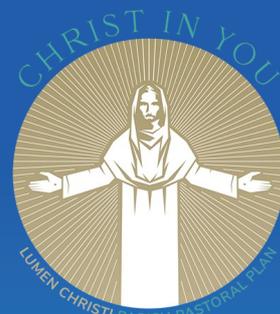


# IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

18 JUNE 2023

## DIOCESAN PATRONAL FEAST

Mary kept all these things in her heart



## 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 ...

Holy Souls in Purgatory.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS ...

Bishop Peter Ingham, Joan O'Dowd, Alan Curtis, Matthew Johnson, Suzy May Gellel, Pat Carr, John Parkinson, Joseph Scalia, Bill Sharpe, Therese & Noel Rouse, Grace Zammit.

## PARISH OFFICE

**Office Hours:** Monday to Friday 8.30am—2.00pm  
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Administration Assistant

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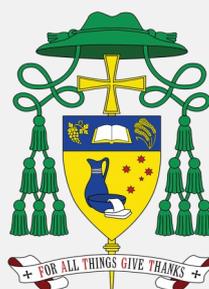
**Lisa de Paiva**, Chair of the Pastoral Council  
**Gabi Tobin**, Chair of the Finance Council

## 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: JUN—AUG 2023

**Wed, 21 Jun:** Baptism Class, SFX 7pm  
**Thu, 22 Jun:** Nespresso Competition closes  
**Sat, 24 Jun:** The Nativity of St John the Baptist  
**Fri, 30 Jun:** School Term 2 concludes  
**Sun, 2 Jul:** Hospitality weekend  
**Thu, 6 Jul:** Lunch Club, Fraternity Club Fairy Meadow 12pm  
**Mon, 17 Jul:** Reconciliation & First Holy Communion Parent Evening, SBG 6.30pm  
**Tue, 18 Jul:** Reconciliation & First Holy Communion Parent Evening, SBG 6.30pm  
**Sun, 23 Jul:** World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly  
**Tue, 25 Jul:** Finance Council Meeting  
**Wed, 26 Jul:** Sts Joachim and Anne, Grandparents of Jesus  
**Thu, 27 Jul:** Pastoral Council Meeting  
**Tue, 1 Aug:** Feast of St John Vianney, Mass SJV 9.30am  
**Thu, 3 Aug:** Lunch Club, Fraternity Club Fairy Meadow 12pm  
**Fri, 4 Aug:** Feast of St John Vianney

## SACRAMENTS

- ♦ **Baptisms:** By appointment only. Baptism preparation session must be completed. Contact the parish office or book online [lumenchristi.org.au/baptism](https://lumenchristi.org.au/baptism)
- ♦ **Marriages:** A preliminary appointment needs to be made at least 6 months prior to Wedding Date (**No Sunday weddings in our parish**)
- ♦ For Pastoral and Sacramental needs, please contact the parish office during office hours

## HELPFUL LINKS

- ♦ **Mass for you at Home:** [youtube.com/massforyouathome](https://youtube.com/massforyouathome)
- ♦ **Mass/Prayer Intentions:** [lumenchristi.org.au/intentions](https://lumenchristi.org.au/intentions)
- ♦ **Light a Votive Candle:** [lumenchristi.org.au/votive](https://lumenchristi.org.au/votive)
- ♦ **Census Form:** [lumenchristi.org.au/census](https://lumenchristi.org.au/census)
- ♦ **Online Donations:** [lumenchristi.org.au/donate](https://lumenchristi.org.au/donate)
- ♦ **Join Planned Giving:** [lumenchristi.org.au/support](https://lumenchristi.org.au/support)
- ♦ **Columbarium:** [lumenchristi.org.au/columbarium](https://lumenchristi.org.au/columbarium)
- ♦ **Sacramental Programme:** [lumenchristi.org.au/sacramental](https://lumenchristi.org.au/sacramental)
- ♦ **Privacy Policy:** [privacy.lumenchristi.org.au](https://privacy.lumenchristi.org.au)
- ♦ **St Brigid's School:** [sbgdow.catholic.edu.au](https://sbgdow.catholic.edu.au)
- ♦ **Good Samaritan School:** [gsfmdow.catholic.edu.au](https://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

