

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT, B

LAETARE SUNDAY: 10 MARCH 2024

STEWARDSHIP

Whatever you do, do it wholeheartedly, working for the Lord

MASS TIMETABLE

St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong

Monday	Mass: 7am
Tuesday	Mass: 7am
Wednesday	Mass: 7am
	Confessions: 11:00am
	Mass: 12.10pm
Thursday	Mass: 7am
Friday	Mass: 7am
	Adoration: 11:30am
	Confessions: 11:00am
	Mass: 12.10pm
Saturday	Confessions: 11am—12pm
Sunday	Mass: 7am, 10.30am & 5pm

St John Vianney Co-Cathedral, Fairy Meadow

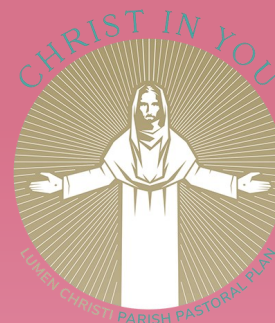
Tuesday	Mass: 9.30am
Thursday	Mass: 9.30am (Italian)
Sunday	Mass: 8.30am
	Mass: 10am (Italian)
	Mass: 4.30pm (Vietnamese)

Mater Dolorosa, Balgownie

Sunday	Mass: 10am
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St Brigid's Church, Gwynneville

Thursday	Mass: 9.30am
Saturday Vigil	Mass: 5.30pm
Sunday	Mass: 9am



PARISH CENTRE

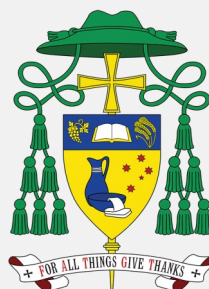
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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.



MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE ...

Margaret Gray, Paul Gray, Alan Curtis, Barbara Halic.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS ...

Bishop Peter Ingham, Fr David Catterall, Joan O'Dowd,
Matthew Johnson, Suzy May Gellel, Pat Carr, John Parkinson,
Joseph Scalia, Bill Sharpe, Ron Cooper, John Gauci.

WOLLONGONG CWL—EASTER RAFFLE

Wollongong CWL Raffle tickets will be on sale
after all Masses next weekend at St Francis Xavier
& St Brigid's. Get **3 tickets** for **\$5 or \$2 each**.

Thank for your ongoing support of our
wonderful CWL!



In our parish & around the diocese

PARISH CALENDAR: MAR 2024

Tue, 12 Mar: Lenten Reconciliation after SJV, 9.30am Mass
Wed, 13 Mar: CWL Wollongong Branch Mtg, Xavier Ctr 10am
Thu, 14 Mar: Lenten Reconciliation after SBG, 9.30am Mass
Fri, 15 Mar: Reconciliation & Stations of the Cross SFX 5.30pm
Fri, 15 Mar: Second Rite of Reconciliation, SFX 11am
Sat, 16 Mar: Anniversary Dedication of SFX Cathedral (2010)
Sun, 17 Mar: Fifth Sunday of Lent
Mon, 18 Mar: Feast of St Patrick (Transferred from Sunday)
Tue, 19 Mar: Feast of St Joseph, Husband of Mary
Wed, 20 Mar: Baptism Class, SFX 7pm
Sat, 23 Mar: Confirmation Commitment Mass SBG 5.30pm
Sun, 24 Mar: Confirmation Commitment Mass SFX 10.30am
Sun, 24 Mar: Confirmation Commitment Mass SJV 8.30am
Sun, 24 Mar: Palm Sunday

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Reconciliation (5:30pm) and Stations of the Cross (6:30pm) at St Francis Xavier Cathedral every Friday of Lent.

RECONCILIATION TIMES DURING LENT

- ♦ Wollongong, **Wednesday & Friday 11am to 12pm**
- ♦ Fairy Meadow, **Tue 12 Mar after 9.30am Mass**
- ♦ Gwynneville, **Thu 14 Mar after 9.30am Mass**
- ♦ Wollongong, **Fri 15 Mar 11am Second Rite**
- ♦ Balgownie, **Sun 17 Mar after 10am Mass**



MON 25 MAR: MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Wollongong 7am Mass

TUE 26 MAR: TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Wollongong 7am Mass

Fairy Meadow 9.30am Mass

TUE 26 MAR: THE CHRISM MASS

Wollongong 7pm

WED 27 MAR: WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Wollongong 7am Mass

Wollongong 11.00am Reconciliation & 12.10pm Mass

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

THU 28 MAR: THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

No Morning Mass

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:

Fairy Meadow 6pm

Wollongong 7pm

FRI 29 MAR: GOOD FRIDAY

Wollongong (Grassed Area) 10am, Stations of the Cross
(Reconciliation in Cathedral after the Stations of the Cross)

Wollongong 3pm, The Passion of the Lord
(Reconciliation available after the Passion)

Fairy Meadow 3pm, The Passion of the Lord
(Reconciliation available after the Passion)

SAT MORNING, 30 MAR: HOLY SATURDAY

Wollongong 11am—12pm Reconciliation

SAT EVENING, 30 MAR: EASTER VIGIL

Fairy Meadow 6pm Easter Vigil

Wollongong 7pm Easter Vigil

SUN 31 MAR: EASTER SUNDAY

Wollongong 7am, 10.30am & 5pm

Gwynneville 9am

Fairy Meadow 8.30am

Balgownie 10am

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

In our parish & around the diocese



CHRIST IN YOU

LUMEN CHRISTI PARISH PASTORAL PLAN

"To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in You, the hope of glory"

Colossians 1:27

As bearers of Christ's love called to Come and See, Go and Make disciples, our Lumen Christi Parish seeks to reveal the Light of Christ to the world through ...

