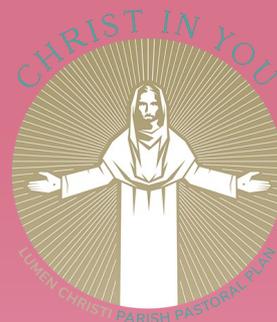


FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, Year A

19 MARCH 2023

ROSE LAETARE SUNDAY

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her



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 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.



LUMEN CHRISTI CATHOLIC PARISH

MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE ...

Manuel Augusto, Margaret Fitzgerald, Paul Gray, Vincenzo Demaria, Jurgen Dron, Bruce Howie.

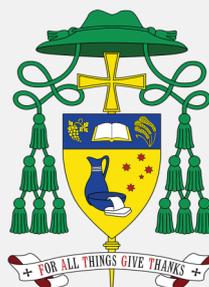
PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS ...

Bishop Peter Ingham, Matthew Johnson, Suzy May Gellel, Pat Carr, John Parkinson, Joseph Scalia, Bill & Ardell Sharpe, Therese & Noel Rouse, Grace Zammit.

CHRIST IN YOU SURVEY



SCAN QR CODE



In our parish & around the diocese

PARISH CALENDAR: MAR—APR 2023

Mon 20 Mar: Solemnity of St Joseph, SFX 7am
Tue 21 Mar: Lenten Reconciliation after SJV, 9.30am Mass
Wed 22 Mar: Lenten Second Rite of Reconciliation, SFX 11am
Thu 23 Mar: Lenten Reconciliation after SBG, 9.30am Mass
Fri 24 Mar: Mass for Children who have died, SFX 12.10pm
Fri, 24 Mar: Stations of the Cross, SFX 7pm
Sat, 25 Mar: Annunciation of the Lord, Mass SFX 12.10pm
Sun, 26 Mar: Lenten Reconciliation after MDB, 10am Mass
Fri, 31 Mar: Stations of the Cross, SFX 7pm
Sun, 2 Apr: Palm Sunday, (Usual Mass times)
Sun, 2 Apr: Hospitality weekend
Thu, 6 Apr: Lunch Club, Fraternity Club Fairy Meadow 12pm
Thu, 6 Apr: Sun 9 Apr: Triduum (refer to page 3)
Sun, 9 Apr: Priestly Ordination of Fr Bernard Gordon (1994)
Wed, 19 Apr: Baptism Class, SFX 7pm
Fri, 21 Apr: Anniversary of Bishop Murray, RIP: 21/04/2013
Tue 25 Apr: Anzac Day, SFX Mass 8am (No Mass at SJV)

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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- **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

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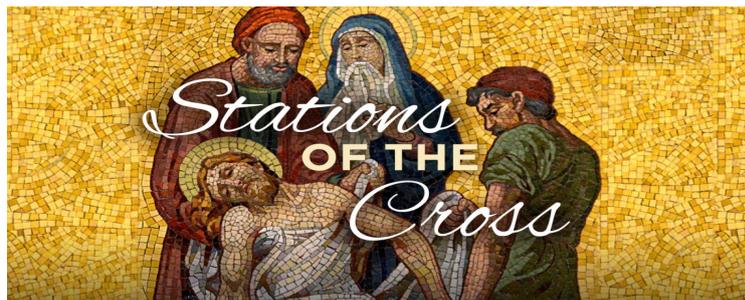
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BSB: 066 711 **Account:** 002286

Account Name: Lumen Christi Parish Presbytery

ROSE LAETARE (REJOICE) SUNDAY

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is called Laetare Sunday, which is derived from the opening words of the Mass in Latin: "Rejoice (Laetare) Jerusalem" (Is 66:10). We are called to anticipate the victory over our sinfulness and death Christ will win through his saving Death and Resurrection. This joyful theme provides a time of rest from the penitential emphasis of Lent. Since the Thirteenth Century the celebrant of the Eucharist has been permitted to wear rose-coloured vestments, a mixture of the violet of Lent with the white of Easter Joy. **Laetare Sunday is therefore also called "Rose Sunday."**



GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed and sung on Good Friday (7 April) at 10am in the Cathedral grounds (go to the Queens Parade grassed area). You will be able to access the Stations Field from the cathedral car parking areas. While some chairs will be provided, if you need to be seated during the Stations, please bring your own outdoor chair and place it under the canopy in the centre of the Field.

Please invite your family and friends. It will be a blessed time for us to reflect on the great love and mercy of Jesus in his time of suffering for us. We will also pray together for all those who are suffering in our families and in our society.

Fr Bernard

WELCOME TO OUR SEMINARIANS

Please welcome our seminarians James Tran, Peter Tran and Anthony Rewak who will be staying at the Cathedral House during Holy Week. Sinh Le and Darren McDowell will also be assisting at the Sacred Liturgy. We are very blessed to have our diocesan seminarians in our parish and assist in the liturgical celebrations for the Paschal Triduum.

