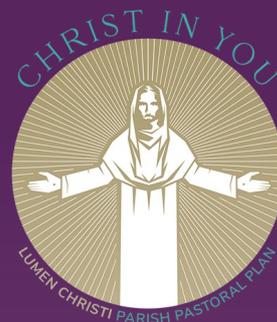


FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, Year A

26 MARCH 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 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 ...

Isabella Fassone, Leo Fry, Camille Carroll, Anne Carroll, Lauren Annabel.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS ...

Bishop Peter Ingham, Bernard Carroll, Alan Curtis, 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—MAY 2023

Fri, 31 Mar: Stations of the Cross, SFX 7pm
Sun, 2 Apr: Palm Sunday, Normal 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)
Sun, 9 Apr: Morning Tea after 10.30am for Fr Bernard's 29 years a Priest
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)
Sat 29 Apr: Confirmation, St Brigid's, 2pm
Sat 29 Apr: Confirmation, St John Vianney, 6pm
Tue, 2 May: Finance Council Meeting, Rigney Room 5pm
Wed, 3 May: Pastoral Council Meeting, Rigney Room 5pm
Thu, 4 May: Lunch Club, Fraternity Club Fairy Meadow 12pm
Sun, 7 May: Hospitality weekend
Sun, 7 May: Mother's Day

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

HOLY LAND COLLECTIONS

On Good Friday a collection is taken up in Catholic Churches around the world to support the work of the Franciscans of the Custody of the Holy Land, who maintain the Holy Places. A collection will be taken up on Good Friday (7th April 2023) at the Stations of the Cross and the Celebration of our Lord's Passion. Your support will be great appreciated.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. Falling on the sixth Sunday in Lent and the Sunday before Easter, Palm Sunday is known as the Entry into Jerusalem. Bishop Brian will celebrate the Palm Sunday Mass at St Francis Xavier Cathedral at 10.30am and will bless the palms outside the Mgr John Rigney Room Ramp.

WOLLONGONG CWL—EASTER RAFFLE

Wollongong CWL Raffle tickets will be on sale after all Masses this weekend at St Francis Xavier & St Brigid's. Get 3 tickets for \$5.00. Thank for your ongoing support of our wonderful CWL.

NEW UNIVERSITY CHAPLAIN



Bishop Brian has appointed our dynamic Fr James Arblaster as Catholic Chaplain for those who attend Wollongong University. He will work as chaplain one day a week as well as fulfilling his weekly parish duties in Lumen Christi Parish. A special thank you to Fr James for his pastoral service. Please continue to pray for Fr James as he commences this important ministry for the Catholic men and women who are at such a significant point of their academic formation and personal journey.

Fr Bernard Gordon

9 APRIL—29 YEARS A PRIEST!

On Sunday (9th April) Fr Bernard Gordon will celebrate his 29th year ministering as a priest. To thank Fr Bernard for his priestly ministry a special morning tea will be held in the Rigney Room hosted by the Wollongong CWL on Sunday 9th April after the 10.30am Mass. All parishioners and visitors are welcome!

A VERY BIG THANK YOU

Thank you to all our parishioners who minister Holy Communion to those either in aged care centres or unable to leave their homes. It is a beautiful work of charity that makes present the love of our community for the elderly.

Fr Bernard

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

INVITATION TO COME AND SEE

'I would like to take this opportunity to remind us of the call of Jesus—a call that was given to all of us—to go out and make disciples (Mt 28:18–20). It is not enough to live good "saintly" lives and then remain silent.

This mission is to share the invitation of Christ to "come and see" (Jn 1:39). It is not the work of certain special individuals, but rather the responsibility of all Christians and the communities of faith in which they live.'

+Bishop Brian Mascord

saw her get up so quickly and go out, they followed her, thinking that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

Mary went to Jesus, and as soon as she saw him she threw herself at his feet, saying, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' At the sight of her tears, and those of the Jews who followed her, Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer.

I knew indeed that you always hear me,

but I speak

for the sake of all these who stand round me,

so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Jn 11:26

Everyone who lives and believes in me
will not die for ever, says the Lord.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Rage against Death

This Gospel tells us that Our Lord was moved with compassion in an almost violent way, raging against the seeming finality of death. The raising of Lazarus was a demonstration of his power to rob death of its supposed supremacy.

But, Our Lord did not set Lazarus completely free! You may think that to be raised from the dead was not a bad start, but Lazarus was still shuffling: bound, constrained, constricted by the past. To those gathered around the tomb Jesus issued the command: 'Set him free, unbind him.' It was the collective effort of others which enabled Lazarus to walk as a liberated son of God.

You may find yourself commanded by the Lord to help unbind a person who has had a deadening experience which has drained them of life. We get the courage to respond because it is the command of the One who definitively conquered death.

We could pause for a moment to resolve to help liberate others already helped by the grace of Him whom we believe to be the Resurrection and the Life.

OLIVE BRANCES FOR PALM SUNDAY

Olive Branches for Palm Sunday will be required for our Palm Sunday Masses. Please assist by dropping off your olive branches at the Cathedral by 10am on Friday 31 March.

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

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 42:1-2

Give me justice, O God,
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,
for you, O God, are my strength.

First Reading

Ez 37:12-14

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 129. R. v.7

(R.) With the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption.

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading. (R.)
2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you. (R.)
3. My soul is waiting for the Lord,
I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak.
(Let the watchman count on daybreak
and Israel on the Lord.) (R.)
4. Because with the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity. (R.)

Second Reading

Rom 8:8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living
in you, then he will give life to your own mortal bodies.*

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

Gospel Acclamation

See Jn 11:25, 26

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

Jn 11:1-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I am the resurrection and the life.

There was a man named Lazarus who lived in the village of Bethany with the two sisters, Mary and Martha, and he was ill. – It was the same Mary, the sister of the sick man Lazarus, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair. The sisters sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.' Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.' The disciples said, 'Rabbi, it is not long since the Jews wanted to stone you; are you going back again?' Jesus replied:

'Are there not twelve hours in the day?

A man can walk in the daytime without stumbling
because he has the light of this world to see by;
but if he walks at night he stumbles,
because there is no light to guide him.'

He said that and then added, 'Our friend Lazarus is resting, I am going to wake him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he is able to rest he is sure to get better.' The phrase Jesus used referred to the death of Lazarus, but they thought that by 'rest' he meant 'sleep', so Jesus put it plainly, 'Lazarus is dead; and for your sake I am glad I was not there because now you will believe. But let us go to him.' Then Thomas – known as the Twin – said to the other disciples, 'Let us go too, and die with him.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. Bethany is only about two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to sympathise with them over their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life.

If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live,
and whoever lives and believes in me
will never die.

Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in a low voice, 'The Master is here and wants to see you.' Hearing this, Mary got up quickly and went to him. Jesus had not yet come into the village; he was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were in the house sympathising with Mary

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