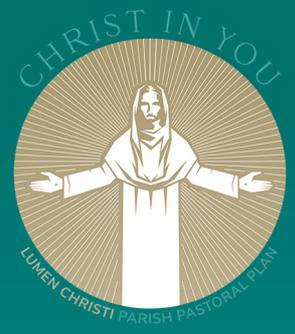


# 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, A

13 AUGUST 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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## PARISH OFFICE

**Office Hours:** Monday to Friday 8.30am —2.00pm  
(Closed for Lunch 12pm—12.30pm)  
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**Reverend James Arblaster,**  
Assistant Priest & UoW Chaplain  
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General Manager  
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Parish Secretary  
**Patricia Di Leva,**  
Administration Assistant

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**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.



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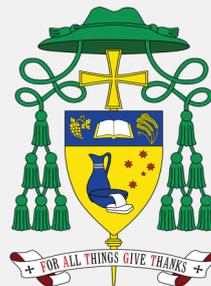
CATHOLIC PARISH

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

John the Baptist Huynh Tran, John the Baptist Mau Tran, Maria Vu, Bruce Creenaune, Jean Turnbull, Erna Lyon, Paul Gray.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS ...

Bishop Peter Ingham, Nelson Salinas, 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

**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, 11am, 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

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

**Thu, 7 Sep:** Parish Lunch, Frat Club Fairy Meadow 12pm

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

**Sun, 10 Sep:** WYD return of the Pilgrims Mass, SFX 10.30am

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

**Thu, 14 Sep** Anniversary of GSFM School (2011)

**Thu, 14 Sep** Anniversary the death of Bishop McCabe (1983)

**Fri, 15 Sep:** Consoling Mass, MDB 11am

**Sun, 17 Sep:** Marriage Anniversaries Mass, SFX 2pm

## 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



## 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**

## FR JOHN STORK

On Tuesday 15th August Fr John Stork celebrates 41 years as a priest. Throughout those 41 years, Fr. John Stork has made a positive impact on the lives of many people in our parish and diocese, offering guidance, comfort, and inspiration.

Thank you Fr John for all you do for our parish and, especially as our chaplain for the Catholic patients in the Private and Public Hospitals in Wollongong.

Fr Bernard

## ERNA LYON – OUR SMILING WARDEN

Erna Lyon was called to eternal life on Friday 4th August. Erna was a church warden at the Cathedral for many years. Erna and Jim celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary on April 19 2022. Erna was a lady with great love of her faith. We will all miss Erna's sense of humour and beautiful smile. We pray for Erna's husband Jim and his family as we honour Erna for her contribution to family and parish life.

*Requiescat in pace et in amore!*



## ETERNAL PEACE GROTTTO

The columbarium on the northern and southern side of the historic St Francis Xavier Cathedral is a prayerful space to lay the remains of our loved ones. Limited niches are available on the southern side! Please contact the parish office on 4211 0500 or email the parish office: [wollongong@dow.org.au](mailto:wollongong@dow.org.au) to make an appointment with Leanne or Trish.

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

# In our parish & around the diocese



## 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.

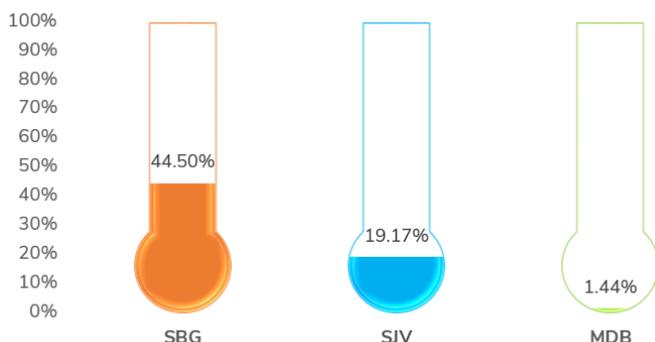


## SAVE OUR KNEES APPEAL

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 7 AUGUST 2023



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Children in our Parish schools of St Brigid's and Good Samaritan and from the State and Private Schools are preparing to receive Holy Communion for the first time. This will occur during our Sunday parish Masses from 26th August to 10th September.

