

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Year A

15 JANUARY 2023

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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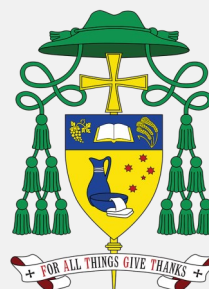
LUMEN CHRISTI
CATHOLIC PARISH

MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE ...

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Cardinal George Pell, Dr John Frey, Leo Fry, John Borg, Antonia Borg, Emmanuel Galea, Carmen Galea & Lisa Galea, Maria Demaria.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS ...

Bishop Peter Ingham, Pat Carr, David Coates, 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, Francisco Santos, Ada Raynor, Denise Mastro, Jadon Kalp, Amanda Dennis, Tara Conklin, Jamie Chitwood, Karl Llorin, Sue Freestone, Bill & Ardell Sharpe, Joseph Scalia, Lilia Pelino, Don Alanis.



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PASTORAL & FINANCE COUNCILS

Lisa de Paiva, Chair of the Pastoral Council
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PARISH SCHOOLS

Kathy Uroda, Principal, St Brigid's Gwynneville
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.

In our parish & around the diocese

PARISH CALENDAR: JAN—FEB 2023

Mon, 16 Jan: Anniversary of Dedication of Saint Brigid's Church, Gwynneville
Thu, 26 Jan: Australia Day Mass, SFX 7am (No Mass at SBG)
Fri, 27 Jan: Catechists Meeting, Rigney Room 10am
Fri, 27 Jan: Schools resume
Sat, 21 Jan: Inservice—Liturgy of the Word, SFX 9.30am
Wed, 1 Feb: Feast of St Brigid, Patroness of Gwynneville
Thu, 2 Feb: Presentation of the Lord, SFX 7am, SBG 9:30am
Thu, 2 Feb: Parish Lunch, Fraternity Club Fairy Meadow 12pm
Sun, 5 Feb: Hospitality Weekend Resumes
Tue, 7 Feb: Mass of Anointing, SJV 9.30am
Wed, 8 Feb: Staff Development Day, Parish Office closed
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
- **Online Payments:** lumenchristi.org.au/payment
- **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



THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

On the Feast of The Presentation of the Lord the Church celebrates that forty days after Jesus' birth he was brought to the Temple by Mary and Joseph and proclaimed as the Light for all peoples by Simeon the elderly priest. On this day candles are blessed so we can remember that Christ is the Light of our world and our homes. Masses will be celebrated on **Thursday, 2 February at 7am, St Francis Xavier Cathedral, and 9.30am at St Brigid's Gwynneville.**

Please bring your own candles to be blessed on this joyful day.

ORDINARY TIME

The purpose of the Church's liturgical year is to celebrate Christ's saving work and unfold his entire mystery for us throughout the year. After Christmas Time and then after Easter Time we celebrate Ordinary Time. At various points of the year we focus on one aspect of Christ's mystery such as his Resurrection, but in Ordinary Time we honour the whole mystery of Christ and its implications for our life. The colour for Ordinary Time is green which evokes the new growth and hope flowing to us from Christ's Life, Death and Resurrection.

TRIUMPH: LENTEN PROGRAM 2023

Triumph: the Lenten Program for 2023, contains short daily reflections (from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday) for individual devotional reading. It includes reflections on the Sunday Scripture readings and prayers and questions that customarily form part of Lenten group gatherings.



To pre-order your copy of the *Triumph* lenten booklet or CD visit the parish online shop at: lumenchristi.org.au/shop

Lenten Books and CD's are \$6 each.

PARISH STAFF INSERVICE

On Wednesday 8 February the Lumen Christi Parish Staff will be attending an all day in-service and the parish office will be closed and it will re-open the following day on Thursday 9th February.

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

In our parish & around the diocese

CONGRATULATIONS JOHN AND SUE WISE!

GOLDEN JUBILEE

John and Sue, we offer you our heartfelt congratulations as you celebrate 50 years of married life.

May Christ look on you with kindness, increase your love for each other, and strengthen you in the bond of peace that you may always rejoice in the gift of God's blessing.



