that you have entered a very distinct part of the city because all the streets have Gaelic names and murals that celebrate their Irish and Catholic history. Yet wait, for there is so much more to tell ...

Fr Bernard

For more information on bequests please visit: lumenchristi.org.au/bequest

In our parish & around the diocese

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES TRAINING

A new date has been set for the formation and training for Readers, Ministers of Communion, Acolytes, and Servers at the Xavier Centre on Saturday 25th November 2023, 9am to 12pm. To register go to: lumenchristi.org.au/refresh2023
Registration closes on Friday 15th November 2023.



Tribe Support has engaged with Lumen Christi Parish to create awareness for those in need of support. Their support consists of, personal activities, community access, assistance with household tasks, meal improvements and skills. To find out about more information contact Jennifer on **0411 624 690** or email: jennifer@tribesupport.com.au or tribesupport.com.au

CAN YOU HELP OILLIE ?

CatholicCare's Fostering Futures team are urgently looking for a forever home for Ollie (name has been changed for privacy) who is 8 years old. Ollie is a very engaging, outgoing, polite and active boy. Ollie enjoys swimming, going to the park, playing Nintendo, watching movies, colouring in, and trying new foods. Ollie would love to learn to ride a bike and play soccer or Oz Tag. Ollie is looking for a forever home with carers who are kind, caring, calm, and patient who can give him a sense of security and belonging.

You can find out more by calling **0418 783 956**, email fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au or go to www.catholiccare.dow.org.au for more information. CatholicCare's Fostering Futures team will support you every step of the way.

FREE TECHNOLOGY TRAINING FOR SENIORS

CatholicCare are very proud to be partnering with Catholic Education Office and Holy Spirit College for the second year offering free technology training to seniors within our diocese.

The Cross + Generational training program is a unique opportunity for an 'exchange of gifts' between both students and seniors. With overwhelming positive feedback from past programs in the Macarthur, Shellharbour and Nowra areas this year, we highly recommend this program not only to update your skills, but to enjoy the social interaction.

There are only 4 Wednesday sessions this term: **9.30am to 11am on 25 October, 8 November, 22 November & 6 December.**

To secure your place, please call Jane Hollier, Parish Liaison Officer at CatholicCare on **0417 018 152** or email: janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au

We could pause for a moment to thank God for the inscription, 'Child of God', effectively engraved on our hearts by baptism.

MOZART & HAYDN: RURAL REVERIES

The Australian Brandenburg are back! Known for their vibrant and dynamic performances to preform Mozart & Hayden: Rural Reveries at St Francis Xavier Cathedral on Tuesday 21st November 2023 at 7.00pm. Purchase your tickets online: www.brandenburg.com.au



ALL SOULS MASS AT LAKESIDE DAPTO

Bishop Brian Mascord will celebrate the annual All Souls Mass at Lakeside Memorial Park Dapto (230 Kanahooka Rd) on Saturday, 4th November at 10am. If you wish to attend please scan the QR code or email bookings@lakesidecrem.com.au



ALL SAINTS' DAY & ALL SOULS' DAY MASSES

All Saints Masses | Wednesday 1 November
St Francis Xavier Cathedral: 7am & 12.10pm

All Souls Masses | Thursday 2 November
St Francis Xavier Cathedral: 7am & 12.10pm
St Brigid's: 9.30am

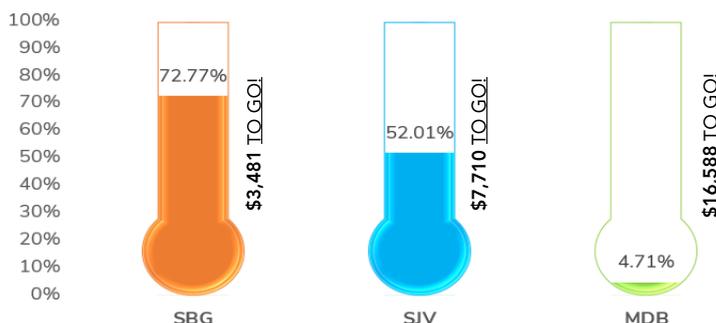
To have Mass offered for your deceased relatives, friends, and benefactors, please print their names clearly on an envelope. Names will be published in the book of the dead. You can get envelopes at the church doors and parish office or visit our website at: lumenchristi.org.au/NovemberMass

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
- ◆ **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 TO DATE



For more information on our Columbarium please visit: lumenchristi.org.au/columbarium

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 16:6,8

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

First Reading

Isaiah 45:1,4-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before
his countenance.*

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whom he has taken by his right hand
to subdue nations before him
and strip the loins of kings,
to force gateways before him
that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,
of Israel my chosen one,
that I have called you by your name,
conferring a title though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, unrivalled;
there is no other God besides me.
Though you do not know me, I arm you
that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun
that, apart from me, all is nothing.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 95:1, 3-5, 7-10. R. v.7

(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. (R.)
2. The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens. (R.)
3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts. (R.)
4. Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

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

We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika
which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you
grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all,
and constantly remember before God our Father how you have

shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through
hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been
chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came
to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as
utter conviction.

Gospel Acclamation

Philippians 2:15, 16

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 22:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to
God the things that are God's.*

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap
Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together
with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest
man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are
not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you.
Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or
not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypo-
crites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you
pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose
head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to
them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and
to God what belongs to God.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf Psalm 32:18-19

Behold, the eyes of the Lord
are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Whose Image and Likeness?

Jesus first cleverly throws his questioners on the defensive. They
are the ones carrying the coinage, not him. Then he poses the cru-
cial question, 'Whose image is it and whose inscription?' They said
to him, 'Caesar's'. Then he said to them: 'Render to Caesar what is
Caesar's and to God what is God's.'

The coin bore the image and inscription of Caesar. Genesis teaches
us that human beings are made in the image and likeness of God.
Our Lord is saying, 'Let the political and financial authorities have
their coinage. It is their legal tender. But they cannot have human
beings. Human beings belong to Another. They belong to God.'
We are fortunate to live in a wonderful democracy. But even a de-
mocracy can violate the dignity of a human being created in the
image and likeness of God. As Pope John Paul II said: 'Authentic
democracy is possible only in a state ruled by law, and on the basis
of a correct conception of the human person.' (Italics added)

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