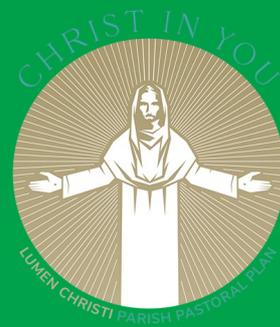


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PARISH VISION

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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Lisa de Paiva, Chair of the Pastoral Council
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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.



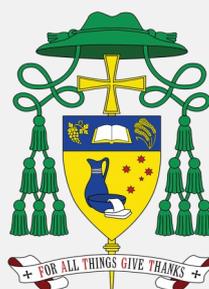
LUMEN CHRISTI
CATHOLIC PARISH

MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE ...

Donato DiBono, Tommasina Mastroianni, Helen Micallef, Joseph Emmanuel, Deceased members of the Gray family, Paul Gray, Margaret Gray, F Gray Sr, Mary E Gray.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS ...

Bishop Peter Ingham, Fr David Catterall, Jan Coulson, Nelson Salinas, Joan O'Dowd, Alan Curtis, Matthew Johnson, Suzy May Gellel, Pat Carr, John Parkinson, Joseph Scalia, Bill Sharpe, Therese & Noel Rouse, Mario Saverimuttu, Ron Cooper.



In our parish & around the diocese

PARISH CALENDAR: NOV—DEC 2023

Wed, 15 Nov: Baptism Class, SFX 7pm
Sat, 18 Nov: Cathedral Working Bee, SFX 8am—11am
Tue, 21 Nov: Australian Brandenburg Concert, SFX 7pm
Sun, 26 Nov: Feast of Christ the King
Wed, 29 Nov: Mass of Anointing, SFX 12.10pm
Sat, 2 Dec: Hark concert, SFX 2pm
Sun, 3 Dec: First Sunday of Advent - Year B
Sun, 3 Dec: Blessing of St Francis Xavier Statue, SFX 10.30am
Sun, 3 Dec: St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal 2023
Sun, 3 Dec: Hospitality weekend
Fri, 8 Dec: Immaculate Conception
Sun, 10 Dec: Second Sunday of Advent - Year B
Sun, 10 Dec: Reconciliation after MDB 10am Mass
Tue, 12 Dec: Reconciliation after SJV 9.30am Mass
Tue, 12 Dec: Finance Council Meeting
Wed, 13 Dec: Diocesan Pastoral Works Mass, SFX 12.10pm
Wed, 13 Dec: Pastoral Council Meeting
Thu, 14 Dec: Reconciliation after SBG 9.30am Mass

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

COMMISSIONING OF LAY LEADERS

Over the next two weekends, Bishop Brian will commission parishioners from our Lumen Christi Parish as Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion Lay Leaders. Fr Bernard has requested for Bishop Brian to appoint lay leaders in the event where a priest is unexpectedly unable to offer Mass. The faculty is a three year appointment and can only be appointed by the Diocesan Bishop.

Congratulations to our newest lay leaders: to Anne McNamee, Alice O'Connor, Rodney Vickers, Kerrie Guillaume, Petria McGoldrick, John Meehan, Sue Meehan, Cathy Zamroz, Andrew Astill, Denis Bristow, Lisa de Paiva, Maureen Kingston-Ray, Christine McCormack, Jean Beattie, Sonia Palmieri and Adriana Pyrah.

CHRIST IN YOU : PASTORAL STATEMENTS

Dear Parishioners,

Kathy Uroda, Vicky Davidson and I, under the leadership of Marie Smith, have been working to shape the Pastoral Statements that will guide our parish's future. As we move forward, we are excited to inform you that we have presented the Pastoral Statements to the Pastoral and Finance Councils for their review and input. Their feedback will be instrumental in ensuring that the statements align with our parish's mission and vision. Once we have gathered their insights and made any necessary adjustments, we will then be ready to present the Pastoral Statements to the entire parish.

In the spirit of unity and faith, we look forward to taking this journey together. May God continue to bless our parish community, and may our work together be a testament to His grace and love.

Lisa de Paiva, Chair of the Pastoral Council

BLESSING OF ST FRANCIS XAVIER STATUE

On Sunday 3rd December, Bishop Brian will bless the Garden statue of St Francis Xavier after the 10.30am Mass. Parishioners and Visitors are welcome to attend following with refreshments on the Cathedral House Veranda.

CATHEDRAL WORKING BEE—18 NOVEMBER

The Cathedral working bee will be held next **Saturday 18th November** from 8am to 11am.

Make friends and enjoy the fellowship of working together! We will be cleaning and polishing the whole Cathedral – bring your gloves!



Please see one of the sacristans or you can just turn up!

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

In our parish & around the diocese

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES TRAINING

A new date has been set for the formation and training for Readers, Ministers of Communion, Acolytes, and Servers at the Xavier Centre on Saturday 25th November 2023, 9am to 12pm. To register go to: lumenchristi.org.au/refresh2023 Registration closes on Wednesday 15th November 2023.