## RENEWAL OF CATHEDRAL STATUES

Dear Parishioners,

On my recent visit to Assisi in Italy (May) I was reminded of the power of sacred imagery. In the very old church of Santa Maria Maggiore, the body of Blessed Carlo Acutis is kept in a glass casket for visitors to see and ask his prayers. He is dressed very casually in jeans, sweater, and Nike boots. Carlo died of leukemia in 2006 at the age of 15. His Feast Day is October 12.



While Carlo's parents didn't have much faith, he had a deep and personal love of the Eucharist, attended Mass daily, and prayed the Rosary. He was also a computer programmer, loved soccer, and defended other children who were picked on by others, especially if they were disabled. Carlo stated: "To always be close to Jesus, that's my life plan."

Images connect us to people. We are linked to how they viewed the world, what they valued and how they lived. Sacred imagery, likewise, is very important for our life of Christian devotion. We are moved to love and imitate those represented by statues and paintings in our places of worship.

So, I wish to especially thank the anonymous parishioner who donated money for the renewal of the statues of Our Lady, St Joseph and St Anthony of Padua in the Cathedral. This gift honours these beautiful saints. It is a service to all who will see the renewed statues and be touched by the loving presence and prayers of Mary, Joseph, and Anthony.

If you wish to donate for the renewal of sacred images or some other part of our churches, please go to:

[www.lumenchristi.org.au/statues](https://www.lumenchristi.org.au/statues)

Direct Deposit: BSB: 066 711 Account #: 008056

Ref: Your Name - Statues

Cheques Payable to: Lumen Christi Parish

Or collect an envelope from the church door (mark it "Parish Statues Donation") and place it inside the collection bag, collection boxes, or hand it in at the parish office. Thank you for your generous support!

Thank you for your presence and contribution to our parish!

Fr Bernard

## KING'S BIRTHDAY HONOUR 2023

Congratulations to Mr Lynton Nicholas, a parishioner of our Lumen Christi Parish, who has been honoured with an OAM for his service to the community.

Lynton, God bless you for your generous service!



For more information on bequests please visit: [lumenchristi.org.au/bequest](https://lumenchristi.org.au/bequest)

# In our parish & around the diocese

## 50 YEARS—FAIRY MEADOW CWL

A special thank you to Margaret McMahon and the Fairy Meadow Catholic Women's League for organising a beautiful Mass at Mater Dolorosa church last Tuesday. During Mass we prayed in thanksgiving for all the great work by so many women in the CWL over the last fifty years.

Over that time, the CWL has made a significant impact on the lives of many parishioners. The CWL has promoted spiritual growth, fostered fellowship among women, and engaged in various charitable and social justice initiatives.

May God bless all the members of the Catholic Women's League, past and present.

Congratulations once again on this remarkable milestone!

Fr Bernard Gordon

## LIGHTING THE LONG NIGHT PRAYER SERVICE FOR MENTAL HEALTH

You are very welcome to participate in a prayer service for all those experiencing depression, suicidal ideation or any mental illness. This time of prayer is also for carers, or for those who live with, or mourn, those affected by mental illness.

The prayer service will be held at **St Francis Xavier Cathedral** on Thursday **22nd June at 7pm** and will conclude at 8pm.

CatholicCare will be onsite with support counsellors available for those wishing to receive this service.

### ALL ARE WELCOME!

Thank you to CatholicCare for supporting this event.

## GOOD SAMARITAN SCHOOL ENROLMENTS

Good Samaritan is now accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2024. Vacancies also exist for Years 1-6. Come along and see the school in action on Thursday 22 June from 9am.



## PATRONAL FEAST

### IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

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We sometimes use phrases like 'he has a good heart' or 'she said it from the heart'. We mean that someone desires to do good and is sincere in their words and affection.

