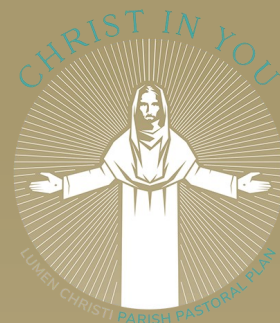


# TRANSFIGURATION, Year A

6 AUGUST 2023

## VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

Offer others the new life we have found



## 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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## PARISH OFFICE

**Office Hours:** Monday to Friday 8.30am —2.00pm  
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**Very Reverend Bernard L Gordon,**  
Vicar General & Administrator  
**Reverend James Arblaster,**  
Assistant Priest & UoW Chaplain  
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General Manager  
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Parish Secretary  
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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

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**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.



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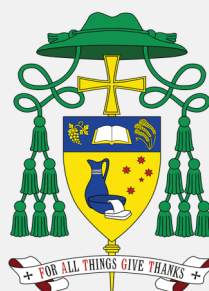
CATHOLIC PARISH

## MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE ...

Bruce Creenaune, Jean Turnbull, William Hedley, Paul Gray,  
Angelo Marin, Rosario Borg.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS ...

Bishop Peter Ingham, Nelson Salinas, Erna Lyon, Margaret  
Gray, 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: AUG—SEP 2023

**Sun, 6 Aug:** Transfiguration & Vocations Sunday & Hospitality weekend

**Tue, 8 Aug:** Feast of St Mary of the Cross Mackillop  
Masses SFX 7am, SJV 9.30am & SFX 12.10pm

**Thu, 10 Aug:** Reconciliation First Holy Communion Program

**Mon, 14 Aug:** Vigil, Solemnity of the Assumption, Holy Day of Obligation SFX 6pm

**Tue, 15 Aug:** Solemnity of the Assumption, SFX 7am, SJV 9.30am, SFX 12.10pm

**Thu, 24 Aug:** Catechist meeting, 10.30am, Mons Rigney Rm

**Sat, 26 Aug:** First Holy Communion Mass, 5.30pm, SBG

**Sun, 27 Aug:** First Holy Communion Mass, 8.30am, SJV

**Fri, 1 Sep:** Fr Bernard commences sabbatical

**Sat, 2 Sep:** No Reconciliation will be available

**Sat, 2 Sep:** First Holy Communion Mass, 5.30pm, SBG

**Sun, 3 Sep:** Father's Day & Hospitality weekend

**Fri, 8 Sep:** The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Thu, 14 Sep** Feast of the Holy Cross

## 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)
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- ♦ **Columbarium:** [lumenchristi.org.au/columbarium](https://lumenchristi.org.au/columbarium)
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## 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



## SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Mass for the Assumption of Our Lady, a Holy Day of Obligation, will be celebrated in our Lumen Christi Parish:

### Monday 14th August

St Francis Xavier Cathedral: **Vigil Mass 6pm**

### Tuesday 15th August

St Francis Xavier Cathedral Wollongong: **7am & 12.10pm**

St John Vianney Co-Cathedral Fairy Meadow: **9.30am**

## ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP

Mass will be celebrated for the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop on **Tuesday 8th August:**

St Francis Xavier Cathedral: **7am & 12.10pm**

St John Vianney Co-Cathedral: **9.30am**

## NOTES FROM THIS WEEK'S PASTORAL AND FINANCE COUNCIL MEETINGS

- ⇒ McGrath St (42-46) properties require ongoing maintenance due to their age.
- ⇒ Denis Bristow spoke about the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults which is a process for people who have not been baptised to enter the Catholic Church. It includes several stages marked by prayer and blessings at Mass. Participants in the RCIA are known as catechumens. If you would like to learn more about R.C.I.A contact the parish office
- ⇒ Good Samaritan School Fairy Meadow P & F are enhancing the playground and refurbishing classrooms in December

## SABBATICAL

Fr Bernard will be on Sabbatical doing private research from 1st September to 7th December at the libraries of Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland and its campus in Belfast, Northern Ireland. He will be studying and meeting with people expert in the field of the peace and reconciliation process in Ireland. Upon receiving requests he will give talks in early 2024. Watch this space for how you can register!

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

# In our parish & around the diocese



Heavenly salvation will involve my whole person, body and soul, being transformed. But could a person, during their earthly existence, share in the transfiguration experience of Christ?

We could pause for a moment to 'Google' or otherwise get hold of my favourite story of a saint – St Seraphim of Sarov – and pray that we may share with his disciple the bodily experience of 'immeasurable wellbeing' – 'infinite joy in our hearts'.

## FATHER'S DAY INTENTIONS

Let us pray for all our fathers. Whether they are living or rest in peace with the Lord, you are invited to join our parish in honouring all fathers.

If you would like to include an Intention on our list for Father's Day, please visit [www.lumenchristi.org.au/fathersday](http://www.lumenchristi.org.au/fathersday) or collect a Father's Day envelope from the doors of the church or at the parish office.

The names of the fathers given to us will be published on **Father's Day Sunday, September 3.**

Please note that the Intention list will close 27th August.



## HOSPITALITY THIS WEEKEND

Please join us for a cuppa after the following Masses: **Fairy Meadow 8.30am, Gwynneville 9am, Balgownie 10am & Wollongong 10.30am.**

## WELCOME FR HUNG & FR CANG

Fr Hung and Fr Cang have arrived at Lumen Christi to stay for the next few weeks until they are appointed to their respective parish. Please make Fr Hung & Fr Cang very welcome and pray they will have a fruitful and happy ministry in our Diocese.

