6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, B

5 MAY 2024

REMEMBERING BISHOP PETER INGHAM

May he now share eternal glory



MASS TIMETABLE

St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong

Adoration: 11:30am Confessions: 11am—12pm Mass: 7am, 10.30am & 5pm

St John Vianney Co-Cathedral, Fairy Meadow

Sunday

Mass: 9.30am Mass: 9.30am (Italian) Mass: 8.30am Mass: 10am (Italian) Mass: 4.30pm (Vietnamese)

Mater Dolorosa, Balgownie

Sunday Mass: 10am St Brigid's Church, Gwynneville Mass: 9.30am Mass: 5.30pm Saturday Vigil Mass: 9am

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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 ...

Bishop Peter Ingham, Bernard Gordon (Snr), Fr Gerard Gorham Monaghan, Paul Sykes, Benito Chan Sr, Leilani De Galicia, Ardell Sharpe, Margaret & Paul Gray.

PLEASE PRAY FOR **OUR SICK PARISHIONERS** ...

Joan O'Dowd, Matthew Johnson, Pat Carr, John Parkinson, Bill Sharpe, Ron Cooper, John Gauci.







WELCOME TO LUMEN CHRISTI PARISH

PARISH CALENDAR: MAY 2024

Tue, 07 May: Finance Council Meeting, Rigney Room 5pm Wed, 08 May: CWL Wollongong Branch Mtg, Xavier Ctr 10am Wed, 08 May: Pastoral Council Meeting, Rigney Room 5pm

Thu, 09 May: Vigil for Bishop Peter Ingham

Fri, 10 May: Funeral for Bishop Peter Ingham

Sat, 11 May: Come and See, Go and Make, MDB 10am

Sun, 12 May: Mother's Day

Wed, 15 May: Baptism Class, SFX 7pm

Fri, 17 May: Confirmation, SFX, 7pm

Fri, 17 May: Reconciliation & Eucharist Enrolments close

Sat, 18 May: Confirmation, SBG 2pm

Sat, 18 May: Confirmation, SJV 4.30pm

Sun, 19 May: Pentecost Sunday

Thu, 23 May: Australian Brandenburg Orchestra, SFX 7pm

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

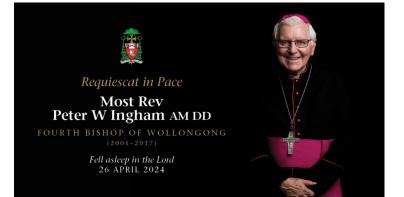
HELPFUL LINKS

- Parish Councils: lumenchristi.org.au/parishcouncils
- Mass for you at Home: youtube.com/massforyouathome
- Mass/Prayer Intentions: lumenchristi.org.au/intentions
- Light a Votive Candle: lumenchristi.org.au/votive
- Register in our Parish: 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
- Young Adults: lumenchristi.org.au/YoungAdults
- 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



BISHOP PETER INGHAM

Peter William Ingham, the fourth bishop of Wollongong, died peacefully in the late evening of 26 April 2024. He was 83 years of age and almost 60 years a priest.

In 2016, Bishop Peter was diagnosed with fibrosis of the lungs which restricted his airways and his capacity to exert himself. As his condition deteriorated, he was cared for by a close family friend with the assistance of his doctor and palliative care teams in Sydney. He faced his death with the dignity, graciousness and serenity that had characterised his life—gently surrendering into the arms of our loving God at 83 years of age on 26 April 2024.

"A man of God—a man for the people. May his noble soul rest in peace."

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS AT ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHEDRAL

The vigil and funeral details for Bishop Peter Ingham have been announced by Bishop Brian Mascord as follows (please note the important information below in relation to limited seating capacity, overflow seating, parking, and livestreaming):

A SOLEMN RECEPTION of the body of Bishop Peter will take place at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, 36 Harbour Street, Wollongong on Thursday 9 May 2024 at 6:30pm followed by Evening Prayer. A SOLEMN VIGIL LITURGY will follow at 7:30pm.

A SOLEMN PONTIFICAL MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL for Bishop Peter will be offered at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong, on Friday 10 May 2024, commencing at 10:30am. Interment will take place in the cathedral grounds at the conclusion of Mass.

Relatives, friends, and the people of God are invited to attend the vigil and funeral. Due to the large number of invited bishops, clergy, relatives, dignitaries, and close friends attending the funeral, there will be very limited seating inside the cathedral. Therefore, a large marquee containing overflow seating with television screens will be erected in the carpark adjacent to the cathedral. Bishop Peter's casket will process past the marquee at the conclusion of the funeral Mass.

Please note, there will be street parking only.

