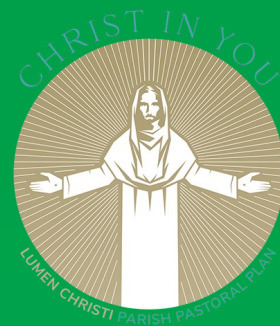


12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY, Year A

25 JUNE 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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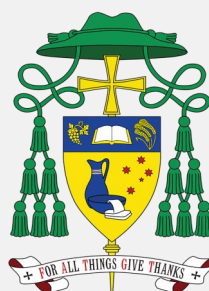
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PASTORAL & FINANCE COUNCILS

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.



LUMEN CHRISTI
CATHOLIC PARISH

MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE ...

Judith Crowe, Monica & Leoncio Ocenar.

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.

In our parish & around the diocese

PARISH CALENDAR: JUN—AUG 2023

Thu, 29 Jun: Saints Peter and Paul
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
Sat, 5 Aug: Dedication of SJV Co-Cathedral (2011)
Sun, 6 Aug: Transfiguration

SACRAMENTS

- ♦ **Baptisms:** By appointment only. Baptism preparation session must be completed. Contact the parish office or book online 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
- ♦ **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

SAVE OUR KNEES!

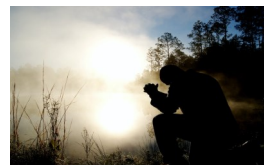
PADDING FOR CHURCH KNEELERS

Dear Parishioners,

To celebrate the Mass with attention and devotion we need an appropriate level of comfort. If we are thinking more of our knees than our God or neighbour during Mass our hearts remain knee-cast and not uplifted.

For those who cannot kneel due to the challenges of age or other health conditions sitting is okay. But many still feel called to kneel, a sign of loving adoration to God, especially during the Eucharistic Prayer and Consecration.

As you may have felt, the kneelers in our churches at St John Vianney Co-Cathedral, St Brigid's and Mater Dolorosa could benefit from (new) padding. This would provide greater comfort and support to all those who kneel during prayer and worship. Improving this practical aspect of our community worship will foster an environment of prayer and welcome.



He has sought prayerful refuge in nature,
but if only this desolate man had
somewhere comfortable to kneel ...
(Picture by Aaron Burden)

Thank you to the local businesses and parishioners who have already come forward to express their interest. But, to make this project a reality, we need the financial help of the parish community. Please contribute towards the purchase of padding materials for the kneelers in our churches.

Your generous donation will help ensure a far more agreeable experience for all members of our congregation, young and old.

Kevin, our General Manager, will be preparing a pledge form in the next few weeks to help this project along. Your support, no matter the size of the contribution, will make a significant impact on the prayer experience of everyone in our parish.

Thank you for your continued dedication to our parish community and thank you for your consideration and generosity in this matter of saving our knees. Together, we can create an atmosphere of worship that is welcoming, appropriately comfortable, and suitable for joyful participation.

We can save our knees and make our hearts rejoice!

Fr Bernard Gordon

CHRIST IN YOU PASTORAL PLAN

Thank you to everyone who gave responses to the Christ in You survey. At the last meeting of the Pastoral and Finance Council Meetings, council members were given a first glance at the collated responses. On 1 August there will be a joint meeting of the councils to commence preparing a statement of the goals for our parish for the next five years. This draft document will be given to the parish for comment later this year. Thank you Marie Smith of our Lumen Christi Parish for taking on the role of Pastoral Plan Facilitator.

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

In our parish & around the diocese

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

A very beautiful practice is to ask a priest to offer Mass for someone or some need.

All parishioners of Lumen Christi are very welcome to ask one of our priests to offer Mass for them and their loved ones.

Intentions can include thanksgiving for a blessing received from God, to help a relative or friend in need, to celebrate an anniversary, to ask God to strengthen and heal the sick, or to pray that someone who has died will rest in God's peace.

If you wish to offer a Mass & Prayer Intention go to our website: lumenchristi.org.au/intentions or fill in a Mass Intention envelope or contact the parish office.

THANK YOU—SVDP WINTER APPEAL

A very big thank you to all parishioners who generously supported the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal on June 4.

The Winter Appeal contributions will allow the SVdP to provide ongoing help for those struggling on the edge of society.

Larry, Bill & Michael (presidents of the Wollongong, Fairy Meadow, and Gwynneville conferences) thank all parishioners for their ongoing support to the St Vincent de Paul.

