

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

1 JANUARY 2023

56TH WORLD DAY OF PEACE

Restore the word 'together' to a central place (cf. Pope Francis)

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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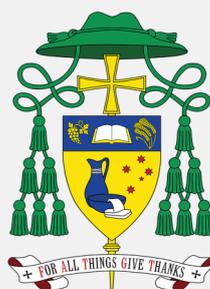
LUMEN CHRISTI CATHOLIC PARISH

MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE ...

Helen Hampson, Stephen Hamilton, Anne Hamilton, Patrick Gardiner, and all our deceased relatives and friends.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS ...

Bishop Peter Ingham, John Parkinson, Mick Davies, Isobel Joseph, Gerard Gray, Ross Abbott, Jan Coulson, Noel & Therese Rouse, Nikiesha Thorton, Tony Moriarty, Veronica Bowman, Angela Mosley, Angela Sirc, Dianne Hukins, Margaret Gray, Christine Bulters, Matthew Johnson, Suzy May Gellel, Lordna Omiping, Dr Madeleine Cincotta, Elenka Egan, Dr John Frey, Johnny Dimise, Francisco Santos, Ada Raynor, Denise Mastro, Jadon Kalp, Amanda Dennis, Tara Conklin, Jamie Chitwood, Karl Llorin, Sue Freestone, Ardell Sharpe, Joseph Scalia, Lilia Pelino, Don Alanis.



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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.

In our parish & around the diocese

PARISH CALENDAR: JAN 2023—FEB 2023

Mon, 2 Jan: Normal Mass times resumes
Fri, 13 Jan: Music Coordinators Meeting, Rigney Room 10am
Mon, 16 Jan: Anniversary of Dedication of Saint Brigid's Church, Gwynneville
Sat, 21 Jan: Inservice—Liturgy of the Word, SFX 9.30am
Thu, 26 Jan: Australia Day Mass, SFX 7am (No Mass at SBG)
Fri, 27 Jan: Catechists Meeting, Rigney Room 10am
Fri, 27 Jan: Schools resumes
Wed, 1 Feb: Feast of St Brigid, Patroness of Gwynneville
Thu, 2 Feb: Presentation of the Lord, SFX 7am, SBG 9:30am
Sun, 5 Feb: Hospitality Weekend Resumes
Tue, 7 Feb: Mass of Anointing, SJV 9.30am
Mon, 20 Feb: Confirmation Parent Evening, SBG 6.30pm
Tue, 21 Feb: Confirmation Parent Evening, GSFM 6.30pm
Wed, 22 Feb: Ash Wednesday Masses, SFX 7am, SBG 9.30am, SJV 11am, SFX 12.10pm & SFX 6pm
Fri, 24 Feb: Stations of the Cross, SFX 7pm

SACRAMENTS

- **Baptisms:** By appointment only (contact the parish office during office hours for details)
- **Marriages:** A preliminary appointment needs to be made at least 6 months prior to Wedding Date (**No Sunday weddings**)
- 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
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- **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

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD



This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. This is the greatest of the titles the Church celebrates in honour of Mary. It does not affirm that Mary in any way is greater than God. But it is a very strong statement about who Jesus is and Mary's true relationship with him as his human mother. Jesus is truly the Son of the Most High and is also truly the Word made flesh who dwells among us. In calling Mary Mother of God we are emphasising the deepest identity of Jesus as truly God, this One who truly has a human mother.

One of the titles we give to Mary is Queen of Peace. In times of trial we turn to Mary and ask for her intercession that we would experience peace, even when events around us or the state of our hearts make it very difficult to be at peace.

Why do we ask Mary to pray for us that we would have this peace? Mary knew the peace that comes from being close to Jesus, her Son, our Saviour, even when life was far from comfortable and perfect. Mary knew the loving support of Joseph for her and her Child when she was most vulnerable. Mary received the Shepherds who had come to see Christ after they had heard the angel's announcement of God's peace to all of good will. Mary must have marvelled at the Wise Men from the east who came bearing rich gifts for the Saviour of all the nations of the world. Mary knew how to receive all kinds of people into her life and the life of her Son.

In her capacity for warm welcome Mary lived what Pope Francis has called us to do on this 56th World Day of Peace: Mary restored the word 'together' to a central place. In her mother's heart she perceived the common humanity that bound all these people together as children of God and she welcomed them.

Mary, mother so tender and so respectful of our need for welcome and acceptance, help us to be bearers of Christ's love and peace. Pray that we will let go of our bitterness and discord. Help us to have hearts that love, that generously give to others what they justly need, and open our lives to them in a spirit of harmony that brings everyone together in peace.

From all of us in the Lumen Christi office and on behalf of Bishop Brian and all the clergy, have a great 2023!

