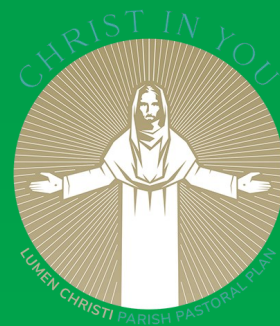


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28 JANUARY 2024

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

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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 ...

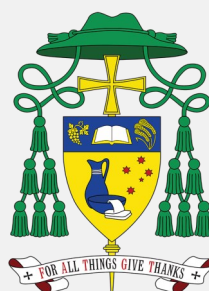
Archbishop Philip Wilson (2021), Carmel Mowbray.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS ...

Bishop Peter Ingham, Fr David Catterall, Nelson Salinas, Joan O'Dowd, Alan Curtis, Matthew Johnson, Suzy May Gellel, Pat Carr, John Parkinson, Joseph Scalia, Bill Sharpe, Ron Cooper.



Happy Birthday
Bishop Brian Mascord
May God bless you!



In our parish & around the diocese

PARISH CALENDAR: FEB—MAR 2024

Thu, 1 Feb: Feast of St Brigid, Patroness of Gwynneville
Thu, 1 Feb: Parish Lunch, Master Builders Club 12pm
Fri, 2 Feb: Presentation of the Lord, Candlemas, SFX 7am & 12.10pm
Sun, 4 Feb: Hospitality weekend resumes
Tue, 6 Feb: Mass of Anointing, SJV 9.30am
Sun, 11 Feb: Caritas launch (Project Compassion 2024)
Wed, 14 Feb: Ash Wednesday (refer to page 3)
Fri, 16 Feb: Reconciliation & Stations of the Cross SFX 5.30pm
Sun, 18 Feb: First Sunday of Lent
Sun, 18 Feb: Rite of Election
Wed, 21 Feb: Baptism Class, SFX 7pm
Thu, 22 Feb: Episcopal Anniversary of Bishop Mascord (2018)
Fri, 23 Feb: Reconciliation & Stations of the Cross SFX 5.30pm
Sat, 24 Feb: Mental Health, Xavier Centre 9.30am
Sun, 25 Feb: Second Sunday of Lent
Thu, 29 Feb: Staff Development Day, Parish Office Closed
Fri, 1 Mar: Reconciliation & Stations of the Cross SFX 5.30pm

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

LED LIGHTING UPGRADE

Under the NSW Government Household energy saving upgrade recently Lumen Christi Parish qualified to upgrade the lighting with LED lighting at St John Vianney Co-Cathedral Fairy Meadow, Mater Dolorosa Church Balgownie, & St Brigid's Church Gwynneville.

The LED lighting has now been upgraded. The transition to LED lighting aligns seamlessly with our commitment to environmental sustainability and responsible energy consumption. We believe that this upgrade will not only contribute to reducing our ecological footprint but will also result in long-term cost savings for the parish.

Thank you to Alice, Frank, Margaret, Laurie and Quynh assisting with the coordination with contractors.

Fr Bernard

MASS OF ANOINTING | 6 FEB | 9.30AM, SJV

On Tuesday 6th February at St John Vianney Co-Cathedral, Fairy Meadow the 9.30am Mass will be offered for those who are suffering the effects of serious illness or the infirmity of old age. Anyone in such need is very welcome to receive the Anointing of the Sick during the Mass. Parishioners are very welcome to attend the Mass of Anointing. It is a wonderful opportunity to show support for those who are ill.

CONFIRMATION ENROLMENTS 2024

Parents and caregivers of children in Year 6 are now invited to enrol their child into the 2024 programme for Confirmation.

To enrol your child in the Sacramental program visit the parish website: lumenchristi.org.au/sacramental

N.B. Enrolments close **1 March 2024**.

LUMEN CHRISTI AUDIT — 2023

As part of our annual standard practice, Lumen Christi parish finances were audited, in accord with Diocesan requirements, and a report was provided to the Bishop and Administrator. Kevin Galea, as General Manager, ensures that our parish practices for payments and receipts are in-line with diocesan standards. A very big thank you to Kevin and to our Lumen Christi Finance Council for ensuring that our parish finances and records are kept in order. A full year report will be published in March.

Fr Bernard Gordon

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

In our parish & around the diocese



MY SABBATICAL IN IRELAND!

