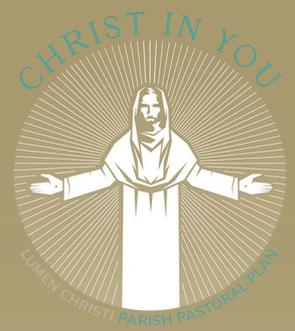


EASTER SUNDAY, B

31 MARCH 2024

SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

Let us rejoice and be glad



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 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

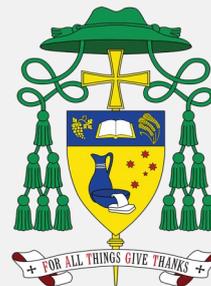
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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.



MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE ...

Mu'a Ki Peito Lahi Moala, Cleto, Leoncio, Monica & Antonio Ocenar, Ziggy Laba, Secondo Mancini, Gino Fogliati, Margaret & Paul Gray, Jurgen Dron & Bruce Howie.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS ...

Bishop Peter Ingham, Joan O'Dowd, Matthew Johnson, Pat Carr, John Parkinson, Bill Sharpe, Ron Cooper, John Gauci.



In our parish & around the diocese

PARISH CALENDAR: APR-MAY 2024

- Thu, 04 Apr: Parish Lunch, Master Builders Club, 12pm
Fri, 05 Apr: Anniversary Mass, Fr Bernard Gordon SFX 6pm
Sun, 07 Apr: Hospitality weekend
Mon, 08 Apr: CWL Fairy Meadow Branch Mtg, MDB 2pm
Mon, 08 Apr: Annunciation Mass, 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
Sat, 20 Apr: Come and See, Go and Make, Bal Mtg Rm 10am
Sun, 21 Apr: Death of Bishop William Murray (2013)
Thu, 25 Apr: Anzac Day Mass, SFX 8am
Sat, 27 Apr: Mental Health, Xavier Centre 9.30am
Wed, 01 May: St Joseph the Worker
Thu, 02 May: Parish Lunch, The Builders Club 12pm

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
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- ♦ **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



EASTER THANK YOU

**“We have been born anew to a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ”**

(1 Peter 1:3)

Dear Parishioners,

You are people of the Resurrection! Happy Easter!

Thank you for your beautiful witness of faith and hope. Thank you for your prayerful and loving presence in our parish.

Thank you to all who made the Holy Week ceremonies joyful and uplifting experiences of worship and praise. I especially want to thank our sacristans and their teams who have assisted the Bishop in preparing for the Paschal Triduum. Thanks also to the choir directors, musicians and singers, ministers of the altar, readers, welcomers and roster coordinators.

A very special thank you to our seminarians for assisting the bishop and opening our eyes to new life for the priesthood: Sinh Le, Quy (James) Tran, Darren McDowell, and Anthony Rewak.

Thank you to the Wollongong and Fairy Meadow Catholic Women's League branches for distributing chocolate Easter Eggs after Mass this weekend on behalf of our parish.

Please also take an Easter Prayer card to bless you home and Bishop Brian's Easter message for your reflection during this glorious octave of Easter.

On behalf of the parish a joyful note of gratitude to Bishop Brian, Fr Cang, Fr John, and Kevin and our parish office staff, who love and care for us so generously.

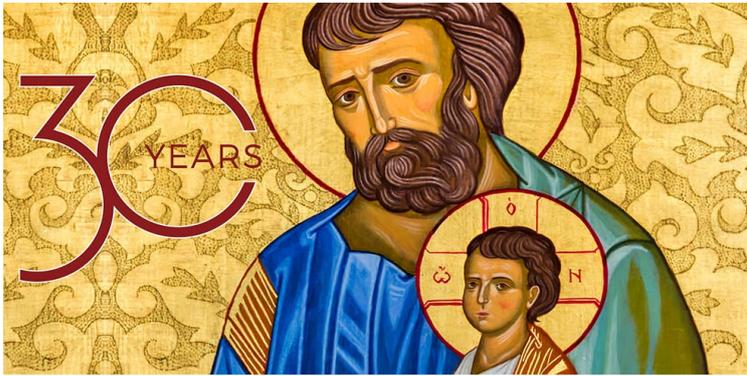
May the Lord peace your family and friends with joy!

