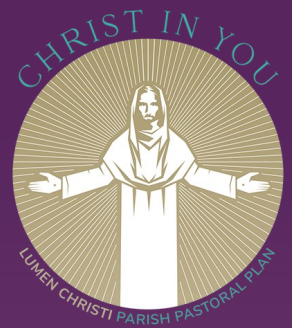


FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, Year A

26 FEBRUARY 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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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We show our respect and acknowledge
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Elders past, present, and emerging,
and extend that respect to all other
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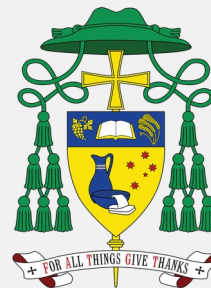
LUMEN CHRISTI
CATHOLIC PARISH

MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE ...

Jeanette Crisafi, David Coates, David Crowe, Kevin Vicary,
Victor Saverimuttu, Gladys Parada.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS ...

Bishop Peter Ingham, Pat Carr, John Parkinson, Joseph Scalia,
Bill & Ardell Sharpe, Jan Coulson, Therese & Noel Rouse,
Grace Zammit.



In our parish & around the diocese

PARISH CALENDAR: FEB—APR 2023

Tue, 28 Feb: Finance Council Mtg, Rigney Room, 5pm
Wed, 1 Mar: Pastoral Council Mtg, Rigney Room, 5pm
Thu, 2 Mar: Lunch Club, Fraternity Club Fairy Meadow 12pm
Fri, 3 Mar: Stations of the Cross, SFX 7pm
Sat, 4 Mar: Stewardship Mass, SFX 10am
Sun, 5 Mar: Second Sunday of Lent
Sun, 5 Mar: Christ in You Pastoral Plan Survey
Sun, 5 Mar: Hospitality weekend
Fri, 10 Mar: Stations of the Cross, SFX 7pm
Thu 16 Mar: Anniversary Dedication of the Cathedral (2010)
Fri, 17 Mar: Stations of the Cross, SFX 7pm
Fri 24 Mar: Mass of the Unborn, SFX 12.10pm
Fri, 24 Mar: Stations of the Cross, SFX 7pm
Sat, 25 Mar: Annunciation of the Lord, Mass SFX 12.10pm
Fri, 31 Mar: Stations of the Cross, SFX 7pm
Sun, 2 Apr: Palm Sunday, (Usual Mass times)
Sun, 2 Apr: Hospitality weekend
Tue, 4 Apr: Mass of the Chrism, 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
- **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



Dear Parishioners,

We have been reflecting on the theme of our Pastoral Plan "Christ in You". Our Pastoral Plan will play an important role for us as we set some goals to develop our parish life and mission. There are two basic steps in developing our Pastoral Plan.

The first step is to open our hearts in prayer to God's plan to create, save, unite, and complete all things through Christ. Jesus assures us that when we are gathered together he is present to us and that the Spirit of truth will guide us. In prayer our minds will be given light about how we can support each other and bear witness to God's truth and love.

The second step is for every parishioner to play his or her part. I personally invite every one of you to be actively involved in developing our Pastoral Plan. Think of how we can become a more supportive and effective community of worship, service, mission, and stewardship. Then, next weekend, after the presentation from a member of our pastoral or finance council, go to the parish webpage and make your suggestions about how we can develop our parish life:

lumenchristi.org.au/pastoralplan

Alternatively, complete the printed survey that will be handed out at Mass next weekend (4/5 March) and hand it in to the parish office or place it in the church collection boxes.

As we develop our Pastoral Plan, may our clearer awareness of Christ's life-giving presence bring us new hope and enthusiasm for our mission of living the Gospel.

Fr Bernard Gordon

PARISH AUDIT

Our annual practice is to have our parish finances audited in accord with Diocesan requirements. The audit for 2022 has been completed and a report has been provided to Bishop Mascord. A financial report will be made available to all in the coming weeks. I am very grateful to Kevin Galea, our General Manager, and our Finance Council, who ensure that our practices for payments and receipts are in line with diocesan standards.

