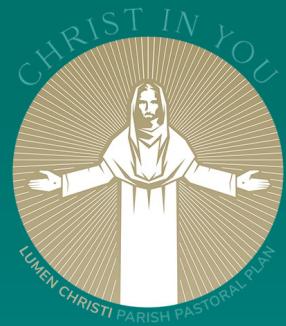


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8 OCTOBER 2023

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
Thursday	Mass: 12.10pm
Friday	Mass: 7am
	Mass: 7am
	Adoration: 11:30am
Saturday	Confessions: 11:30am
	Mass: 12.10pm
Sunday	Confessions: 11am—12pm
	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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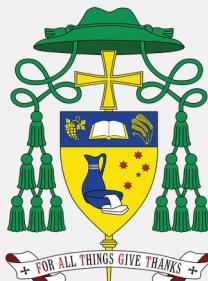
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LUMEN CHRISTI CATHOLIC PARISH

MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE ...

Jason Muscat.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS ...

Bishop Peter Ingham, Fr David Catterall, 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.

DAILY ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS REFLECTIONS

The Sign: Daily Advent and Christmas Reflections 2023—a captivating 80-page book containing spiritually rich, yet accessible, daily reflections from the beginning of Advent through to the Baptism of the Lord. Purchase your Advent Book for only \$3 each.

Go to: lumenchristi.org.au/shop



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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: OCT—DEC 2023

Fri, 13 Oct: Rosary Prayed at Mater Dolorosa Church, 2pm
Fri, 20 Oct: Rosary Prayed at Mater Dolorosa Church, 2pm
Sun, 22 Oct: World Mission Sunday & Catholic Mission Appeal
Fri, 27 Oct: Rosary Prayed at Mater Dolorosa Church, 2pm
Tue, 31 Oct: +BM , 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
Sun, 5 Nov: Hospitality weekend
Sat, 11 Nov: Diocesan Catechist Mass, SFX 10am
Sat, 11 Nov: No Reconciliation at 11am
Wed, 15 Nov: Baptism Class, SFX 7pm
Sun, 26 Nov: Feast of Christ the King
Sat, 2 Dec: Hark concert
Sun, 3 Dec: First Sunday of Advent - Year B
Sun, 3 Dec: Blessing of St Francis Xavier Statue, SFX 10.30am
Sun, 3 Dec: St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal 2023
Sun, 3 Dec: Hospitality weekend

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
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- ♦ **St Brigid's School:** sbgdow.catholic.edu.au
- ♦ **Good Samaritan School:** gsfdow.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

SINGING AND WALKING IN DUBLIN

Dear Parishioners,

A recent article by Sylvia Thompson in the Irish Times (22 September 2023) reported the power of joining a choir to promote wellbeing. People are especially encouraged in Ireland to sing with others as a way to improve mental and social balance. One of the choirs in Ireland is called "Forget Me Nots" and has been a great help to people who have lost spouses or who suffer from dementia.

As Sylvia explains: "A 2017 study, entitled Sing Yourself Better by Dr Hilary Moss and other researchers found the key benefits of singing in a choir are increased social connection, improved respiratory health, cognitive stimulation, improved mental health and transcendence from daily worries."

So sing in the shower, sing in the pub, and sing in church!

But there are other ways to seek wellbeing in Dublin. The love of the rich and soothing colours of nature is apparent when you contentedly walk with so many Dubliners and visitors through St Stephen's Green—acres of lush grass, calming waterways, gorgeous flower beds, paths lined with healthy leafy trees and dappled light, and so much lawn for people to lie down together in the sun!



The very large seagulls are very attentive. They stand proud and tall on the dignified statues of famous Irish people and survey unsuspecting people below them. One statue is that of Robert Emmet (1778-1803), Irish Republican, orator and rebel leader who was condemned to death by hanging and beheading at



the age of 24. His last words at his trial were: "Let my character and my motives repose in obscurity and peace, till other times and other men can do them justice. Then shall my character be vindicated; then may my epitaph be written."

As I walk through St Stephen's Green I hope my refreshed eyes and heart honour the freedom he hoped to achieve.