## BEWARE OF SCAMMERS

There is an text message scam circulating using names of priests of our parish. The scammer asks for amazon gift cards, or similar. Be assured that we will never personally contact any of you via email or text asking for money, gift cards, or other financial support. If ever in doubt, please contact the Parish Office before replying to a message.

## BRUCE CREENAUNE & JEAN TURNBULL —RIP

Bruce Creenaune was called to eternal life on Wednesday 26th July. Bruce was a prayerful man who had a great devotion to his faith. He maintained our church gardens at St Francis Xavier Cathedral until he was unable to continue. Bruce will be missed by all of us at Lumen Christi. We pray for Bruce's wife Pauline and his family as we honour Bruce for his contribution to family and parish life.

Jean Turnbull was called to the fullness of life on Tuesday 31st July in St Mary's Villa Nursing Home at Concord. Jean was a much loved parishioner of our parish, a woman full of life and faith. We pray for Jean's family at this time of grief.

*Requiescat in pace et in amore!*

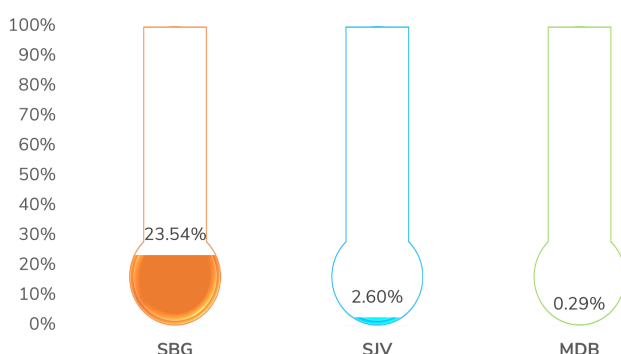


## SAVE OUR KNEES APPEAL

Please donate for new padding on the kneelers at St John Vianney's Co-Cathedral, St Brigid's and Mater Dolorosa by:

- ◆ completing a pledge form online at:  
[www.lumenchristi.org.au/kneelers](http://www.lumenchristi.org.au/kneelers)
- ◆ **Direct Deposit**  
BSB: **066 711** Account #: **008056** Ref: **Your Name-SOK**  
Cheques Payable to: **Lumen Christi Parish**
- ◆ Or by collecting an envelope from the church door (mark it "**Kneelers Donation**") and place it inside the collection bag, collection boxes, or hand it in at the parish office.

## DONATIONS AS OF 31 JULY 2023



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



### Entrance Antiphon

**Cf. Mt 17:5**

In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared.  
The Father's voice was heard: This is my beloved Son,  
with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.

### First Reading

**Dn 7:9-10. 13-14**

A reading from the book of Daniel

*His raiment was as white as snow.*

As I watched:

Thrones were set in place  
and one of great age took his seat.  
His robe was white as snow,  
the hair of his head as pure as wool.  
His throne was a blaze of flames,  
its wheels were a burning fire.  
A stream of fire poured out,  
issuing from his presence.  
A thousand thousand waited on him,  
ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.  
A court was held and the books were opened.  
I gazed into the visions of the night.  
And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,  
one like a son of man.  
He came to the one of great age  
and was led into his presence.  
On him was conferred sovereignty,  
glory and kingship,  
and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants.  
His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty  
which shall never pass away,  
nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 96:1-2. 5-6. 9. R. vv.1. 9.**

**(R.)** The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

1. The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,  
let all the coastlands be glad.  
Cloud and darkness are his raiment;  
his throne, justice and right. **(R.)**
2. The mountains melt like wax  
before the Lord of all the earth.  
The skies proclaim his justice;  
all peoples see his glory. **(R.)**
3. For you indeed are the Lord  
most high above all the earth  
exalted far above all spirits. **(R.)**

### Second Reading

**2 Pt 1:16-19**

A reading from the second letter of St Peter

*We heard this voice from out of heaven.*

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating  
when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming  
of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He  
was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime  
Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he

enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven,  
when we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you  
will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting  
a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star  
rises in your minds.

### Gospel Acclamation

**Mt 17:5**

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight:  
listen to him.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

**Mt 17:1-9**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*His face was shining like the sun.*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led  
them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their  
presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his  
clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah  
appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to  
Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I  
will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for  
Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered  
them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which  
said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to  
him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, over-  
come with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he  
said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no  
one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order,  
'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the  
dead.'

*When this Feast falls on a Sunday, the Creed is said.*

### Communion Antiphon

**Cf. 1 Jn 3:2**

When Christ appears, we shall be like him,  
for we shall see him as he is.

### REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

#### Transfigured Bodysouls

We have to get rid of the idea that the soul is a dot of energy in  
some hidden core of our body. In fact, the body is in the soul. There  
is no part of my body which is not immersed in my soul. It is my  
whole person, bodysoul, which needs to be saved. As Thomas  
Aquinas says: 'If only my soul is saved, I am not saved.'  
Today's Gospel does not portray an out-of-body experience of reli-  
gious ecstasy. Jesus' body was translucent, totally radiant with Di-  
vine Light. Further, this transfiguration was not a solitary experience  
for Jesus. Peter, James and John witnessed it precisely because it  
told them what our Heavenly Father desired as their destiny beyond  
martyrdom, if only they would listen to Jesus.

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