CONFIRMATION ENROLMENTS 2024

Parents and caregivers are now invited to enrol their child into the 2024 programme for Confirmation (Year 6).

Parents and caregivers will need to attend a compulsory information session with the Parish Administrator, the School Principal and the Religious Education Coordinator of the Catholic Parish Primary Schools at the commencement of the program. Parents and caregivers of children in other local school systems will also need to attend this information session. To enrol your child in the Sacramental program visit the parish website: lumenchristi.org.au/sacramental Enrolments close 1 March 2024.

NOVEMBER MASSES

To have Mass offered for your deceased relatives, friends, and benefactors, please print their names clearly on an envelope. Names will be published in the book of the dead. You can get envelopes at the church doors and parish office or visit our website at: lumenchristi.org.au/NovemberMass

MASS OF ANOINTING | 29 NOV | 12.10PM, SFX

On Wednesday 29th November at St Francis Xavier Cathedral the 12.10pm 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.

The Anointing of the Sick is attested by Saint James: "Is anyone among you sick? Let him call in the presbyters of the Church and let them pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord" (James 5:14-15). The celebration of this sacrament consists in an anointing with oil blessed by the bishop at the Mass of the Chrism.

Parishioners are very welcome to attend the Mass of Anointing offered by Bishop Brian. It is a wonderful opportunity to receive the Anointing, but it is also a great opportunity to show support for those who are ill and suffering.

ST MARYS COLLEGE— ARTWORK

Parishioners are invited to view the beautiful artwork displayed at the Cathedral by St Mary's College Year 10 RE Program studies the synoptic Gospel of the liturgical year. In this way, there is a lovely connection between our work at school and the larger faith community praying through those Scriptures. We learn about the context of Matthew's time of writing the Gospel, who it was written for, and its themes.

We could pause to pray that we be ready when the Bridegroom responds to the ancient prayer: 'Come, Lord Jesus!'

MAY THEY SING UNTO GOD'S GLORY

Over the past week, our parish community has experienced the loss of two cherished choir members, Brian Bourke and Mu'a Ki Peito Lahi Moala.



Brian Bourke, a dedicated parishioner and a cherished member of the St. John Vianney choir, passed away on the 27th of October. His unwavering support and involvement in various aspects of our parish life have left an indelible mark on our community.

Mu'a Ki Peito Lahi Moala, a member of both the Cathedral and Tongan Choir, passed away on the 26th of October. Mu'a Ki was a devoted choir member whose presence added joy and harmony to our liturgical celebrations.

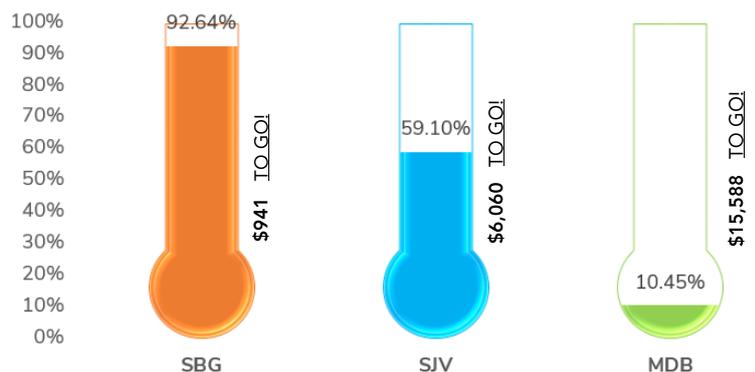
Let us come together as a faith community to remember and honor their contributions, and pray that God's love and mercy embrace them. May they find comfort and strength in the presence of our Lord, and ultimately, rise with Him in glory.



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
- ◆ **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 6 NOVEMBER 2023



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

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 87:3

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

First Reading

Wisdom 6:12-16

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Wisdom is found by those who look for it.

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.
By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.
Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known
to them.
Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;
you will find her sitting at your gates.
Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;
be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.
She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her
and graciously shows herself to them as they go,
in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 62:2-8. R. v.2

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. *(R.)*
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary.
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. *(R.)*
3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. *(R.)*
4. On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. *(R.)*

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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

Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are

still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

or

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 24:42. 44

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

you know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf Psalm 22:1-2

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose,
near restful waters he leads me.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The Hour and the Time

Israel was often portrayed as a bride in Jewish scriptures. So, the question was: 'When would the Bridegroom – the Anointed One of God, the Christ – appear?' Jesus' warning is to the attendants of the bride: 'Be alert, be vigilant, be prepared.' Some (the five foolish attendants) did miss the moment: the earthly ministry of Jesus of Nazareth.

But his warning is also for the Catholic Church which is the new Bride of Christ. We are the attendants to the Bride and the imperative applies to us also: Be alert, be vigilant. Be prepared for the eruption, the intervention of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Bridegroom, into our history, into our moment of time.

For example, is Christ coming to meet us in the modern movements which demand to hold authority accountable, or which press for just recognition of women? We can foolishly remain in the dark or we can wisely try to throw light on these questions. Only then we will be able to discern whether indeed it is the Lord who is approaching.

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