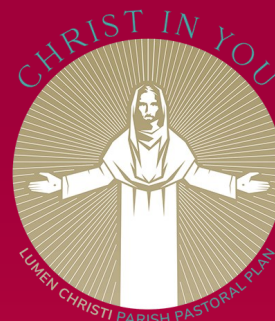


PALM SUNDAY, Year A

2 APRIL 2023

HOSANNA!

Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord



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 ...

Mary Greco, 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, Bernard Carroll, Alan Curtis.

CHRIST IN YOU SURVEY



SCAN QR CODE

In our parish & around the diocese

PARISH CALENDAR: APR—MAY 2023

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 as 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
Mon, 1 May: St Joseph the Worker
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, 14 May: Mother's Day
Wed, 17 May: Baptism Class, SFX 7pm
Fri, 21 May: Ascension of the Lord

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
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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

PRESBYTERY ACCOUNT

(For the Clergy)

BSB: 066 711 **Account:** 002286

Account Name: Lumen Christi Parish Presbytery

KEVIN GALEA—FIVE YEAR ANNIVERSARY



This weekend marks five years since Kevin commenced his role supporting the administration of Lumen Christi. Today's world is very complex and it demands the expertise of lay people to respond to the many responsibilities of parish life. The pastoral service of God's People calls us to respect the proper administration of our finances, property and facilities for the present and into the future. We need to lay good foundations for steady growth.

In his role as General Manager in service of the Lumen Christi Parish, Kevin exemplifies how a member of Christ's People can excel in helping a parish to be renewed and grow. Kevin's background in managerial service has equipped him well to foster a welcoming and caring parish office. He seeks always to respond to the many needs of parishioners and visitors with kindness and competence. He sees that great care needs to be given to maintaining and improving the physical environment in which we gather as a parish, worship, and are nourished with a positive vision of hope and joy. His counsel is always balanced and well considered.

Thank you, Kevin, for all your dedicated work. You are truly a great asset for our parish staff and parish community.

Fr Bernard

SERVERS REQUIRED

Servers are part of a very ancient tradition in the liturgical life of the Church. Within the diocese, in accord with permission given by the Holy See, both men and women, can function as servers of Word and Sacrament. We are looking for more parishioners to assist with weekday 7am Mass at the Cathedral. If you are able to assist in this ministry please see Fr Bernard or Fr James after Mass.



HOSPITALITY THIS WEEKEND

Please join us for a cuppa this weekend after Mass: **Fairy Meadow 8.30am**, **Gwynneville 9am**, **Balgownie 10am** & **Wollongong 10.30am**. Thank you to our hospitality teams for making our parish a place of welcome!

9 APRIL—29 YEARS A PRIEST!

Next Sunday 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!

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

women being tortured and raped in campaigns of terror, trafficked into sexual slavery, suffering the loss of sons, husband and lovers. We could take a moment to pray that the Church of the 21st century, successor of the pacifist Church of the first three centuries, may enter on a new period of reflection on these issues, grappling with the desire to protect the innocent, yet always challenged by the man on a donkey, Divine Prince of Peace.

THE MOST NOBLE OF ALL SOLEMNITIES

In the darkness the light of the Easter Fire blazes as a sign of Christ the Light, the Resurrection and the Life of the world. At the Easter Vigil Mass (St Francis Xavier Cathedral, 7pm, and St John Vianney Co-Cathedral, 6pm), parishioners will receive a Glass candle holder which will be lit from the Paschal Candle. Please do not bring other candles so we can eliminate any wax dropped on the pews and carpets in our churches. Parishioners are invited to take a bottle of Holy Water (blessed at the Easter Vigil) and a holy card with the Easter blessing for your homes. Please contact the parish office if you would like a priest to bless your home.

ANNIVERSARY OF BISHOP WILLIAM MURRAY

The 7am and 12:10pm Mass at St Francis Xavier Cathedral will be offered for Bishop Murray on Friday 21 April, marking ten years since he was called to rest in the peace of Christ.

William Edward Murray was born in Leichhardt, NSW, on 16 February 1920. He was ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Sydney on 21 July 1945.



He studied in Rome between 1955 and 1958 gaining a doctorate in Social Science. He was spokesman for the Archdiocese of Sydney, director of the Catholic Information Bureau, and rector of St Columba's College in Springwood.

He was ordained second bishop of Wollongong on 21 July 1975 at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong, retired in February 1996, and died on 21 April 2013.

May William Murray rest in the peace of Christ and rise with him in glory.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Please return your Project Compassion offerings to our churches or parish office. Caritas Australia is helping support vulnerable people around the world, now and For All Future Generations. Donations need to be finalised by **Sunday 23rd April**. Thank you for your generosity in helping Caritas help others.



CWL—EASTER RAFFLE

Wollongong and Fairy Meadow CWL Raffle tickets will be on sale after all Masses this weekend. **Fairy Meadow CWL at SJV & MDB TICKETS \$1.00 EA.**

Wollongong CWL at SFX & SBG TICKETS 3 FOR \$5.00. Thank you for your ongoing

support of our wonderful Catholic Women's League.

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

THIS WEEK'S READINGS & COMMENTARY

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Jn 12: 1, 12-13; Ps 23: 9-10

Six days before the Passover,
when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem,
the children ran to meet him;
in their hands they carried palm branches
and with a loud voice cried out:

** Hosanna in the highest!*

Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

First Reading

Is 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

The Lord has given me
a disciple's tongue.
So that I may know how to reply to the wearied
he provides me with speech.
Each morning he wakes me to hear,
to listen like a disciple.
The Lord has opened my ear.
For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.
I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.
The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

1. All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.' **(R.)**
2. Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones. **(R.)**
3. They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me! **(R.)**
4. I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.' **(R.)**

Second Reading

Phil 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

His state was divine,
yet Christ Jesus did not cling

to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are,
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation

Phil 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death
dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high
and gave him a name above all other names.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

Please reflect prayerfully on Matthew's Passion narrative.

The Creed is said, and the Universal Prayer takes place.

Communion Antiphon

Mt 26:42

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it,
your will be done.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Lowly Prince of Peace

Jesus entered Jerusalem, not as a warrior in the tradition of King David as many had hoped for, but riding simply on a donkey. The disciples and the crowd applauded him, but they proved fickle in their support.

On the other hand, Jesus remained steadfast in his commitment to non-violent revolutionary change of the religious and political systems so as to establish the reign of God. Why did he renounce marshalling human and angelic warriors to further his cause?

First, Jesus embodied God-for-us, and God does not want the destruction of those he has created out of love. Second, Jesus had a premonition that an armed revolt would lead to the destruction of Jerusalem and the dispersal of the Jewish people (as occurred in 70AD).

Third, another Gospel (Luke) recounts that as Jesus laboured up Mount Calvary he turned to some weeping women and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, weep rather for yourselves and for your children.' He knew that they suffer grievously in armed uprising. This is seen in barbaric reality in our own time with

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