Wollongong Conference	\$ 11,678
Fairy Meadow Conference	\$ 3,200
Gwynneville Conference	\$ 4,385
Total raised	\$ 19,263

CATHEDRAL GARDEN SAFETY FENCE

For the safety of all our parishioners, visitors, and children, a 1.3m fence has been erected along the side of the Cathedral driveway in front of the Lumen Christi Office leading into the Cathedral carpark on the Harbour St side. It has been built to help parishioners, visitors, and children avoid walking into oncoming vehicles from the driveway.

For safety's sake, please walk up the ramp near the garden fountain and through the garden if you desire to pray in front of the statues of Our Lady and St Joseph.

Thank you for your kind consideration and cooperation.

THANK YOU WORKING BEE!!

The Cathedral working bee buzzed into action last **Saturday 17th June** from 8.30am to 11am. Candle holders were cleaned into brightness and the Cathedral was polished with a shining smile! Thank you to Denis, our sacristan, and all those who volunteered their enthusiasm, time and elbow grease!



One of the first Christian groups to hear this Gospel was that set around the Tigris River running through Baghdad in modern day Iraq. Now they face terrible persecution from fanatical Muslims. We can barely imagine hearing today's Gospel amongst the remnant, left in Baghdad today. How does 'Do not be afraid' really sound to them? So, we could pause for a moment to pray for those for whom today's Gospel is a challenge beyond our imagining.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES REFRESH DAY

Fr James Arblaster and Sr Monica Barlow will be hosting a day of formation and training 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

Registration closes on Friday 25th August 2023.

AGAINST THE TIDE 2023

Sydney iSTAND Weekend Against the Tide 2023

Friday 30 June 5.30pm – Sunday 2 July 1pm

Mount Carmel House 365 St Andrews Rd Varroville

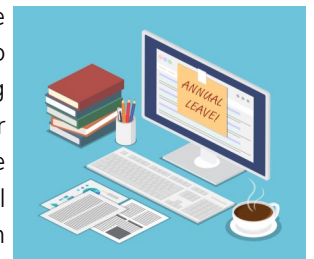
Cost: \$150 registration (inclusive of all food and activities)

Contact: Antoinette Collins 0428 771 744

Registration: <https://www.ymt.com.au/istandevents>

KEVIN GALEA—ANNUAL LEAVE

Kevin Galea, will be on annual leave from Monday 10th July and return to work on Monday 31st July. During his absence please direct your enquiries to the parish office. We pray that Kevin will have a restful break from the busyness our parish office. Thank you Kevin for all your great and dedicated work as the General Manager of our Lumen Christi Parish!



MONTHLY PARISH LUNCHEON

We are calling for all parishioners to come to our Parish luncheon held on Thursday 6th July, 12pm at the Fraternity Club Fairy Meadow. You can grab yourself a meal, drink and have a chat with your fellow parishioners!

We look forward to seeing you there!



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

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 27:8-9

The Lord is the strength of his people,
a saving refuge for the one he has anointed.
Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage,
and govern them for ever.

First Reading

Jer 20:10-13

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

*He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of
those who are evil.*

Jeremiah said:

'I hear so many disparaging me,
"Terror from every side!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
All those who used to be my friends
watched for my downfall,
"Perhaps he will be seduced into error.
Then we will master him
and take our revenge!"
But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;
my opponents will stumble, mastered,
confounded by their failure;
everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.
But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice,
who scrutinise the loins and heart,
let me see the vengeance you will take on them,
for I have committed my cause to you.
Sing to the Lord,
praise the Lord,
for he has delivered the soul of the needy
from the hands of evil men.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 68:8-10. 14. 17. 33-35. R. v.14

(R.) Lord, in your great love, answer me.

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame covers my face,
that I have become a stranger to my brothers,
an alien to my own mother's sons.
I burn with zeal for your house
and taunts against you fall on me. **(R.)**
2. This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me. **(R.)**
3. The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their chains.
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,
the sea and all its living creatures. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Rom 5:12-15

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.

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.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 15:26. 27

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord,
and you also will be my witnesses.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 10:26-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Do not fear those who can kill the body.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops. 'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

Communion Antiphon

Ps 144:15

The eyes of all look to you, Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

House-tops and Sparrows

Our Gospel reads: '... not one [sparrow] falls to the ground without your Father knowing.'

But that is a bad translation. The Greek simply says 'not one [sparrow] will fall to the ground without your Father.' Full stop! Our Heavenly Father accompanies a dying sparrow as it dies! That is the measure of the Creator's love for all creatures. God wants to – does – enter into the moment of death, our moment of death.

Now, that would be consoling if I were facing what Jesus was foreseeing for his disciples in the first century.

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