Fr Bernard

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

In our parish & around the diocese

NOVEMBER MASSES

To have Mass offered for your deceased relatives, friends, and benefactors, please print their names clearly on an envelope. Names will be published in the book of the dead. You can get envelopes at the church doors and parish office or visit our website at: lumenchristi.org.au/NovemberMass

and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

Communion Antiphon

Lam 3:25

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

BLESSING FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS

You are warmly invited to Mass at St John Vianney Co-Cathedral on **Tuesday 17 October at 9:30am** to pray for all mothers, especially those who are preparing to give birth or are experiencing difficulties in their pregnancy. The blessing for expectant mothers will be given as an expression of our prayerful affection and support.

PASTORAL COUNCIL APPOINTMENT

Fr Bernard Gordon has appointed Tanaya Mills as a new member of the Lumen Christi Pastoral Council. Tanaya is a well respected active member of our Lumen Christi Parish and will commence her role on the Pastoral Council effective 1 December 2023.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Good Wine requires Hard Work

In the Hebrew scripture, Israel is spoken of as the Vineyard of God. We can say that now the Church is the vineyard of God. God is the Landlord, we are the tenants. It is our job to faithfully tend it and make sure it bears good fruit. If we are unfaithful, then God will find other people to carry on his plan, other tenants to tend his vineyard. Certainly, we see that within the Universal Church. With the decline of the Eurocentric church, who has God turned to as new tenants for his vineyard? Look at the surging numbers of Catholics in sub-Saharan Africa, Nigeria, the Philippines, Korea. The persecuted Church in Vietnam and China is surviving and growing despite the severity of oppression.

We could pause for a moment to commit to taking up the privilege and duty to work in the vineyard of the Church.

"HEARTS ON FIRE, FEET ON THE MOVE"

- WORLD MISSION SUNDAY APPEAL -

This year's World Mission Sunday theme is inspired by the story of the disciples on the way to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35): "Hearts on fire, feet on the move". Pope Francis' message for Mission Day encourages us all to renew our commitment to proclaim the Good News and support missionary work.

Please give to the World Mission Sunday Appeal by using the envelopes provided on the **weekend of 21/22 October** for cash or credit card donations.



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

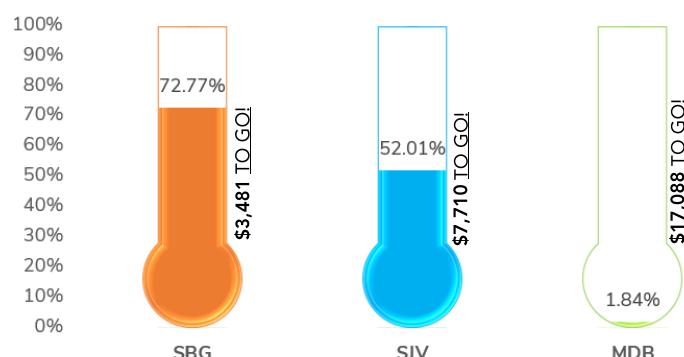
- ◆ Direct Deposit

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 1 OCTOBER 2023



THANK YOU!

A very big **Thank You** to our wonderful Lumen Christi Parishioners who assisted at the recent Marriage Anniversaries Mass. Margaret McMahon, has decided to conclude her role as coordinator of Hospitality after an incredible **15 years!**

May God bless you all!

Bishop Brian

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

THIS WEEK'S READINGS & COMMENTARY

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Esther 4:17

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist your will.
For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;
you are the Lord of all.

First Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.

Let me sing to my friend
the song of his love for his vineyard.
My friend had a vineyard
on a fertile hillside.
He dug the soil, cleared it of stones,
and planted choice vines in it.
In the middle he built a tower,
he dug a press there too.
He expected it to yield grapes,
but sour grapes were all that it gave.
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and men of Judah,
I ask you to judge
between my vineyard and me.
What could I have done for my vineyard
that I have not done?
I expected it to yield grapes.
Why did it yield sour grapes instead?
Very well, I will tell you
what I am going to do to my vineyard:
I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on,
and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.
I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug;
overgrown by the briar and the thorn.
I will command the clouds
to rain no rain on it.
Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the House of Israel,
and the men of Judah
that chosen plant.
He expected justice, but found bloodshed,
integrity, but only a cry of distress.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. R. Is 5:7

(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. (R.)
2. Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. (R.)

3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. (R.)
4. And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. (R.)

Second Reading

Philippians 4:6-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Acclamation

See John 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 21:33-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders
that became the keystone.

This was the Lord's doing

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