

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Year A

22 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 ...

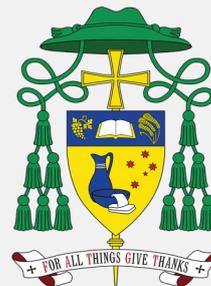
Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Cardinal George Pell, Maria Demaria.

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, Nikiasha 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.



CHRIST IN YOU LUMEN CHRISTI PARISH PASTORAL PLAN



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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—MAR 2023

- 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
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
Wed, 22 Feb: Episcopal Ordination of Anniversary of Bishop Brian Mascord
Fri, 24 Feb: Stations of the Cross, SFX 7pm
Tue, 28 Feb: Finance Council Mtg, Rigney Room, 5pm
Wed, 1 Mar: Pastoral Council Mtg, Rigney Room, 5pm

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
- **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

In the Feast of *The Presentation of the Lord* the Church celebrates that when Mary and Joseph brought Jesus as a child to the Temple he was 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 of our homes. Masses will be celebrated for the Presentation 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.

CHURCH GARDENS



Over the past year our Cathedral Gardens have been transformed. It is always pleasing to see beautifully cultivated plants and gardens. Thank you to our team of garden volunteers for all their great work!

If you would like to spare an hour watering and maintaining the gardens at one of our four churches, please contact the parish office. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

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

PARISH LUNCHEON



Come to our Parish luncheon held on Thursday 2nd February 2023, 12pm at the Fraternity Club Fairy Meadow. All are welcome!

AUSTRALIA DAY: DAY OF PRAYER

The Australia Day Mass will be celebrated 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.

PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY



The custom is to reduce to ashes the palms for Palm Sunday from the previous year. Please return your palms by 1st February at the Cathedral sacristy or Office or see Denis Bristow, our Cathedral sacristan. Thank you!



ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES 2023

Ash Wednesday commences Lent, which is given to us by God as "a sacred time" for our hearts to be renewed and purified (Preface II of Lent). This year Ash Wednesday will be celebrated on 22nd February. On Ash Wednesday, a day of fast and abstinence, the blessed ashes are sprinkled over our heads as a sign of repentance. Please note this year's Ash Wednesday Mass timetable:

St Francis Xavier Cathedral

7am, 12.10pm & 6pm

St John Vianney Co-Cathedral

11am (includes Good Samaritan Parish School)

St Brigid's Church

9.30am (includes St Brigid's Parish School)

**HAPPY 82ND BIRTHDAY
BISHOP EMERITUS PETER
INGHAM!**



PLEASE WASH OUR ALTAR SERVER ALBS!

The robes for those who serve at the altar during Mass need a thorough washing and ironing in preparation for the glorious Easter celebrations. In fact, the robes (called albs in liturgical speak from the Latin *albus* for white) need to be washed every so often to ensure they are fresh and clean. (We want our servers to look and feel new and fresh for their important liturgical ministry!) Please contact the sacristan of your local church or the Parish Office if you are able to help. Thank you!



LUMEN CHRISTI PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2023

AN INVITATION TO ALL PARENTS AND CHILDREN

After receiving suggestions and comments from parents in a review conducted last year, we have renewed the Lumen Christi Parish sacramental program. Parents and caregivers are now invited to enrol their child into the 2023 program for Reconciliation (Year 3), Holy Communion (Year 3) and 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 our Catholic Parish Primary Schools at the commencement of the program. Parents and caregivers of children in the State School System will also need to attend this information session. To enrol your child in the Sacramental program visit the Lumen Christi Parish Online Portal **no later than Monday 6th February 2023.**

Go to: lumenchristi.org.au/sacramental

Looking forward to meeting you,

Fr Bernard Gordon (Administrator), Kathy Uroda (Principal St Brigid's) & Toni Sillis (Principal Good Samaritan)

INVITATION TO PARISH VOLUNTEERS

In honour of your great work as generous parish volunteers, I warmly invite you to a Mass of Thanksgiving followed by light refreshments. The Mass and Gathering will be held on **Saturday 4th March 2023 10am** at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong.

Please RSVP your attendance by 15th February. Go to: lumenchristi.org.au/rsvp or phone 4211 0500.

Thank you for all you do to make our parish a lively community of faith, worship, and service.

Fr Bernard Gordon



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

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 95:1,6

O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and splendour,
strength and honour in his holy place.

First Reading

Is 8:23 – 9:3

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light.

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness
has seen a great light;
on those who live in a land of deep shadow
a light has shone.
You have made their gladness greater,
you have made their joy increase,
they rejoice in your presence
as men rejoice at harvest time,
as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.
For the yoke that was weighing on him,
the bar across his shoulders,
the rod of his oppressor,
these you break as on the day of Midian.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 26:1. 4. 13-14. R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Second Reading

1 Cor 1:10-13, 17

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

I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters, make up the differences between you.

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.
Alleluia!
Gospel

Mt 4:12-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside

town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!
Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,
Galilee of the nations!
The people that lived in darkness
has seen a great light;
on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death
a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him.

Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 33:6

Look toward the Lord and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The Voice of Jesus

Two sets of two brothers were running successful family businesses. But once Jesus passed by and called them, the Gospel says, at once they left their boats and followed him. I think because, hearing his voice, they realised that Jesus was the true vocalist of God.

Irish author and mystic, John O'Donohue, once wrote, 'Something in us senses and knows how perfectly the contours of the soul fit the divine embrace.'*

Maybe Simon Peter, Andrew, James and John sensed that, in this Jesus, there was a Soul whose contours perfectly fitted the divine embrace. They were prepared to risk everything for the chance to have their souls contoured along the same lines.

The call: 'Follow me ...', was not to an isolated individual promising to save his soul, but to two brothers and then another two brothers. Immediately, a community was being formed and its task was to bring others into that Jesus-following community.

We could pause for a moment to hear the brothers beckoning us to follow the call of that voice sounded by Our Lord Jesus Christ.

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