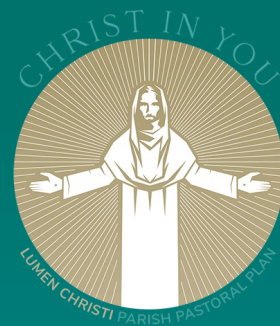


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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

St Joseph, pray for Us



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 ...

John McMahon, Kathleen Patterson, Richard Hill, Quintino Alesii, Paul Gray, John Hubbard, Robyn Marsic, Mounir Germanos, Joseline Germanos.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS ...

Bishop Peter Ingham, Jan Coulson, 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.

Happy Father's Day

from Bishop Brian, Fr Bernard,
Fr James, Fr John, Kevin, Leanne & Trish

God Bless you forever!



In our parish & around the diocese

PARISH CALENDAR: SEP—NOV 2023

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 & First Holy Communion, SFX 10.30am
Sun, 10 Sep: Child Protection Sunday
Thu, 14 Sep: Feast of the Holy Cross & Anniversary of Bishop McCabe's death (1983)
Fri, 15 Sep: Consoling Mass, MDB 11am
Sun, 17 Sep: Bishop's Annual Appeal & Marriage Anniversaries Mass, SFX 2pm
Wed, 20 Sep: Baptism Class, SFX 7pm
Sun 1 Oct: Hospitality weekend
Sun, 22 Oct: World Mission Sunday & Catholic Mission Appeal
Tue, 31 Oct: Bishop Brian Mascord, Priestly Ordination Anniversary (1992)
Wed, 1 Nov: All Saints, SFX 7am & 12.10pm
Thu, 2 Nov: All Souls, SFX 7am & 12.10pm & SBG 9.30am
Thu, 2 Nov: Parish Lunch, Frat Club Fairy Meadow 12pm

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
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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



GOD BLESS YOU FR HUNG & FR CANG

Dear Parishioners,

Fr Hung and Fr Cang have been a delight in our Lumen Christi parish and we wish them well as they commence their new appointments.

Commencing 1 September 2023 Fr Hung Tran will minister in All Saints Parish Shellharbour City and Fr Cang Tran will minister in Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Rosemeadow.

Thank you to all of our Lumen Christi Parishioners for welcoming Fr Hung and Fr Cang into our parish as they settled into our diocese.

Fr Hung and Fr Cang would like to especially thank Mary Hiscox, Executive Assistant to the Vicar General, and Ann-Maree Biddle who has been assisting the Fathers in their pronunciation of the English language.

Fr Hung and Cang, thank you for your gentle, prayerful, and joyful presence among us these last few weeks. We wish you all the very best for your new appointments as you continue to learn our Australian way of life and minister the Gospel and life of Christ to us.

Fr Bernard Gordon

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

On this special day, we celebrate and honour the wonderful fathers among us. Happy Father's Day to each and every one of you who embody the qualities of love and care for your families that truly define fatherhood.

Fathers play a vital role in shaping the lives of their children and families. Your sacrifices, hard work, and unwavering support are the foundation upon which our community thrives.

On behalf of our Parish Clergy and Staff, we wish all our fathers-to-be, fathers, grand fathers and great grandfathers, a very special Fathers Day. May our dads enjoy being surrounded by the love of their children.

God bless you all, Kevin Galea, GM

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In our parish & around the diocese



Happy Father's Day

*Today in the celebration of the
Holy Eucharist we pray with love and
gratitude for all Fathers with us and all
who are in God's care*

