

ASCENSION OF THE LORD, B

12 MAY 2024

MOTHER'S DAY

"a round of applause for our mothers" (Pope Francis)

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 John Vianney Co-Cathedral, Fairy Meadow

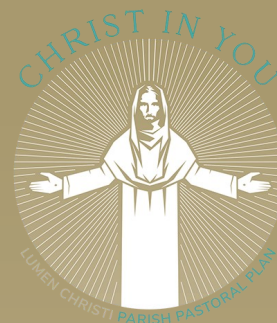
Tuesday	Mass: 9.30am
Thursday	Mass: 9.30am (Italian)
Sunday	Mass: 8.30am
	Mass: 10am (Italian)
	Mass: 4.30pm (Vietnamese)

Mater Dolorosa, Balgownie

Sunday	Mass: 10am
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St Brigid's Church, Gwynneville

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



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

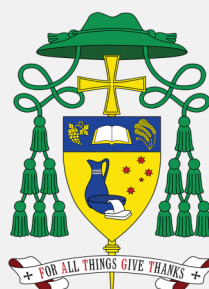
CATHOLIC PARISH

MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE ...

Bishop Peter Ingham, Bernard Gordon (Snr), Joan Barlow, Joan O'Dowd, Margaret & Paul Gray, Alice Drew, Jade Young & family.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS ...

Matthew Johnson, Pat Carr, John Parkinson, Bill Sharpe, Ron Cooper, John Gauci.



Happy Mother's Day

WELCOME TO LUMEN CHRISTI PARISH

PARISH CALENDAR: MAY—JUN 2024

- 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
Sat, 25 May: Biggest Morning Tea, MDB 10.30am
Sat, 25 May: Brahms Requiem Concert, SFX 2pm
Mon, 03 Jun: CWL Fairy Meadow Branch Mtg, MDB 2pm
Fri, 07 Jun: Parish Lunch, The Builders Club 12pm
Wed, 12 Jun: CWL Wollongong Branch Mtg, Xavier Ctr 10am
Sat, 29 Jun: Candidate's Commitment Mass, SBG 5.30pm
Sun, 30 Jun: Candidate's Commitment Mass, SJV 8.30am
Sun, 30 Jun: Candidate's Commitment Mass, SFX 10.30am

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

MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Would you like to join the Ministry to the Sick and Homebound in Lumen Christi Parish? Our next Inservice, designed for new members who wish to join the team, will be held on **Saturday, 25th May 2024, at 9.30 am at St Francis Xavier Cathedral Wollongong**. Please RSVP to Leanne Burlin at the parish office by phone or email or phone 4211 0500 to confirm your attendance by 18th May.

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI—2 JUNE

The Feast of Corpus Christi, also called The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, calls us to honour the presence of the Body of Jesus Christ given to us in the Holy Eucharist.

All parishioners, members from our Catholic Women's League, St Vincent de Paul Conferences and various groups in our parish and beyond are invited to join us for adoration, prayer, and Benediction followed by Mass.

St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong, Sunday 2nd June

3.00pm

Adoration & Prayer

4.30pm

Benediction

5.00pm

Mass for the Feast of Corpus Christi

LIGHTING THE LONG NIGHT

You are very welcome to participate in a prayer service for all those experiencing depression, suicidal ideation or any mental illness. This time of prayer is also for carers, or for those who live with, or mourn, those affected by mental illness.

The prayer service will be held at St Francis Xavier Cathedral on **Thursday 20th June at 6pm** and will conclude at 7pm.

ALL ARE VERY WELCOME!



WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY

We will celebrate the Church's first World Children's Day (25-26 May) when thousands of boys and girls will meet Pope Francis 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 are invited to pray 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.**

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

Happy Mother's Day

Today we pray with love and gratitude for all Mothers with us
and all who are in God's care



Margaret Mascord
Bernadette Gordon
Frances Merritt
Judith Crowe
Rosa Dellapina
Pam Boyle
Elena Hvalica
Rita Penzo
Clotilde Fogliati
Mary Malady
Alma D'sena
Lusia Dellapina
Kathleen Haliburn
Grace Haliburn
Teresa Nathan
Grandma Nathan
Ann Gonsalvez
Monica Rix
Darcy Rix
Clare McCormack
Maureen Gray
Shiromie Chandrasekera
Jamili Van Weringin
Eolin Safadi
Azzizi Safadi
Lisa Safadi
Eleanor Riley
Rawan Boshen
Nuha Boshen
Maria Valentin
Dorreen Sen
Chadia Stanton
Kathleen Touche
Milli Lee
Donna Misso
Pat Preca
Patty Murphy
Pamela Bain
Agnes Woolley
Ethel Meehan
Alva Thomas
Marina Comacchio
Edvige Comacchio
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Diane Curtin
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Heidi Haybittle
Jenny Widjaja
Sylvia Young Trainor
Violet Mavis Deutscher
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Valentine Soeprapti
Soedarmo
Belhn Wally Heovenagel
Patricia Laura Lennon
Ruth Court
Mary Formosa
Johanna Whalan
Suzanne O'brien Mckin-
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Norah Cassidy
Phyllis Stewart
Rita Collins
Dulcie Walker
Amelia Cassidy
Ira Warren
Anastasia Maciejowski
Maria Suryak
Pauline Daly
Tohanna Whalan
Margaret Faughlin
Katharina Killar
Aunty Olga
Grandma Koch
Grandma Killar
Leonidas Santoro
Ethna Sykes
Nellie Bradley
Jill Sharples
Mary Hill
Shirley Lonergan
Patricia Drewe
Margaret Cooke
Jane Borg
Doris Baldacchino
Helen Borg
Rosa Crocco
Maria Demaria
Joyce Hubbard
Emilia Stancato
Carmina Ianni
Thora Ryan
Philomenia Southam
Ellen Southam
Mary Formosa
Irene Mary Mallon
Emma Jane Graham
Matilda Mallon
Ruby Bentick
Gladys Potter
Patricia Phillips
Beverly Potter
Marie Beayes
Gloria Rolland