A special thank you to the teachers, relatives, and friends who are helping the children prepare for this beautiful experience of friendship with the Lord Jesus. We especially thank the parents who are the primary educators of their children in the ways of faith, prayerfulness, and service.

Please pray for our Parish children, their parents and their families that this time of grace will renew their hearts in God's joy and peace. May this experience of grace deepen their commitment to family prayer and Sunday worship in the Holy Eucharist.

*Lord Jesus Christ, bless the children coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time.*

*May this day be the step toward a life-long love of the Eucharist.*

*Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship. Thank you for their innocence and goodness.*

*May their hands, extended in anticipation of your Body and Blood, inspire all of us to cherish this Most Blessed Sacrament.*

*Amen.*

## OUR PARISH BAPTISM TEAM

Every third Wednesday of the month at 7pm in St Francis Xavier Cathedral members from our parish and beyond assist with the formation of parents in preparation for their child's baptism.

It is with much gratitude and appreciation I thank **Maree Sharples, Margaret Rees, Christine Nunes, Kyle Myserscough, Bridget Daly and Jessica Mudie**, for their commitment to the Baptism Programme. You have welcomed many parents into our Parish community. You have helped them bring their children through the door of faith and into our life of worship. On behalf of the Parish community I offer my heartfelt thanks for your dedication and work.

On another point, sometimes parents or caregivers want to have their child baptised but don't know how to arrange this. Please ask them to enrol into a baptism information session by going to: [lumenchristi.org.au/baptism](http://lumenchristi.org.au/baptism) or by contacting Leanne at the parish office.

In Baptism we are blessed as God's children. Let us pray for all the children baptised in our parish and their families, that they will know God's presence and love in their homes.

Fr Bernard

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

### Entrance Antiphon

*Cf Psalm 73:20,19,22,23*

Look to your covenant, O Lord,  
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.  
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,  
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

### First Reading

*1 Kings 19:9.11-13*

A reading from the first book of the Kings

*Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.*

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8*

*(R.)* Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,  
a voice that speaks of peace.  
His help is near for those who fear him  
and his glory will dwell in our land. *(R.)*
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;  
justice and peace have embraced.  
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth  
and justice look down from heaven. *(R.)*
3. The Lord will make us prosper  
and our earth shall yield its fruit.  
Justice shall march before him  
and peace shall follow his steps. *(R.)*

### Second Reading

*Romans 9:1-5*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.*

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

### Gospel Acclamation

*Psalm 129:5*

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I hope in the Lord,  
I trust in his word.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

*Matthew 14:22-33*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*Command me to come to you over the water.*

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

### Communion Antiphon

*Psalm 147:12,14*

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,  
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

### REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

#### Keep Rowing!

The disciples had started off from the Jewish side of the Sea of Galilee, familiar territory. Jesus guided them through the stormy situation to 'the other side', the pagan side, unfamiliar territory where they would not have felt at home.

Buffeted by storms, the Church is in the midst of a journey from familiar to unfamiliar territory.

Some of the storms include a new attitude to authority, to gender roles. There is anger and suspicion at sexual abuse and its cover up. Many of our contemporaries are openly hostile or contentedly indifferent.

In all these situations and many more, Our Lord will not allow us the indulgence of nostalgic yearning for the safety of the past country inhabited by the Church. We are not to throw Tradition with a capital 'T' overboard. To jettison the spirit-led experience of the Church over two millennia will not help us. Discerning tradition from nostalgia, we must make our way to the other shore.

We could pause for a moment, resolving to row with courage because we know we are in the same boat as Peter whom our Risen Lord assures:

'Do not be afraid.'

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