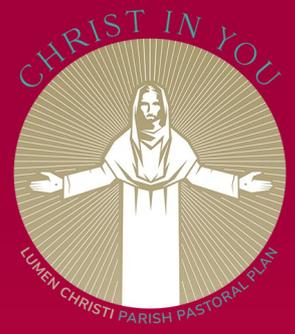


# PALM SUNDAY, B

24 MARCH 2024

HOSANNA!

Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord



## 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 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  
(Closed for Lunch 12pm—12.30pm)  
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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.



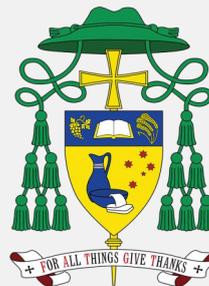
**LUMEN CHRISTI**  
CATHOLIC PARISH

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

Patricia Sequeira, Elsie Baird, Margaret & Paul Gray.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR  
OUR SICK PARISHIONERS ...**

Bishop Peter Ingham, Antoinette De Battista, Joan O'Dowd,  
Matthew Johnson, Suzy May Gellel, Pat Carr, John Parkinson,  
Joseph Scalia, Bill Sharpe, Ron Cooper, John Gauci.



# In our parish & around the diocese

## PARISH CALENDAR: MAR 2024

Tue, 26 Mar: Mass of the Chrism, SFX 7pm

Thu, 28 Mar: Mass of the Lord's Supper, SFX 7pm & SJV 6pm

Fri, 29 Mar: Stations of the Cross, SFX Grounds 10am

Fri, 29 Mar: Celebration of the Lord's Passion, SFX & SJV 3pm

Sat, 30 Mar: Easter Vigil, SFX 7.30pm & Easter Vigil, SJV 6pm

Sun, 31 Mar: Easter Sunday Masses (Usual Sunday Masses)

Thu, 04 Apr: Parish Lunch, Master Builders Club, 12pm

Fri, 05 Apr: Priestly Anniversary Mass, Fr Bernard SFX 6pm

Sun, 07 Apr: Hospitality weekend

Mon, 08 Apr: CWL Fairy Meadow Branch Mtg, MDB 2pm

Mon, 08 Apr: Annunciation Masses SFX 7am & 12.10pm

Tue, 09 Apr: Priestly Ordination of Fr Bernard Gordon (1994)

Wed, 10 Apr: CWL Wollongong Branch Mtg, Xavier Ctr 10am

Wed, 17 Apr: Baptism Class, SFX 7pm

## SACRAMENTS

- ♦ **Baptisms:** By appointment only. Baptism preparation session must be completed. Contact the parish office or book online [lumenchristi.org.au/baptism](http://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](http://lumenchristi.org.au/intentions)
- ♦ **Light a Votive Candle:** [lumenchristi.org.au/votive](http://lumenchristi.org.au/votive)
- ♦ **Census Form:** [lumenchristi.org.au/census](http://lumenchristi.org.au/census)
- ♦ **Online Donations:** [lumenchristi.org.au/donate](http://lumenchristi.org.au/donate)
- ♦ **Join Planned Giving:** [lumenchristi.org.au/support](http://lumenchristi.org.au/support)
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- ♦ **Good Samaritan School:** [gsfmdow.catholic.edu.au](http://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



### MON 25 MAR: MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Wollongong 7am Mass

### TUE 26 MAR: TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Wollongong 7am Mass

Fairy Meadow 9.30am Mass

### TUE 26 MAR: THE CHRISM MASS

Wollongong 7pm

### WED 27 MAR: WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Wollongong 7am Mass

Wollongong 11.00am Reconciliation & 12.10pm Mass

### THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

### THU 28 MAR: THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

No Morning Mass

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:

Fairy Meadow 6pm

Wollongong 7pm

### FRI 29 MAR: GOOD FRIDAY

Wollongong (Grassed Area) 10am, Stations of the Cross  
(Reconciliation in Cathedral after the Stations of the Cross)

Wollongong 3pm, The Passion of the Lord  
(Reconciliation available after the Passion)

Fairy Meadow 3pm, The Passion of the Lord  
(Reconciliation available after the Passion)

### SAT MORNING, 30 MAR: HOLY SATURDAY

Wollongong 11am—12pm Reconciliation

### SAT EVENING, 30 MAR: EASTER VIGIL

Fairy Meadow 6pm Easter Vigil

Wollongong 7pm Easter Vigil \*

*\*Please note: The NRL Telstra Premiership will held in the WIN Sports & Entertainment at 5.30pm. The Cathedral Grounds will be secured for parishioners only. The Cathedral Gates will open at 6.15pm.*

### SUN 31 MAR: EASTER SUNDAY

Wollongong 7am, 10.30am & 5pm

Gwynneville 9am

Fairy Meadow 8.30am

Balgownie 10am

### PLEASE NOTE FOR THE EASTER VIGIL MASS

At the Easter Vigil Mass parishioners will receive a Glass candle holder which will be lit from the Paschal Candle.

**Please do not** bring other candles so we can eliminate any wax dropped on the pews and carpets in our churches.

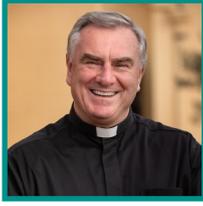
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Principal, St Brigid's

## PASTORAL AND FINANCE COUNCILS

The **Parish Pastoral Council's** purpose is ensuring the local church community, from which we are called, has every opportunity to carry forward the mission of the Parish.