Like our physical heart, our emotional heart is the vital source of personal life in us. The heart is our capacity to be drawn into a personal relationship with another. It is the inner world of our desire, thought, and reflection that is communicated to others through what we say and do. It is our will and affections in deciding for or against what is true and good for others.

The heart of a person is sacred because it is where God's presence and friendship is intimated, accepted and loved. The heart is the person inasmuch as God's Heart meets our own as we truly are.



This weekend the Diocese of Wollongong celebrates the Patronal Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. We honour Mary in her whole-hearted devotion to God and the Son entrusted to her maternal love. We imitate her as the one above all who pondered in her heart the life and mystery of Christ.

More than this, in her standing by Jesus at the Cross, Mary inspire us to live the most tender attitudes of the Christian heart — mercy and compassion for those who suffer and need our kindness and attentive support.

In her love for Jesus, Joseph, Elizabeth, the Apostles and early Church as they gathered in prayer, Mary is the pattern for knowing the importance of the person before us. Mary teaches us to treasure the importance of women in our families, friendships, workplace, and church communities, especially in their capacity for love of others, nurturing and protecting children, and enjoying personal relationships of mutual affection, trust, and care.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us, that we will contemplate the mystery of Jesus' love for us and give that love to those in need of our welcome

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES REFRESH DAY

For Readers, Ministers of Communion, Acolytes, and Servers. The day of learning and formation is for **both** existing ministers and those interested in joining these ministries. Come to the Xavier Centre on **Saturday 2nd September 2023**.

### Session 1: 9am—12pm

Liturgical Formation for Acolytes, Servers, Communion Ministers and Readers

### Session 2: 12.30pm—2pm

Practical Training for Acolytes and Servers

To register go to: [lumenchristi.org.au/refresh2023](https://lumenchristi.org.au/refresh2023)

Registration closes on Friday 25th August 2023.

For more information on our Columbarium please visit: [lumenchristi.org.au/columbarium](https://lumenchristi.org.au/columbarium)

### Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 26:7,9

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help.  
Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

### First Reading

Ex 19:2-6

A reading from the book of Exodus

*You will be a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.*

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."'

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 99:2-3. 5. R. v.3

(R.) We are his people:

the sheep of his flock.

1. Cry with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

Come before him, singing for joy. (R.)

2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.

He made us, we belong to him,

we are his people, the sheep of his flock. (R.)

3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,

eternal his merciful love.

He is faithful from age to age. (R.)

### Second Reading

Rom 5:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*We have been reconciled to God through the death of his Son; we are saved by his life.*

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

### Gospel Acclamation

Mk 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near;

repent and believe the Good News!

Alleluia!

### Gospel

Mt 9:36 – 10:8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*He summoned his twelve disciples, and sent them out.*

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.' He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

### Communion Antiphon

Ps 26:4

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek:  
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

### REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

#### Guts in a Knot

When Jesus saw the crowds 'he felt sorry for them'. The Greek original actually says 'his guts were in a knot'. When Jesus saw a desperate need he found it stomach-churning stuff.

Our bodies often tell us what we should pray for. Another good signal is tears, not only of sadness but also of joy.

Body-felt impulse and prayer go together, whether celebrating good things or confronting bad things. This is what our Lord wants and, where possible, leading to effective action... labourers in the harvest. So, when our body gives us the signal – stomach in a knot, or tremendous joy flooding into our lives – follow the body's signals. Pray for the person or the situation concerned. You can be sure that your prayer will be authentic.

## LAST CHANCE!!

## WIN A NEW NESPRESSO MACHINE!!

Enter our free parish competition by taking a photograph of yourself drinking a cup of coffee or tea in front of one of our Lumen Christi churches and emailing it to the parish office at:

[wollongong@dow.org.au](mailto:wollongong@dow.org.au)

You will automatically go into the draw for winning a new Nespresso machine. **Entry closes**

**Thursday 22nd June.** The winner will be drawn on **Sunday 25th June after the 10.30am Mass** and take home a brand new Nespresso Vertuo Plus machine!



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