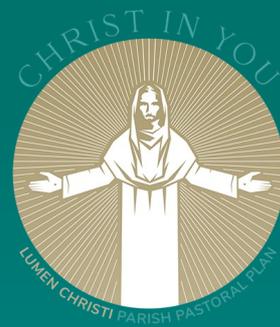


30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, A

29 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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PARISH CENTRE

Office Hours: Monday to Friday 8.30am —2.00pm
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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.



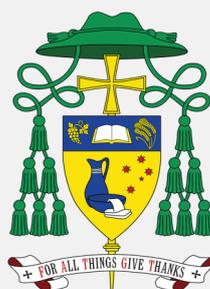
LUMEN CHRISTI
CATHOLIC PARISH

MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE ...

William McCormack, Clare McCormack, Maureen Gray, Patrick McCormack, Dennis Gray, John Hayes, Therese Joseph.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS ...

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



In our parish & around the diocese

PARISH CALENDAR: OCT—DEC 2023

- Tue, 31 Oct: +BM, Priestly Ordination Anniversary (1992)
- Wed, 1 Nov: All Saints, SFX 7am & 12.10pm
- Wed, 1 Nov: Confirmation 2024 Enrolments Open
- Thu, 2 Nov: All Souls, SFX 7am & 12.10pm & SBG 9.30am
- Thu, 2 Nov: Parish Lunch, Builders Club 1pm
- 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
- Wed, 29 Nov: Mass of Anointing, SFX 12.10pm
- 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

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



CELEBRATING ALL SAINTS' DAY

AND ALL SOULS' DAY

In the Catholic tradition, November is traditionally a month of remembrance of the dead. The month begins with the Solemnity of All Saints on 1 November and the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day), on 2 November. While no longer holy days of obligation in Australia, the Church has consistently encouraged prayers for the faithful departed and, during November, a list of the names of the dead is usually placed in the church so that the community can remember them in prayer.

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

THANK YOU TO OUR SACRISTANS!

Our parish sacristans are key to the life of the parish. They play an important role in maintaining the sacred space and assisting with the smooth flow of our liturgical celebrations and welcoming and accommodating the needs of the priests and ministers who serve in our parish. I wish to thank our parish sacristans, Denis Bristow, Joe Bonanno, Margaret O'Donoghue, Laurie Coulson, Quynh Vu, Alice O'Connor and Frank O'Connor for their ongoing support throughout the year. Your dedication and hard work for our parish communities is a tremendous help to us all.

May God bless you always for your care of our communities.

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® 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

CONGRATULATIONS!

This Sunday 29th October at St Francis Xavier Cathedral during the 10.30am Mass **Sinh Le** and **Joseph Nguyen** will be blessed in the Rite of Admission to Candidacy for Holy Orders and **Darren McDowell** will be Installed as Lector and Acolyte. Thank you Sinh, Joseph and Darren for your continuing generosity and dedication. Be assured of the prayers of our Lumen Christi parishioners as you travel your path of formation in discernment and preparation for ordination as shepherds to the people of God in our Diocese of Wollongong.

Please join Sinh, Joseph, and Darren in the Xavier Centre after Mass to celebrate with them this joyous occasion and milestone in their lives.

God bless you all,
Fr Bernard Gordon



PARISH LUNCH—CHANGE OF VENUE

A call to all Lumen Christi parishioners! You are warmly invited come to our Parish luncheon on Thursday 2nd November, 1pm at the new venue **The Builders Club Wollongong** (Church St). You can grab yourself a meal, drink and have a chat with fellow parishioners!

We look forward to seeing you there!

THANK YOU!

A very big thank you to Fr Bill Milsted for assisting our Lumen Christi parish communities with the Reconciliation and Mass time table during September and October. Fr Bill is a supply priest from the Archdiocese of Sydney and will now supply in another parish for November.

God bless you Fr Bill and thank you for all your great work and help among us.

Fr Bernard

INSURANCE RENEWAL!!!

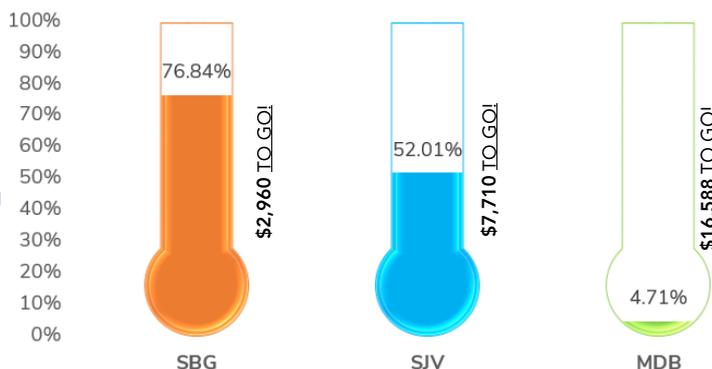
Insurance is a painful though necessary cost in life for individuals, families, companies, and communities. It is no different for Wollongong Diocese or Lumen Christi Parish. Unfortunately, as for all parishes in our Diocese, the annual insurance premiums will soon increase on average around **40%**, mainly driven by public liability insurance. Based on a **\$60,000.00** insurance premium our Lumen Christi Parish insurance premium may increase to **\$84,000.00 per annum**. The Diocese will be working with parishes to assist with funding options to pay their premiums. The Finance Council will review a way forward for our parish. Thank you for your continuing support, without you we do not have a community.



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 AS OF 29 OCTOBER 2023



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

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 104:3-4

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

First Reading

Exodus 22:20-26

A reading from the book of Exodus

If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R. v.2

(R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. (R.)
2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

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

You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

Gospel Acclamation

John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 22:34-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf Psalm 19:6

We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.

True Perspectives

Did you notice that Our Lord does not command us to love 'God'? No, we are to love 'the Lord your God', the One who rescued the Jewish people from slavery. The resurrection of Jesus Christ reveals the Lord God as the liberator from the apparent final dominance of death. Loving such a liberator is the natural response. So, 'Love the Lord your God'.

Then Our Lord does not command us to love our neighbour! Rather, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' But who is 'yourself'? In the wonderful story-telling of Genesis, we are told that Adam, an earthen statue, had Divine Breath breathed into the nostrils, creating him as a human being. We earthlings are conceived with the Divine Breath at the core of our being.

The challenge for you and for me is to see 'yourself' in that way, and thereafter every human being whose lives we can affect: the neighbour. And in today's global world, the neighbour can be a person in a society geographically or culturally distant.

We could pause for a moment to see the true dimensions of God, self and the other, to more easily fulfil the dual command.

ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD, 31 OCTOBER 2023



Congratulations Bishop Brian Mascord on the 31st anniversary of your Priestly Ordination this Tuesday 31st October 2023. We pray that God will continue to bless and strengthen you in your priestly and episcopal ministry. We wish you many more happy and healthy years ahead. May God bless you. Fr Bernard

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