Fr Bernard Gordon

**Please note that Easter Monday Mass (1 April)
will be offered 8am at St Francis Xavier
Cathedral.**

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

In our parish & around the diocese



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Fr Bernard Gordon on the 30th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

On behalf of all our parishioners in Lumen Christi Parish, I wish to thank Fr Bernard for his dedicated ministry among us.

I offer Fr Bernard my personal thanks for all his work for the Diocese as Vicar General.

May God bless Fr Bernard and his ministry for many years to come.

Bishop Brian Mascord

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The Feast of Divine Mercy will be celebrated at **Francis of Assisi Parish Warrawong (1 Bruce Rd) Sunday April 7**, commencing with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary and Chaplet of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Reconciliation at 2pm. Mass will be celebrated at 3pm with veneration of a First Class Relic of St Faustina.

PROJECT COMPASSION



Please return your Project Compassion offerings to our churches or parish office. Donations will be finalised to transfer to Caritas by 15th April 2024. Thank you for your ongoing support of Caritas.

REGINA CAELI

V. Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia!

R. For He whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia!

V. Has risen as He said, alleluia!

R. Pray for us to God, alleluia!

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia!

R. For the Lord is truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray.

O God, who through the Resurrection of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, granted joy to the world; grant, we beseech you, that through his Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Dawn has Broken – The Son is Risen

Women go to the tomb as dawn is breaking. The Power of Darkness which had Jesus unjustly sentenced, cruelly tortured and buried in the pitch blackness of the tomb, is conquered by the Son-Rise of all sun rises flooding our world and the whole of human history with Divine Light and Energy.

This is the heart of our faith as Catholic Christians, which we celebrate with bon-fire (good fire) in darkness at the Easter Vigil. From that earthly element we light the Easter candle and the Exsultet is sung: 'Be glad, let earth be glad as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King.' The resurrection itself is nowhere described in the gospels, but we do have appearances of the Risen Lord Jesus. The first appearance was to a woman, Mary of Magdala. A title given to her by the early church was 'Apostle to the Apostles' because she was the bearer of the message which the male disciples initially did not believe. But eventually they too believed that Death had been done to death because the Son had risen. Christ's body was transfigured by the energy of Divine Love and we can, by grace, participate in that resurrection life of Our Lord. A glorious destiny awaits us, as indeed it awaits the whole cosmos as it is to be transformed by that resurrection life recreating the whole of creation. We could take a moment to pray that we, along with all that matters, are graced with the life-giving energy of the Risen Son and that we may join Mary of Magdala in spreading the Good News of Christ's victory over death. Alleluia!

PARKING AT ST JOHN VIANNEY

Dear Parishioners,

Our numbers are growing for Sunday Mass at St John Vianney's, which is wonderful to see, and at times like Easter and Confirmation commitment we will have bigger crowds for Mass.

To assist with parking the Good Samaritan School has given the parish permission to utilise the McGrath St entry parking area for our parishioners who can then walk across the school grounds to the Co-Cathedral. The McGrath carpark will be open every Sunday and new Signage has been installed to indicate the McGrath St entrance is open.

The carpark space around St John Vianney's is limited and there are also people coming for the Italian Mass after our 8:30am Mass. Please be mindful of those who may be unable to walk far to use the parking bays closest to the church. Please take your time and be patient for your own safety and the safety of our fellow parishioners, especially around the school side of the Co-Cathedral.

Our apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Fr Bernard

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

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 138:18,5-6

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 10:34. 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24

*(R.) This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.*

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.' *(R.)*
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. *(R.)*
3. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. *(R.)*

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

Sequence

The sequence is said before the Gospel Acclamation

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;
and Christ, the undefiled,
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.
Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!
Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.
Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.
The tomb the Living did enclose;
I saw Christ's glory as he rose!
The angels there attesting;
shroud with grave-clothes resting.
Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.
That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Gospel Acclamation

1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'
So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

Parishioners will be invited to renew their baptismal promises instead of the creed. The priest will bless you with Holy Water at this time. Creed is omitted.

Communion Antiphon

1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;
therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread
of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

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