Fr Bernard Gordon

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

In our parish & around the diocese

THE JOURNEY OF LENT

Project Compassion

Running through the six weeks of Lent, Project Compassion raises both funds and community awareness about important global issues, empowering our neighbours across the world to build a brighter future. We are called to end poverty, promote justice, and uphold dignity. Project Compassion boxes and envelopes can be found at our church doors or you can donate online at www.caritas.org.au

Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross will be held every week during Lent, Fridays 7pm at St Francis Xavier Cathedral. In this prayerful devotion we lovingly reflect on Christ's time of suffering from when he was condemned by Pilate until his burial. The fruits of this time of prayer are to grow in sorrow for our neglect of God's love, become more sensitive to God's consoling presence for us in our sufferings, and be formed in compassion for others when they need our understanding and support.

Lenten Program

Triumph, the Lenten Program for 2023, contains short daily reflections (from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday) for individual devotional reading. To purchase your copy of the Triumph booklet or CD, visit the parish online shop at: lumenchristi.org.au/shop

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

Lenten Fast

How attached are you to your technology devices? As we journey through Lent, we might keep in mind that we can reduce our time with technology: TV, computers, internet, Facebook, twitter, Instagram, as well our mobile telephone usage. Can we use some of our "on-line" time to pray, to make contact with someone, to spend time with someone who is needy?

The Second Form of the Penitential Act

Priest: Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

Priest: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

People: For we have sinned against you.

Priest: Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

People: And grant us your salvation.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

St Francis Xavier Cathedral: Wednesdays and Fridays, 11:30am & Saturdays, 11am-12pm.

No Alleluia Until Easter!

The Alleluia is **omitted** at every Mass during Lent, even in celebrations of solemnities and feasts. Instead, the Verse before the Gospel is sung or said as given in the Lectionary.

Communion Antiphon

Mt 4:4

One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

It is Written

Jesus was offered three shortcuts for his ministry. Firstly, exceptional powers to satisfy his own needs (bread out of stones). Secondly, when he needed to take risks, angels to keep him safe. Thirdly, when he wanted to change the world, absolute political power.

These were the Temptations of Christ, but also for us. If you or I are tempted to sin, we will find the marks of this threefold pattern. We want the whole world to change to satisfy us, or we want to take stupid risks and come out unscathed, or we want to exercise total power over others.

How can we try to follow Jesus without the shortcuts of the fantasy world which the Devil may offer? Note that Jesus resisted each temptation with: 'It is written'. The forty days of Lent are a perfect opportunity to read what 'is written' in the Gospels about the episodes and pattern of the life of Jesus Christ.

We could pause for a moment to find what is written and to imitate what we find. That is how the Devil is defeated.

LUMEN CHRISTI FINANCE COUNCIL

The Lumen Christi Parish Finance Council has been reappointed for two years effective from 1 January 2023. I wish to thank the members of the finance council. Part of their important work is to explore alternative sources of income to further secure and develop our parish life.

Fr Bernard Gordon



MASS FOR THE UNBORN

Mass will be offered at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Friday 24th March at 12.10pm for all babies who did not come to full term, for those babies who died at birth, and for their families. Mass will be celebrated by Fr John Stork.



THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Lovingly Mary bore Jesus in her womb

All parishioners are invited to the Mass of the Annunciation of the Lord to be celebrated at St Francis Xavier Cathedral on **Saturday 25th March 2023 at 12.10pm.**

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

THIS WEEK'S READINGS & COMMENTARY

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 90:15-16

When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is not said.

First Reading

Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7

A reading from the book of Genesis

Creation of our first parents, and sin.

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death".' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 50:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. see v.3

(R.) Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. **(R.)**
2. My offences truly I know them;
my sin is always before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I have done. **(R.)**
3. A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **(R.)**
4. Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me.
O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Rom 5:12-19

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more.

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

Mt 4:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says:

Man does not live on bread alone

but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels' charge,
and they will support you on their hands
in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God,
and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

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