LUMEN CHRISTI AGR REPORT 2022

Dear Parishioners

Thank you for your great contribution to our parish life, worship, and service during 2022. For an account of what we have done as a parish and for the annual audit of our finances, please go to: lumenchristi.org.au/agr

Fr Bernard Gordon

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

In our parish & around the diocese



HOLY WEEK AT LUMEN CHRISTI

MON 3 APR: MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Wollongong 7am Mass

TUE 4 APR: TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Wollongong 7am Mass

Fairy Meadow 9.30am Mass

TUE 4 APR: THE CHRISM MASS

Wollongong 7pm

WED 5 APR: WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Wollongong 7am Mass

Wollongong 11.30am Reconciliation & 12.10pm Mass

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

THU 6 APR: THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

No Morning Masses

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:

Fairy Meadow 6pm (Adoration until 8pm)

Wollongong 7pm (Adoration until 9pm)

FRI 7 APR: GOOD FRIDAY

Wollongong (Grassed Area) 10am, Stations of the Cross

(Reconciliation available after the Stations of the Cross)

Wollongong 3pm, The Passion of the Lord

(Reconciliation available after the Passion)

Fairy Meadow 3pm, The Passion of the Lord

(Reconciliation available after the Passion)

SAT MORNING, 8 APR: HOLY SATURDAY

Wollongong 11am—12pm Reconciliation

SAT EVENING, 8 APR: EASTER VIGIL

Wollongong 7pm Easter Vigil

Fairy Meadow 6pm Easter Vigil

SUN 9 APR: EASTER SUNDAY

Wollongong 7am, 10.30am & 5pm

Gwynneville 9am

Fairy Meadow 8.30am

Balgownie 10am

TIMES FOR JOYFUL LENTEN RECONCILIATION

"Truly everyone is in need of forgiveness, that is, feeling beloved as children of God the Father"

(Pope Francis, Friday 25 March 2022)

- ◇ Fairy Meadow, **Tue 21 Mar after 9.30am Mass**
- ◇ Wollongong, **Wed 22 Mar 11am (Second Rite)**
- ◇ Gwynneville, **Thu 23 Mar after 9.30am Mass**
- ◇ Balgownie, **Sun 26 Mar after 10am Mass**

blind; if this man were not from God, he couldn't do a thing.' 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

Jesus said:

'It is for judgement
that I have come into this world,
so that those without sight may see
and those with sight turn blind.'

Hearing this, some Pharisees who were present said to him, 'We are not blind, surely?' Jesus replied:

'Blind? If you were, you would not be guilty,
but since you say, "We see",
your guilt remains.'

Communion Antiphon

When the Gospel of the Man Born Blind is read:

Cf. Jn 9:11,38

The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed,
I saw and I believed in God.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Spittle and Mud

Our Lord, by the power of his word alone, could have healed the disease of this man, blind since birth. Yet, he made a paste with spittle and put it over the eyes of the blind man. Just as God would have moistened the dust of the earth to shape the first human being, for the blind man, it was as though he had been created anew.

God rarely works by telepathy but has a preferred way of working through the elements of creation, especially in the Sacraments. So, with the Anointing of the Sick, pressing olive oil onto the forehead and hands of the sick or dying symbolises the Holy Spirit entering the very pores of the sick person, relieving that person of undue anxiety and giving strength for the next stage of life.

This sacrament is a formal ritual of healing by the Church. But there are a million informal ways, such as putting one's arm around someone who is lonely or unwell, which are sacramental to the world.

We could pause for a moment that we might go into the world like the man healed by Jesus, eyes wide open to see where we might exercise the healing power of the Lord of the Gospel.

SPECIAL MASSES FOR MARCH

THE HOLY EUCHARIST will be offered at St Francis Xavier Cathedral:

- ◆ **Monday 20 March at 7am** to celebrate the Solemnity of St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- ◆ **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 parents and families
- ◆ **Saturday 25th March at 12.10pm** to celebrate the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

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

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Is 66:10-11

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

First Reading

1 Sm 16:1. 6-7. 10-13

A reading from the first book of Samuel

In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22 R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading

Eph 5:8-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 8:12

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

Jn 9:1-41

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, for him to have been born blind?' 'Neither he nor his parents sinned,' Jesus answered, 'he was born blind so that the works of God might be displayed in him.

'As long as the day lasts
I must carry out the work of the one who sent me;
the night will soon be here when no one can work.
As long as I am in the world
I am the light of the world.'

Having said this, he spat on the ground, made a paste with the spit-
tle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and
wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind
man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight
restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said,
'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is
the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man
himself said, 'I am the man.' So they said to him, 'Then how do your
eyes come to be open?' 'The man called Jesus' he answered 'made
a paste, daubed my eyes with it and said to me, "Go and wash at
Siloam"; so I went, and when I washed I could see.' They asked,
'Where is he?' 'I don't know' he answered.

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had
been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the
man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to
see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can
see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from
God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sin-
ner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among
them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say
about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a
prophet' replied the man.

However, the Jews would not believe that the man had been blind
and had gained his sight, without first sending for his parents and
asking them, 'Is this man really your son who you say was born
blind? If so, how is it that he is now able to see?' His parents an-
swered, 'We know he is our son and we know he was born blind,
but we don't know how it is that he can see now, or who opened
his eyes. He is old enough: let him speak for himself.' His parents
spoke like this out of fear of the Jews, who had already agreed to
expel from the synagogue anyone who should acknowledge Jesus
as the Christ. This was why his parents said, 'He is old enough; ask
him.'

So the Jews again sent for the man and said to him, 'Give glory to
God! For our part, we know that this man is a sinner.' The man an-
swered, 'I don't know if he is a sinner; I only know that I was blind
and now I can see.' They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How
did he open your eyes?' He replied, 'I have told you once and you
wouldn't listen. Why do you want to hear it all again? Do you want
to become his disciples too?' At this they hurled abuse at him: 'You
can be his disciple,' they said 'we are disciples of Moses: we know
that God spoke to Moses, but as for this man, we don't know where
he comes from.' The man replied, 'Now here is an astonishing thing!
He has opened my eyes, and you don't know where he comes from!
We know that God doesn't listen to sinners, but God does listen to
men who are devout and do his will. Ever since the world began it is
unheard of for anyone to open the eyes of a man who was born

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