The funeral will also be livestreamed at <u>https://dow.sh/livestream</u>.

PLEASE NOTE:

There will be <u>NO PARKING</u> available onsite. There will be NO 7am or 12.10pm Mass that day.

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

NEWS IN BRIEF

BERNARD LAGAN GORDON (SNR) - RIP

It is with a heavy heart that I share the passing of Fr Bernard's father, Bernard Gordon (senior). He passed away on Monday, April 29th. Bernard had been bravely battling cancer and had recently moved to IRT Nowra for care.

In this time of grief, our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Gordon family. We extend our deepest condolences to Bernard's wife, Bernadette, Fr Bernard, Patrick, Frances, and Sam.

In our parish of Lumen Christi we offer our support and comfort to Fr Bernard and his family during this difficult time.

Requiescat in pace

All parishioners are invited to the funeral of Bernard, 9am on Monday 6th May at St Francis Xavier Cathedral followed by refreshments on the Cathedral House Veranda.

MOTHER'S DAY-12 MAY 2024

All parishioners are invited to place a flower at the statue of our Lady in honour of their own mother for Mother's Day. In the Cathedral some flowers will be placed in front of the statue of the Mary for you to present while praying for your mother. Or, you may wish to bring your own flower and present it to Mary for your mother.

If you would like to include an Intention on our list for Mother's Day, please visit:

lumenchristi.org.au/mothersday

The names of the mothers given to us will be published in the parish bulletin next weekend of Mother's Day Sunday 12 May.

Please note: the Intention list will close this Sunday 5th May.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2024/2025

If you would like to be a planned giver please fill in the form 9.30 am at St Francis Xavier Cathedral Wollongong. below and insert it into the parish collection bag, email: wollongong@dow.org.au or see Leanne at the office. Thank you for your ongoing vital support of our parish.

PLANNED GIVING REQUEST:

Full Name:	
Address:	
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Please tick your preference of giving:

Envelopes Direct Debit/Credit Card Direct Deposit I Once-Off donation: lumenchristi.org.au/support

calls friends, those with whom he wishes to share his victory over death.

This is the message entrusted to the members of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church to be spread to the people of every tribe and nation.

We could take a moment to pray that we better express our undying gratitude for our status as friends of the Risen Lord, and better do our part as missionary disciples spreading the news of his great love embracing the whole of humanity.



THE MONTH OF MAY FOR **MARY AND** WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY



During this month of devotion to Mary we will also celebrate the Church's first World Children's Day (25-26 May) when thousands of boys and girls will meet the Pope in Rome. Let us ask Mary our Mother to pray for children and a deepening of our acceptance and love for children.

During the month of May we will pray the prayer for World Children's Day at the prayers of the faithful.

> Come, Holy Spirit, show us your beauty, reflected in the faces of children all over the world. Come, Jesus, you who make all things new, who are the way that leads us to the Father, come and remain with us always. Amen.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Would you like to join the Ministry to the Sick and Homebound at St Francis Xavier Cathedral. Our next Inservice session, specifically designed for new members who wish to join the team, will be held on Saturday, 25th May 2024, at

Please RSVP to Leanne Burlin at the parish office by phone or email to 4211 0500 to confirm your attendance by 18th May.

HELP SUPPORT THE BIGGEST MORNING TEA



Help in supporting the Biggest Morning Tea to support the Cancer Council to empowering individuals to reduce their cancer risk and improve detection and treatment methods.

Date: Saturday, 25th May 2024 Time: 10:30 AM -12:30PM

Location: Mater Dolorosa, 47 Balmoral Rd, Balgownie

All are welcome to come together, enjoy some tea and treats, and make a difference in the fight against cancer.

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

THIS WEEK'S READINGS & COMMENTARY

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Isaiah 48:20

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48 A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2

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

Second Reading

1 John 4:7-10 A reading from the first letter of St John

God is love.

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

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

John 15:9-17 A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another. as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you, I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

Communion Antiphon

John 14:15-16

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate Cornelius, Catholics and Love

A pagan Roman officer was so evidently graced by the Holy Spirit that St Peter realised that the followers of Jesus Christ need not be constrained within the confines of Judaism. This incident, together with St Paul's mission, has helped Christianity spread to every tribe and nation on the face of the earth.

'Catholic' simply means 'world wide', and the Church's universal mission is to preach the truth of Christ's victory over death and the true meaning of love: 'No greater love can a man have than to lay down his life for his friend.'

In our experience, this is best exemplified in the desire of a mother or father to substitute themselves for a dying infant or child. Our Lord practised what he preached with incredible intensity. He substituted himself for the whole of humanity dying because of a broken relationship with its Creator. He did so on behalf of us whom he

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