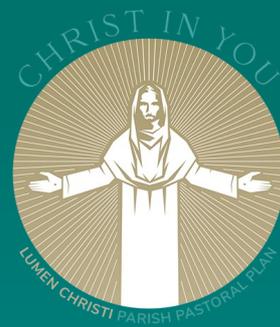


# 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, A

27 AUGUST 2023

## SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

Listen, Learn, Love



### 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 OFFICE

**Office Hours:** Monday to Friday 8.30am—2.00pm  
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**Very Reverend Bernard L Gordon,**  
Vicar General & Administrator  
**Reverend James Arblaster,**  
Assistant Priest & UoW Chaplain  
**Kevin Galea,**  
General Manager  
**Leanne Burlin,**  
Parish Secretary  
**Patricia Di Leva,**  
Administration Assistant

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**Toni Sillis,** Principal, Good Samaritan Fairy Meadow

### 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.



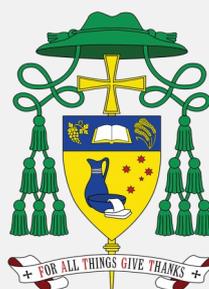
## LUMEN CHRISTI CATHOLIC PARISH

### MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE ...

Kathleen Patterson, Richard Hill, Quintino Alesii, Paul Gray,  
John Hubbard, Robyn Marsic, Mounir Germanos, Joseline  
Germanos.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS ...

Bishop Peter Ingham, Jan Coulson, Nelson Salinas, Margaret  
Gray, Joan O'Dowd, Alan Curtis, Matthew Johnson, Suzy May  
Gellel, Pat Carr, John Parkinson, Joseph Scalia, Bill Sharpe,  
Therese & Noel Rouse.



# In our parish & around the diocese

## PARISH CALENDAR: AUG—OCT 2023

**Sun, 27 Aug:** Social Justice Sunday  
**Fri, 1 Sep:** Fr Bernard commences sabbatical  
**Fri, 1 Sep:** World Day of Prayer for Creation  
**Sat, 2 Sep:** No Reconciliation will be available  
**Sat, 2 Sep:** First Holy Communion, SBG 5.30pm  
**Sun, 3 Sep:** Father's Day & Hospitality weekend  
**Thu, 7 Sep:** Parish Lunch, Frat Club Fairy Meadow 12pm  
**Fri, 8 Sep:** The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
**Sun, 10 Sep:** WYD return of the Pilgrims Mass, SFX 10.30am  
**Sun, 10 Sep:** First Holy Communion, SFX 10.30am  
**Thu, 14 Sep:** Feast of the Holy Cross  
**Thu, 14 Sep:** Anniversary of GSFM School (2011)  
**Thu, 14 Sep:** Anniversary of Bishop McCabe's death (1983)  
**Fri, 15 Sep:** Consoling Mass, MDB 11am  
**Sun, 17 Sep:** Bishop's Annual Appeal  
**Sun, 17 Sep:** Marriage Anniversaries Mass, SFX 2pm  
**Wed, 20 Sep:** Baptism Class, SFX 7pm  
**Sun 1 Oct:** Hospitality weekend

## SACRAMENTS

- ♦ **Baptisms:** By appointment only. Baptism preparation session must be completed. Contact the parish office or book online [lumenchristi.org.au/baptism](https://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](https://youtube.com/massforyouathome)
- ♦ **Mass/Prayer Intentions:** [lumenchristi.org.au/intentions](https://lumenchristi.org.au/intentions)
- ♦ **Light a Votive Candle:** [lumenchristi.org.au/votive](https://lumenchristi.org.au/votive)
- ♦ **Census Form:** [lumenchristi.org.au/census](https://lumenchristi.org.au/census)
- ♦ **Online Donations:** [lumenchristi.org.au/donate](https://lumenchristi.org.au/donate)
- ♦ **Join Planned Giving:** [lumenchristi.org.au/support](https://lumenchristi.org.au/support)
- ♦ **Columbarium:** [lumenchristi.org.au/columbarium](https://lumenchristi.org.au/columbarium)
- ♦ **Sacramental Programme:** [lumenchristi.org.au/sacramental](https://lumenchristi.org.au/sacramental)
- ♦ **Privacy Policy:** [privacy.lumenchristi.org.au](https://privacy.lumenchristi.org.au)
- ♦ **St Brigid's School:** [sbgdow.catholic.edu.au](https://sbgdow.catholic.edu.au)
- ♦ **Good Samaritan School:** [gsfmdow.catholic.edu.au](https://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

