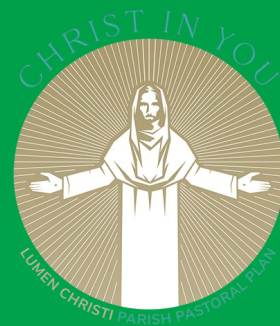


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11 FEBRUARY 2024

PROJECT COMPASSION 2024

For all future generations



MASS TIMETABLE

St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong

Monday	Mass: 7am
Tuesday	Mass: 7am
Wednesday	Mass: 7am
	Confessions: 11:00am
	Mass: 12.10pm
Thursday	Mass: 7am
Friday	Mass: 7am
	Adoration: 11:30am
	Confessions: 11:00am
	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 ...

Damian Biddle, Josephine Bonanno, Paul & Margaret Gray,
Antonio Dellapina, Joyce Hubbard, Fracisca Catli Medrano,
Edward Dowdall, Mary Byrne.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS ...

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

PIETÀ – LENTEN PROGRAM

The new Lenten Program booklets for
2024 is now available. To purchase the
Program visit the parish online shop at:
lumenchristi.org.au/shop

Lenten Books are \$4.50 each.



In our parish & around the diocese

PARISH CALENDAR: FEB—MAR 2024

Sun, 11 Feb: Caritas launch (Project Compassion 2024)

Wed, 14 Feb: CWL Wollongong Branch Mtg, Xavier Ctr 10am

Fri, 16 Feb: Reconciliation & Stations of the Cross SFX 5.30pm

Sun, 18 Feb: First Sunday of Lent

Sun, 18 Feb: Rite of Election, SFX 2pm

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

Sun, 25 Feb: Second Sunday of Lent

Thu, 29 Feb: Staff Development Day, Parish Office Closed

Fri, 01 Mar: Reconciliation & Stations of the Cross SFX 5.30pm

Sat, 02 Mar: Stewardship Mass, SFX 10am

Sun, 03 Mar: Hospitality weekend

Mon, 04 Mar: CWL Fairy Meadow Branch Mtg, MDB 2pm

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

Lent at Lumen Christi Parish

“You have given you children a sacred time”

(Preface II of Lent)

- Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others which prepares us to celebrate Easter with those who are to be baptised
- In Lent, the Alleluia is omitted at Mass, even in solemnities and feasts
- In Lent memorials of the saints are optional and only the Collect of the memorial is used at Mass.

THE LENTEN OBSERVANCES

- All who have completed their 18th year (until the beginning of their sixtieth year) are bound to fast (one full meal and two smaller meals, subject to medical and health requirements) and abstain from meat on **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday**.
- All who have completed their 14th year are bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- Pastors, teachers, and parents are to ensure that even those who, by reason of their age, are not bound by the laws of fasting and abstinence from meat, are taught the true meaning of penance.

PASCHAL PRECEPT

- Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is to be done in Australia between Ash Wednesday (14 February 2024) and Trinity Sunday (26 May 2024).

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES 2024

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 of Lent.

Reconciliation 5.30pm

Stations of the Cross 6.30pm

EXTENDED WEEKDAY RECONCILIATION TIMES

During Lent at St Francis Xavier Cathedral there will be extended Wednesday and Friday Reconciliation times.

Wednesday & Friday 11am to 12pm.

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

In our parish & around the diocese



CHRIST IN YOU

LUMEN CHRISTI PARISH PASTORAL PLAN

"To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in You, the hope of glory"

Colossians 1:27

As bearers of Christ's love called to Come and See, Go and Make disciples, our Lumen Christi Parish seeks to reveal the Light of Christ to the world through ...

COMMUNITY LIFE

"And over all these put on love"

Colossians 3:14

Nourishing each other in Christ's compassion, kindness and patience, appreciating our differences and being bound together in perfect unity, reaching out to others in welcome.

WORSHIP

"Let the Word of God dwell in you in all its richness"

Colossians 3:16

Celebrating prayerful liturgies that praise God, lifting our hearts and singing with thankfulness, expressing our faith and enriching our understanding of God's love for us.