The **Parish Finance Council** is an advisory group for the Parish Administrator in relation to Parish financial matters.

**Jenny Bell is our Councils' Secretary**  
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armed uprising. This is seen in barbaric reality in our own time with women being tortured and raped in campaigns of terror, trafficked into sexual slavery, suffering the loss of sons, husband and lovers. We could take a moment to pray that the Church of the 21st century, successor of the pacifist Church of the first three centuries, may enter on a new period of reflection on these issues, grappling with the desire to protect the innocent, yet always challenged by the man on a donkey, Divine Prince of Peace.

## CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

This weekend 65 children in our parish commence their preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation. Each child will celebrate a Commitment Ceremony. Please pray for our candidates, their parents and caregivers to support their children in their preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation.

## CHRISM MASS, TUES 26 MAR, 7PM

Each year during Holy Week the Chrism Mass is celebrated at St Francis Xavier Cathedral. During the Mass the Priests of the Diocese renew their commitment to priestly service. Bishop Brian blesses the oil of Catechumens (Baptism), oil for the Anointing of the Sick and consecrates the oil of Chrism (Baptism, Confirmation, Ordination of clergy and the consecration of altars). The oils are then distributed to clergy to be used during the year for their local communities. Everyone is warmly invited to join Bishop Brian and our clergy this Mass.

## COME AND SEE, GO AND MAKE

At our recent Parish Council meeting a session was recommended to discuss the documents outlining Bishop Brian's Diocesan vision: **Come & See, Go & Make: A Vision for Parishes**. The meeting will be held in the Mater Dolorosa Meeting Room Balgownie on **Saturday 20th April, 10am—11am**.

Please bring your copies of the documents and a pen. The workbook will be provided at the meeting. Other meetings will be organised as need and interest require.

Please RSVP your attendance to: [lisa.depaiva@dow.org.au](mailto:lisa.depaiva@dow.org.au)

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Lisa de Paiva, Chair of the Pastoral Council

## CHRIST IN YOU COMMENTS

Thank you to those parishioners who sent through comments and suggestions for the Christ in You Pastoral Plan strategies that have been published in the Bulletin over the first five Sundays of Lent. The writing committee of Marie Smith, Vicky Davidson, Kathy Uroda and Lisa de Paiva will review the material received and consider any additions to the strategies of our pastoral plan.

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

### Entrance Antiphon

*Cf John 12: 1, 12-13; Ps 23: 9-10*

Six days before the Passover,  
when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem,  
the children ran to meet him;  
in their hands they carried palm branches  
and with a loud voice cried out:  
\* Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

### First Reading

*Isaiah 50:4-7*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not  
be ashamed.*

The Lord has given me  
a disciple's tongue.  
So that I may know how to reply to the wearied  
he provides me with speech.  
Each morning he wakes me to hear,  
to listen like a disciple.  
The Lord has opened my ear.  
For my part, I made no resistance,  
neither did I turn away.  
I offered my back to those who struck me,  
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;  
I did not cover my face  
against insult and spittle.  
The Lord comes to my help,  
so that I am untouched by the insults.  
So, too, I set my face like flint;  
I know I shall not be shamed.

### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2*

*(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?*

1. All who see me deride me.  
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.  
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;  
let him release him if this is his friend.' *(R.)*
2. Many dogs have surrounded me,  
a band of the wicked beset me.  
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.  
I can count every one of my bones. *(R.)*
3. They divide my clothing among them.  
They cast lots for my robe.  
O Lord, do not leave me alone,  
my strength, make haste to help me! *(R.)*
4. I will tell of your name to my brethren  
and praise you where they are assembled.  
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;  
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.  
Revere him, Israel's sons.' *(R.)*

### Second Reading

*Philippians 2:6-11*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

*He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him  
on high.*

His state was divine,  
yet Christ Jesus did not cling  
to his equality with God  
but emptied himself  
to assume the condition of a slave,  
and became as men are,  
and being as all men are,  
he was humbler yet,  
even to accepting death,  
death on a cross.  
But God raised him high  
and gave him the name  
which is above all other names  
so that all beings  
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,  
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus  
and that every tongue should acclaim  
Jesus Christ as Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

### Gospel Acclamation

*Philippians 2:8-9*

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
Christ became obedient for us even to death  
dying on the cross.  
Therefore God raised him on high  
and gave him a name above all other names.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

### Gospel

*Please reflect prayerfully on Mark's Passion narrative.*

### Communion Antiphon

*Matthew 26:42*

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it,  
your will be done.

### REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

#### Women and War

Jesus entered Jerusalem, not as a warrior in the tradition of King David as many had hoped for, but riding simply on a donkey. The disciples and the crowd applauded him, but they proved fickle in their support.

On the other hand, Jesus remained steadfast in his commitment to non-violent revolutionary change of the religious and political systems so as to establish the reign of God. Why did he renounce marshalling human and angelic warriors to further his cause?

First, Jesus embodied God-for-us, and God does not want the destruction of those he has created out of love. Second, Jesus had a premonition that an armed revolt would lead to the destruction of Jerusalem and the dispersal of the Jewish people (as occurred in 70AD).

Third, another Gospel (Luke) recounts that as Jesus laboured up Mount Calvary he turned to some wailing women and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, weep rather for yourselves and for your children.' He knew that they suffer grievously in

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