## FR BERNARD GORDON

Dear Parishioners,

As I have previously informed you, I am leaving for Ireland this Friday 1 September to do a sabbatical of private research on the Peace and Reconciliation process in Ireland. I will return to Lumen Christi in the first week of December, this year.

While I am away Bishop Brian and Fr James Arblaster (welcome back from annual leave), and Fr John Stork (thank you for all your great work, especially in the hospital ministry) will continue the parish Mass schedule with the assistance of Fr Bill Milsted a retired priest from Sydney Archdiocese (please make him welcome). Please refer all daily parish matters to our highly capable General Manger, Kevin Galea.

In Ireland I will visit places of true religious significance such as Knock, the Shrine of Our Lady which has brought peace and hope to so many. I will pray for you all at that Shrine to the loving presence of our caring Mother.

I look forward to being with you in the celebration of Advent, our season of expectant hope for the coming of Jesus our Saviour.

May God's saving light always shine upon your hearts.

Fr Bernard



## SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC) statement for this Social Justice Sunday is *Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples*. Both the Bishops and the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) speak to us in this year's statement. They see the referendum as an opportunity for the Church to begin a new engagement with the First Peoples of our land.

NATSICC speaks directly to us about the history of injustice and mistreatment faced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and shares what they hope for the future.

NATSICC supports the Voice to Parliament. While not directly advocating support for the referendum, the Bishops encourage all Australians to seek out opportunities for dialogue with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples so that we are well informed about their hopes for the future before we decide on our vote.

You can download the statement online.

Go: [socialjustice.catholic.org.au](https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au)

For more information on bequests please visit: [lumenchristi.org.au/bequest](https://lumenchristi.org.au/bequest)

# In our parish & around the diocese



## FATHER'S DAY INTENTIONS

Let us pray for all our fathers. Whether they are living or rest in peace with the Lord, you are invited to join our parish in honouring all fathers.

If you would like to include an Intention on our list for Father's Day, please visit [www.lumenchristi.org.au/fathersday](http://www.lumenchristi.org.au/fathersday) or collect a Father's Day envelope from the doors of the church or at the parish office.

The names of the fathers given to us will be published on **Father's Day Sunday, September 3.**

Please note that the Intention list will close this Sunday 27th August.

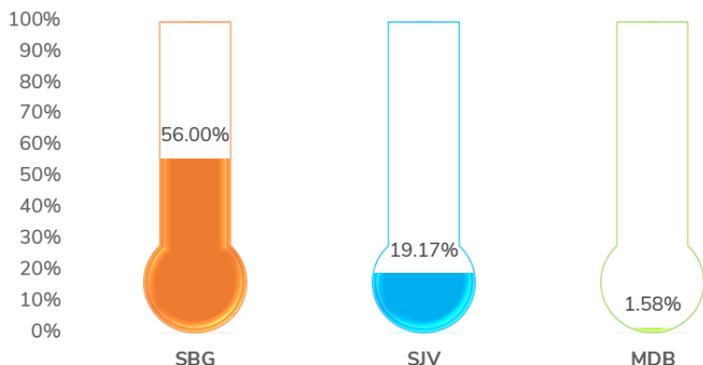


## SAVE OUR KNEES APPEAL

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](http://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 22 AUGUST 2023