MISSION

"It is Christ whom we preach"

Colossians 1:28

Actively witnessing to Christ in generous service of others, responding wholeheartedly to the needs of the wider community, making known the heart of Christ to those we meet.

STEWARDSHIP

**"Whatever you do, do it wholeheartedly,
working for the Lord"**

Colossians 3:23

Seeing the talents in others, encouraging each other to exercise our personal gifts, developing our resources for the wellbeing of our parish and wider community.

PARISH SUPPORT

"In Christ all things hold together"

Colossians 1:17

Promoting the ministries of our parish groups and schools, ensuring the continuing development of our parish staff, laying foundations for our parish to grow into the future.

Please make any suggestions to the Pastoral Plan Team at:

lc.pastoralplan@dow.org.au

OUR KNEES ARE SAVED!

Fairy Meadow — St John Vianney kneeler padding work will commence in the coming days. The project will probably be completed within the next few weeks.

Balgownie — On behalf of our Parish I extend heartfelt thanks to a wonderful anonymous donor for generously contributing to the kneeler padding project at Mater Dolorosa Church Balgownie. This donation means the project is now fully funded, and it will probably be completed by late March.

I am also very grateful to all parishioners for your generosity and unwavering support for our parish appeals. It is through your kindness and dedication that we have successfully completed this major project. You are the best!

Fr Bernard

SOLAR PANELS FOR OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

As of Monday 12th February the Office of the Bishop will be installing solar panels on its roofs. The project is estimated to take approximately 6 to 8 weeks. There will be contractors present in the parish grounds during this time. Thank you for your patience and understanding.



CATHEDRAL CAR PARKING - HELP!!!

We are looking for three volunteers to assist in special event parking on the Cathedral precinct. This fundraiser supports our Parish and St Brigid's Parish School Gwynneville. Please contact the parish office! Your support will be greatly appreciated.



A very special thank you to Kathy Uroda for coordinating the Cathedral parking for special events!

THE RESTING AND THE RISING OF KEVIN

Our dedicated and ever creative General Manager Kevin Galea will be on leave from **Monday 12th February until Monday 19th February**. Kevin, have a relaxing break and thank you for all the long hours, expertise, enthusiasm and patience in caring for our parish administration, coordination of parish activities and finances.

Rest well!

Fr Bernard



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

THIS WEEK'S READINGS & COMMENTARY

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 30:3-4

Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

First Reading

Leviticus 13:1-2. 44-46

A reading from the book of Leviticus

As long as he is unclean, he must live alone, outside the camp.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean". As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 31:1-2. 5. 11. R. v.7

(R.) I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

1. Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,
whose sin is remitted.
O happy the man to whom the Lord
imputes no guilt,
in whose spirit is no guile. **(R.)**
2. But now I have acknowledged my sins;
my guilt I did not hide.
I said: 'I will confess
my offence to the Lord.'
And you, Lord, have forgiven
the guilt of my sin. **(R.)**
3. Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,
exult, you just!
O come, ring out your joy,
all you upright of heart. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1

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

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 1:40-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The leprosy left him and he was cured.

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where no-body lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

Communion Antiphon

Cf Psalm 77:29-30

They ate and had their fill,
and what they craved the Lord gave them;
they were not disappointed in what they craved.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus outcast for us

Lepers were social outcasts forced to live outside the villages and towns. Jesus heals the leper, allowing him to return to communal living, but, in touching him, Jesus put himself on the outer. The Gospel says that Jesus 'had to stay outside where nobody lived'. Jesus willingly changed places with the leper!

This incident prefigures the deepest mystery and scandal of the Gospel. Because of our deliberate wrongdoing, we are 'on the outside' with God. Our Lord and Saviour willingly experienced that alienation on Calvary, outside the walls of Jerusalem, in a desolate place where no-body lived. He suffered the dis-locating consequences of sin in his body and mind: 'My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?'

He took our place outside the human awareness of the loving presence of His Heavenly Father so that we might be located in the right place, *insiders* with God.

We might pause for a moment to lovingly thank our Saviour for leading us into 'the One in Whom we live and move and have our being'.

PROJECT COMPASSION 2024

Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **for all future generations**.



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