Fr Bernard

AUSTRALIA DAY MASS, 26 JANUARY

Fr Bernard Gordon will celebrate the Australia Day Mass at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, 7am Thursday 26th January 2023. All are welcome! (There will be no 9.30am Mass at Gwynneville on that day.)

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

In our parish & around the diocese

ST JOHN VIANNEY GARDEN

Some money has been donated to enhance the Co-Cathedral at Fairy Meadow. It would promote devotion to the patron of the Co-Cathedral, St John Vianney, if we erect an outdoor statue of him and make a garden bed around it to further beautify the surroundings of the Co-Cathedral. Any contribution you can make to this project would be greatly appreciated:



Online Donations: lumenchristi.org.au/donate

Cheques payable to: Lumen Christi Parish SJV Garden

Direct Deposit: BSB: 066 711 Account: 008056

Ref: SJV Garden

Thank you for your ongoing support!

INSERVICE—LITURGY/ HOLY COMMUNION

The Inservice for the Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion will take place at St Francis Xavier Cathedral on Saturday, 21st January 2023 at 9.30am. Please contact Leanne at the parish office to register. New comers welcome to attend.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who supported the Giving Tree and the Christmas Appeal. Your very generous contributions will allow the SVdP to provide ongoing help for those struggling on the edge of society. Thank you for your support!

Wollongong Conference \$ 13,006.05

Gwynneville Conference \$ 2,036.50

Fairy Meadow Conference \$ 3,200.00

Total raised: \$ 18,242.55

PARISH PRAYER

Merciful God,
you have called us out of darkness
into the Light of Christ.
We gather as the parish community of Lumen Christi.
In Baptism, we were consecrated as your children.
In Confirmation, the Spirit of truth
strengthened us to bear witness to your Word.
We are nourished at the table of the Eucharist.
May our gifts always contribute to
building up the Body of Christ.
Help us to reveal Christ's love
to the world through all we say and do.
Amen.

WE ARE CALLED

Refrain

We are called to be bearers of Christ's love.
We are called to reveal the Light of Christ to the world.
Merciful God, merciful God,
you have called us out of darkness into Light, the Light of Christ.
May the gifts that we share help in building up
the Body of Christ, the Body of Christ.
Help us to reveal Christ's love to the world
through all we say and do, all we say and do.
May the Spirit of Truth strengthen us,
Help us to bear witness to your Word, witness to your Word.
Feed us at the table of the Eucharist
to give Light to the world, light to the world.

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**HAPPY 70TH BIRTHDAY,
FR JOHN STORK! GOD BLESS YOU!**



WELCOME TO LUMEN CHRISTI PARISH

New to our parish or have your details changed? Complete this form and return it to the Office or place it in one of the collections.

FULL NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

SUBURB: _____ POST CODE: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

MOBILE TELEPHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

I would like to subscribe to the weekly e-bulletin. I would like to join Planned Giving to support my parish.

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

Entrance Antiphon

Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King,
who rules heaven and earth for ever.

First Reading

Nm 6:22-27

A reading from the book of Numbers

*They will call down my name on the children of Israel
and I will bless them.*

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'Say this to Aaron and his sons: "This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them:

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace."

This is how they are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 66:2-3. 5. 6. 8. R. v.2

(R.) May God bless us in his mercy.

1. God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. **(R.)**
2. Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples.
you guide the nations on earth. **(R.)**
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Gal 4:4-7

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

*When the appointed time came, God sent his son, born
of a woman.*

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, 'Abba, Father', and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave any more; and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir.

Gospel Acclamation

Heb 1:1-2

Alleluia, alleluia!

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets;
now he speaks to us through his Son.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 2:16-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*The shepherds found Mary and Joseph, and the infant
lying in the crib... When the eighth day came they gave
him the name of Jesus.*

The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told.

When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before his conception.

Communion Antiphon

Heb 13:8

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and for ever.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The Calendar-Shattering Mary

It is fitting that on New Year's Day we celebrate the calendar-shattering event in human history: the extraordinary role that a young woman in Galilee played in God's plan for the human race.

In the Western Church, the young woman is titled 'Mother of God'. This signifies a relationship, a loving, nurturing relationship. We know that it encompassed a mother's horror of seeing her son tortured and done to death on the Cross.

Yes, she was a mother, but Mother of God.

How can this be portrayed for our minds to grasp? In the Book of Genesis, the creative act which began all reckoning of the passage of time and seasons was signalled by the Divine Wind hovering over the formless void.

When that Holy Gust hovered over Mary, and she responded: 'Be it done unto me according to thy Word', the human existence of Our Lord Jesus Christ began, the fulcrum of history from which our calendar begins.

We could pause for a moment to pray that at the end of all history, at the end of all calendars, we may share in Divine life with Mary of Galilee, Mother of God.

*Lumen Christi Parish is
a year old today*

*Happy Birthday
to our Parish Community*

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