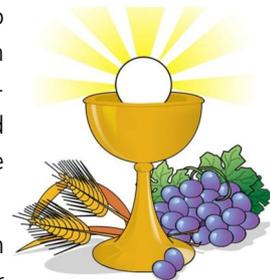


## MALTESE FESTA—OUR LADY OF VICTORIES

The annual Maltese Festa for Our Lady of Victories ('Tal Vitorja') will be celebrated on Sunday 10th September at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic church, 93 Flagstaff Rd Warrawong. The Wollongong Brass band will start playing at 2pm with marching, carrying the statue of Our Lady, the Holy Rosary and Mass offered by Bishop Brian Mascord. All to be followed by Pastizzi (yes!) and refreshments at the George Cross Maltese club, 25 Lake Ave Cringila.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Over this weekend and the next 81 children of our parish will receive First Holy Communion. Pope Francis reminds us: "The Eucharist is such a great gift." It is such a great gift because the Lord Jesus unites us to Himself in deepest friendship through the gift of His Body in Holy Communion. Jesus unites us as the family of God and brightens our hearts with the power to love and serve each other.



Thank you to everyone who has been involved in preparing the children in our parish schools of St Brigid's and Good Samaritan and in our local Public and Private schools. May God always bless you and the children and their families you have helped on their journey with God.

Fr Bernard

## ANNUAL CONSOLING MASS @ MDB



The Diocesan Catholic Women's League invites you to the Mass of Consoling at Mater Dolorosa Church, Balgownie on **Friday 15th September at 11am** to be followed by light refreshments in the Mater Dolorosa Meeting Room. In this Mass we pray for our loved ones who have died in tragic circumstances and we ask God to strengthen our families who grieve such loss.

Everyone is welcome!

For more information on our Columbarium please visit: [lumenchristi.org.au/columbarium](http://lumenchristi.org.au/columbarium)

### Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 85:1-3

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;  
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.  
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

### First Reading

Isaiah 22:19-23

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.*

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,  
I remove you from your post,  
and the same day I call on my servant  
Eliakim son of Hilkiah.  
I invest him with your robe,  
gird him with your sash,  
entrust him with your authority;  
and he shall be a father  
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem  
and to the House of Judah.  
I place the key of the House of David  
on his shoulder;  
should he open, no one shall close,  
should he close, no one shall open.  
I drive him like a peg  
into a firm place;  
he will become a throne of glory  
for his father's house.

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 137:1-3. 6. 8. R. v.8

(R.) Lord, your love is eternal;  
do not forsake the work of your hands.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,  
you have heard the words of my mouth.  
Before the angels I will bless you.  
I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love  
which excel all we ever knew of you.  
On the day I called, you answered;  
you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly  
and the haughty he knows from afar.  
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

### Second Reading

Romans 11:33-36

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*From him, through him, and in him are all things.*

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

### Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;  
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.*

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

### Communion Antiphon

Cf Psalm 103:13-15

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord;  
you bring forth bread from the earth  
and wine to cheer the heart.

### REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

#### What's in a Name?

Jesus had a sense of humour! Simon, son of Jonah, was far from being a rock solid supporter of Jesus. So Jesus gave him the nickname 'Rocky' which in the Greek is Petros.

Jesus puns with the nickname: 'You are Rocky and upon this rock I will build my church.' The natural personality of shifting sands was being transformed by the blessing just given (the only blessing bestowed upon an apostle by Jesus).

Notice that Jesus only makes promises about 'my church', not a church shaped by human imagination, e.g. modes of Roman Imperial rule or with a Eurocentric mindset.

Fortunately, we have a successor of St Peter responding to our Risen Lord's command to St Francis of Assisi, 'Rebuild my church'.

We could pause for a moment to pray that the Risen Lord showers the 265th successor of St Peter with every blessing so that the Church of Jesus the Christ continues to prevail over the forces of death which threaten humanity.



### THE RETURN OF +BM & FR JA!

Welcome Back Bishop Brian from your  
annual holidays and Fr James from  
WYD and your annual holidays!



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