Patricia Potter
Melissa Cameron
Sarah Potter
Ang Potter
Inken Steeb
Val Mcdiarmid
Myra Hayes
Paula Moreira
Teresa Soares
Celeste Campos
Teresa Duda
Susane MCGoldrick
Jennifer Di Leo
Elisabeth Nang
Nguyen Thi Luot
Alma Regina Ur-
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Cecilia Larrazabal
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Christina Marie Alburo
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Paula Dingli
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Maria Assunta Dingli
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Carmen Galea
Antonia Borg
Olga Bruna Romano
Arduina Filippi
Maria Romano
Madeleine Smith
Sheila McNamara
Dorothy Newman
Janice Newman
Rosaria Gauci
Assunta Theuma
Mona Tobin
Evelyn Frew
Regeena Philip
Kutty Philip
Mary Kuriakose
Maureen Anderson
Irene Marguerite Giles
Mary Dowler
Miriam Jackson
Patricia Dawson
Ariana Frankovic
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Gracie Salazar
Gladis Barnes
Elizabeth Kis
Dorothea Frey
Beck Yates
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Nell Woodham
Kate Yates
Pauline Lincoln
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Kathleen Driscoll
Jean Grech
Marcelle Rickwood
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Carolyn Driscoll
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Frieda Bahre
Anna Puff
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Lauren Del Rosario
Corazon Jacob
Gloria Del Rosario
Nanette Magsalin
Nelly Nacilla
Patricia Dawson
Robin Williams
Mary Hiscox
Peg Hiscox

Please remember
the deceased
Mothers of our
Lumen Christi
Parishioners from
St Francis Xavier
St John Vianney
St Brigid and
Mater Dolorosa
communities

May they rest
forever in God's
merciful love



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

Entrance Antiphon

Acts of the Apostles 1:11

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven
will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has
been taken into heaven.*

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6

(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:1-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

To the measure of the full stature of Christ.

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all. Each one of us, however, has been given his own share of grace, given as Christ allotted it. It was said that he would:

When he ascended to the height, he captured prisoners,
he gave gifts to men.

When it says, 'he ascended', what can it mean if not that he descended right down to the lower regions of the earth? The one who rose higher than all the heavens to fill all things is none other than the one who descended. And to some, his gift was that they should be apostles; to some, prophets; to some, evangelists; to some, pas-

tors and teachers; so that the saints together make a unity in the work of service, building up the body of Christ. In this way we are all to come to unity in our faith and in our knowledge of the Son of God, until we become the perfect Man, fully mature with the fullness of Christ himself.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 16:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the
right hand of God.*

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised is saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

Communion Antiphon

Matthew 28:20

Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Resurrection for the whole cosmos

Our Risen Lord could have appeared to groups of followers generation after generation until now. But he withdrew his visible bodily presence from us. Why? I think because he needed to wean human beings from our tendency to be self-centred. The Resurrection starts the transformation of the whole of creation, not just us.

Ordinary human beings are the heart and mind and voice of non-angelic creation. We love and understand and speak on its behalf. The transforming effect of Our Lord's glorified humanity is much more profound. Every molecule, every quantum of energy, the past, present and future are all in the process of being changed towards 'the fullness of him who fills the whole creation'.

At every Mass, this divine resurrection power is at work. Elements of the universe, wheat-bread, grapes-wine, become the Real Presence of Our Lord's glorified body.

The privilege of a ministerial priest is to be the ritual servant of this divine transformation. Invoking the Holy Spirit and reciting the words of the Last Supper is the priest's role in Our Lord's creative real anticipation of the end of time. We could take a moment to pray for the grace to let go of our self-centredness, to stop staring into the empty sky as though lamenting Our Lord's absence, and to savour the privilege of receiving his Real Presence in the transformed elements of creation as we and they share in that Holy Communion which is the destiny of the whole cosmos.

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