Join us for a captivating talk on Fr Bernard Gordon's sabbatical experience in Ireland. Fr Bernard will take us on a journey through the wild and wonderful landscapes, beautiful churches, and rich but sometimes troubled history of Ireland.

Hosted by the Diocesan Catholic Women's League Wollongong.

Come along for a stimulating and reflective experience about a truly significant and great people in the history of Europe. It's an event you won't want to miss!

WHEN: 11am on Tuesday 27th February 2024

WHERE: Xavier Centre, 38 Harbour St, Wollongong

RSVP: Go to: lumenchristi.org.au/rsvp

PIETÀ – LENTEN PROGRAM

Pietà is the new Lenten Program for 2024. Purchase your copy of the Pietà Lenten Booklet or CD visit the parish online shop at: lumenchristi.org.au/shop or at the parish office.

Lenten Books and CD's are \$4.50 each.

HOSPITALITY RESUMES NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend our Hospitality teams will resume after the following Masses: Fairy Meadow 8.30am, Gwynneville 9am, Balgownie 10am & Wollongong 10.30am. Thank you to our teams involved.



THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

On the Feast of The Presentation of the Lord the Church celebrates that forty days after Jesus' birth he was brought to the Temple by Mary and Joseph and proclaimed as the Light for all peoples by Simeon the elderly priest. On this day candles are blessed so we can remember that Christ is the Light of our world and our homes. Masses will be celebrated on **Friday, 2 February at 7am & 12.10pm at St Francis Xavier Cathedral**. Please bring your own candles to be blessed on this joyful day.



ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES 2024

Ash Wednesday commences Lent, a sacred time for our hearts to be renewed and purified. This year Ash Wednesday will be celebrated on **14th February**. Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence and the blessed ashes are sprinkled over our heads as a sign of repentance.

Please note this year's Ash Wednesday Mass timetable:

St Francis Xavier Cathedral

7am, 12.10pm & 6pm

St John Vianney Co-Cathedral

10.30am (includes Good Samaritan Parish School)

St Brigid's Church

9.30am (includes St Brigid's Parish School)

RECONCILIATION & STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Reconciliation and Stations of the Cross will be offered at St Francis Xavier Cathedral every Friday during Lent.

Reconciliation 5.30pm

Stations of the Cross 6.30pm

WELCOME TO LUMEN CHRISTI PARISH

New to our parish or have your details changed? Complete this form and return it to the Office or place it in one of the collections or fill in a census form at: lumenchristi.org.au/census.

FULL NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

SUBURB: _____ POST CODE: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

MOBILE TELEPHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

☐ I would like to subscribe to the weekly e-bulletin. ☐ I would like to join Planned Giving to support my parish.

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

THIS WEEK'S READINGS & COMMENTARY

Entrance Antiphon

Psalm 105:47

Save us, O Lord our God!
And gather us from the nations,
to give thanks to your holy name,
and make it our glory to praise you.

First Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

I will put my words into the prophet's mouth, and he will tell them all I command.

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.9

(R.) If today, you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R.)**
2. Come in, let us kneel and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **(R.)**
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 7:32-35

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

The unmarried woman dedicates herself to the things of the Lord, that she might be holy.

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to

pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A people in darkness have seen a great light:
a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 1:21-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

This is a new kind of teaching that speaks with authority.

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority. In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

Communion Antiphon

Cf Psalm 30:17-18

Let your face shine on your servant.

Save me in your merciful love.

O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Evil Spirits versus the Holy One of God

The word 'diabolical' comes from a Greek word referring to something broken in two, shattered. Looking at persons and societies torn apart, it is obvious that the diabolical spirit is powerful. However, it harbours a fear that a more powerful Holy Spirit could re-integrate a personality, could make a community out of divided groups. 'Have you come to destroy us?' indicates that this fear was realised in the coming on to the scene of Jesus Christ. Jesus' answer was a resounding 'Yes', not in words but in action, healing a man torn apart by a diabolical spirit.

Jesus Christ invites and empowers us to join in his healing mission to overcome whatever it is which tears people apart, whether at the individual, community or global levels. We do so in the confidence of His Resurrection which overcame the diabolical tearing apart of His body and soul.

We could pause for a moment to commit ourselves to joining Jesus' mission, so putting the fear of God into the devil!

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