AUSTRALIA DAY: DAY OF PRAYER

Fr Bernard will celebrate the Australia Day Mass at **St Francis Xavier Cathedral, 7am, Thursday 26th January 2023**. We pray "that as the Cross shines in our southern skies, so may Christ bring light to our nation, to its peoples old and new, and by saving grace, transform our lives" (Collect of the Australia Day Mass). All are welcome.

Please note there will be NO Mass at Gwynneville that day.

LUMEN CHRISTI PARISH SACRAMENTAL STATISTICS FOR 2022

Parish life is integral to the organization of Christian worship and life. In our parish we gather to hear the Word of God and celebrate the Sacraments of Christ. The church building stands as a symbol of ourselves as the Body of Christ called to witness to the presence and love of Christ to the world.

Each year we provide a report to the diocese on the sacramental statistics for the last year. It is a way of giving thanks for the good work done in the service of others and seeing the present stage of growth of our parish. In 2022 the number of people who celebrated the sacraments was:



129 Baptisms



137 First Holy Communion



72 Confirmations, including 5 RCIA



18 Marriages



53 Funerals

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN A MINISTRY?

We are an active parish which relies on our many volunteers. Each Ministry is an opportunity to be involved in the Parish community. The Parish is enriched by Altar Servers, Ministers to the sick, Ministers of the Word (readers), Welcomers, Counters, Musicians, Working Bee members, and many more. Please contact the Parish Office to make your contribution to our community.

SINGING THE ALLELUIA

Dear Parishioners,

When we come together as Christians to worship God, as St Paul teaches, we sing Psalms, hymns, and spiritual canticles (cf. Colossians 3:16). Singing gathers us together in body and soul and unites us with each other in sentiments of faith, praise, and adoration. Singing expresses our joy and consoles us when we feel burdened by sorrow.

Your voices are beautiful and express the goodness of your hearts. Your voices are a gift from God and contribute to the glorification of God when we gather to celebrate the Holy Eucharist. Thank you for your heartfelt singing and a very special note of gratitude to all those who help us in Lumen Christi Parish to praise God with their gift of music and song. So many help us by playing musical instruments or singing as cantors and in choirs!

Fr Bernard



RIP CARDINAL GEORGE PELL

His Eminence George Cardinal Pell passed away earlier this week in Rome. He was 81 years of age. Ordained priest on 16th December 1966 and appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne in 1987, he then served as Archbishop of Melbourne from 1996-2001. He was the eighth Archbishop of Sydney. From 2014 he served as Prefect for the Secretariat for the Economy. May Cardinal Pell now rest in the fullness of eternal life.

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

THIS WEEK'S READINGS & COMMENTARY

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 65:4

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
and shall sing to you,
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

First Reading

Is 49:3. 5-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified';
I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord,
my God was my strength.
And now the Lord has spoken,
he who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant,
to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of
Israel;
I will make you the light of the nations
so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv.8. 9.

(R.) Here I am, Lord;

I come to do your will.

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. (R.)
2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I. (R.)
3. In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart. (R.)
4. Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord.

Second Reading

1 Cor 1:1-3

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

The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 1:14. 12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.
He enabled those who accepted him
to become the children of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 1:29-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 22:5

You have prepared a table before me,
and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The Perfume of Holiness

What does it mean to be 'holy'? It does not mean 100% morally correct, or separate from the great mass of people: 'Holier than thou!' It means being so close to God that God's holiness rubs off. We are adopted members of the Holy Family, and something rubs off.

Each one of us has heard at our baptism 'You are my beloved son/daughter'. We have been adopted into God's family and that brings us into close proximity to God.

So, if St Paul were writing to us today, as he did to the Corinthians, this is how it would run: '... to the church of God that is in [your town], made up of those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called holy.'

But, we are not alone. In a multitude of places there are people who have also been baptised and therefore share a certain family resemblance. How is the 'togetherness' held together? By being in communion with the Bishop of Rome, currently Pope Francis. We might pause for a moment to thank God that we are amongst the baptised who can receive St Paul's greeting: 'Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.'

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