STEWARDSHIP

**"Whatever you do, do it wholeheartedly,
working for the Lord"**

Colossians 3:23

Seeing the talents in others, encouraging each other to exercise our personal gifts, developing our resources for the wellbeing of our parish and wider community.

Action Plan - Establish a Stewardship Leadership Group.

Suggested Strategies to take us forward:

- Acknowledge and promote quality practices that currently build stewardship.
- Identify people with talent and skill within the parish and approach people to use their talents for the good of all.
- Identify the needs of our parish community and parish groups and respond accordingly.
- Engage the schools to train and develop talented lectors/cantors to participate in the Liturgy.
- Invite the children receiving Confirmation to the Chrism Mass.
- Invite and acknowledge children from the Sacramental Program at the Easter and Christmas Masses.
- Initiate a family parish group that unites and responds to the needs of families.
- Acknowledge in the Sunday Eucharist the newly baptised and those who have recently celebrated the Sacrament of Matrimony (sending a card of congratulations at a significant point of the year).

The Christ in You Pastoral Plan encourages us to be more aware of the presence of Christ and how his presence is revealed in the gifts of our parish community.

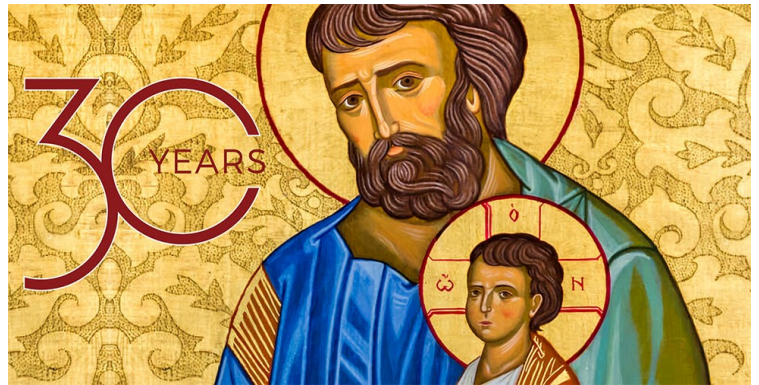
One of our goals is to help everyone radiate the Light of Christ by developing their talents in the service of others.

Please suggest any further strategies to our pastoral plan group by email: lc.pastoralplan@dow.org.au

Now, if one has a work of art in the house, a picture or print that means a lot to you, or perhaps the first sketch by a child, do you put it in the darkest corner of the room? Or do you allow just enough light to fall on it so as to reveal how terrific it is, why it gives you pleasure? Of course, the latter.

Now, if you and I are God's work of art, God wants exactly the same. He wants us to be revealed in the light. What sort of light? Christ our Light.

Of course, it might be necessary for the Light to dispel some darkness, some shadow dimension of our lives. In this regard Christ is a healing Light, but this is so that he might illuminate us in a way which more clearly reveals the love which the Divine Artist has for His creation. We might take a moment to pray for the courage to expose ourselves to Christ's healing light this Lent to be more beautifully illuminated at Easter.



All Parishioners of Lumen Christi Parish are cordially invited to Mass for the 30th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination for

Very Rev Bernard Lagan Gordon

6pm Friday, 5th April 2024 at St Francis Xavier Cathedral

Light refreshments will follow at the Xavier Centre

RSVP by 22 March 2024:

lumenchristi.org.au/rsvp or Phone 4211 0500

WELCOMING OUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS

Dear friends in Christ,

Lent calls us to a deep awareness of the mystery of Christ in our lives. An essential aspect of this awareness is recognising our personal bond with our fellow believers and how we are united in the Lord as one Body. We accompany each other in our growing towards the blessings given to us by God.

As you would have heard in the Intercessions at Mass, Vivian and Richard are preparing to be fully initiated into our faith, worship, and practice as God's People. Over the coming weeks many of our younger parishioners will commence their formation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Most Sundays parents present their children for Baptism into Christ.

These are beautiful reasons to rejoice. Please pray for and welcome all these fellow parishioners as they take their next steps with us on our pilgrimage of faith, hope, and charity.

Fr Bernard

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

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Isaiah 66:10-11

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

****Year A readings will be read at 10.30am Mass only****

First Reading

2 Chronicles 36:14-16. 19-23

A reading from the second book of Chronicles

The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of his people.

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.'

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 136. R. v.6

(R.) Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!

Second Reading

Ephesians 2:4-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

When we were dead through sins, he brought us to life.

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

Gospel Acclamation

John 3:16

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

John 3:14-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

God sent his Son into the world that we might be saved through him.

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'The Son of Man must be lifted up
as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,
so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.
Yes, God loved the world so much
that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost
but may have eternal life.
For God sent his Son into the world
not to condemn the world,
but so that through him the world might be saved.
No one who believes in him will be condemned;
but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already,
because he has refused to believe
in the name of God's only Son.
On these grounds is sentence pronounced:
that though the light has come into the world
men have shown they prefer
darkness to the light
because their deeds were evil.
And indeed, everybody who does wrong
hates the light and avoids it,
for fear his actions should be exposed;
but the man who lives by the truth
comes out into the light,
so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in
God.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf Psalm 121: 3-4

Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together.
It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,
to praise the name of the Lord.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

God's Works of Art

How does God picture us? St Paul reveals one of God's favourite ways of regarding us.

'We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus, to live the good life as from the beginning He had intended us to live it.'

Just as an artist respects the medium he or she is working in, whether it be oils or crayon, so too God respects us as human beings with free will. Which is why His works of art don't always look the way He intended!

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