Bishop Brian Mascord	Aleksander, Ferdynano,	Elias Safadi	Pius Fernando	Bonifacio Milan
Bishop Peter Ingham	Romuald, Adam	Tophic Safadi	John Fernando	Giuseppe Duregon
Fr Bernard Gordon	John Hubbard	Jacob Vanweringin	Michael Zerafa	Gregory Neil Richardson
Fr John Stork	Vincenzo Demaria	Ellis Safadi	Alby Jackson	Miguel Romualdo Wagolebo
Fr James Arblaster	Giuliano Comacchio	Gavin Flemming	Paul Micallef	Andrew Bragg
Ron Mascord	Pietro (Peter) Marchioro	Ben Flemming	Angelo Scerri	Manuel Moreira
Bernard Lagan Gordon, Snr	Corrado Spaccavento	Paul Riley	Michael Scerri	Alberto Oliveira
Kevin Arblaster	Vallo Killar	Don Riley	Joseph Albela	Augusto Moreira
John Merritt	Opa. Killar	Samir Boshen	Julian Micallef	Rafael Del Rosario
Jim Bates	Opa. Koch	Romeo Vargas	Jamarie Borg	Matthew Gibbon
David Crowe	John Parker (Poppa)	Roem Vargas	Nenu Deseria	Brian Nacilla
Jonathan Crowe	Charles Cameron	Sofronio Tagaro	Kevin Vickering	Jan Bazarewski
George Dingli	George Thomas Cameron	Benjamin Togaro	Eddie Kingswell	Joseph Bazarewski
Joseph Dingli	Arthur James Dunn	Arturo Tagaro	James Potter	Antoni Giesielski
John Borg	Allan Matthew Lennon	Fernando Tagaro	Frank Potter	Agnello (John) Scavarelli
Emmanual Galea	George Crech	Rodolfo Tanching	Ray Phillips	Agostino Spinelli
Angelo Galea	Noel Rickwood	Amando Alincastr Jr	Ray Beames	George Maloney
Lance Curtis	Douglas Gardiner	Craig Curtin	Bill Bentick	Jack Sheppard
Charles Curtis	Thomas Malcolm	Michal Chomicz	Herb Gardinea	Juozas Pasakarnis, sons,
Max Field	James Malcolm	Greg Chomicz	Andy Rolland	grandsons
Leo Harrison	Henry Gardiner	Theodore Szluser	Francis Brennan	Antanas Simonaitis, sons,
Peter Harrison	Austin Hickey	John Bajda	Bede McFadden	grandsons
William Boyce	Armando Dellapina	Karl Bajda	Michael Leung	
Oswald Field	Antonio Dellapina	Jordan Luis	Joseph Kwan	
Patrick Rowen	Peter Dellapina	Lee Kin Neo	Antanas Simonaitis	
Martin Rowen	Emilio Fogliati	Percy Di Leva	Juozas Pasakarnis	
Walter Field	Gino Fogliati	Barry Di Leva	Peter. Leo. Paul. Anthony.	
Gianni Martellozzo	Piu & Gannino Zammit-	Joe Heininger	John. Maree	
Giuseppe Martellozzo	Guzeppi	Edward Heininger	Pauline Marin	
Gino Martellozzo	Piu Caruana	Dennis Bunt	Byrne Family	
Joe Shepherd	Grezzju & Guzeppi Gravino	Franz Sinnreich	Forshaw Family	
Russell Gordon Frew	Carmel Borg	Franz Sinnreich Snr	John Muscat	
William Joseph Tobin	Antonio Alamango	William (Bill) McCormack	Michael De Battista	
Darrell Southam	Edward Alamango	Dennis Gray	John Meehan	
Robert Ryan	Adam Toklar	Patrick Joseph Lacey	Bill Meehan	
Cyril Mallon	Pat Gough	James Suciadi	Mick Woolley	
Arthur Edward O'Neill	Tony Alamango	Leoncio Ocenar	Joseph Hoan Pham	
Graham Thomas Lake	Gah Leong Puan	Antonio Ocenar	Terrence Johnson	
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Philip Madathumkunnel	Angelo Sciberras	David Adams	Joseph Refalo	
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THIS WEEK'S READINGS & COMMENTARY

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 85:3,5

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.

First Reading

Jeremiah 20:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced;
you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.

I am a daily laughing-stock,
everybody's butt.

Each time I speak the word, I have to howl
and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'

The word of the Lord has meant for me
insult, derision, all day long.

I used to say, I will not think about him,
I will not speak in his name any more.

Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart,
imprisoned in my bones.

The effort to restrain it wearied me,
I could not bear it.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 62:2-6. 8-9. R. v.2

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. **(R.)**
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **(R.)**
3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **(R.)**
4. For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Romans 12:1-2

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

Gospel Acclamation

See Ephesians 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart,
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 16:21-27

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

Communion Antiphon

Psalm 30:20

How great is the goodness, Lord,
that you keep for those who fear you.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

'Get behind me, Satan'

We have to get one terrible thought out of our heads, i.e. that the Heavenly Father of Jesus wanted him to suffer a tortured, agonising death. Yet we do say: 'It was necessary that Jesus suffer and die.' What can this mean? I believe this refers to the necessity of divine mission and the necessity of divine love.

First, it was the Father's will that Jesus remain true to the mission to preach and embody the gospel of mercy and forgiveness. It was inevitable that powerful elites would find this intolerable and have Jesus eliminated. Secondly, God so loved the world where death ravages human beings, that God determined to absorb the suffering and pangs of death.

The temptation to avoid that dread-ful necessity lead Jesus to rebuke Peter: 'Get behind me, Satan', a terrible variation of the initial call: 'Come, follow me.'

We could pause for a moment to very consciously make the sign of the Cross, the consequence of Jesus' mission and love for us.

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