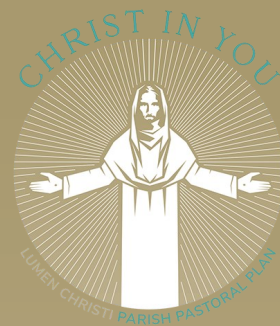


# CHRIST THE KING, A

26 NOVEMBER 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 CENTRE

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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We show our respect and acknowledge  
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Elders past, present, and emerging,  
and extend that respect to all other  
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.



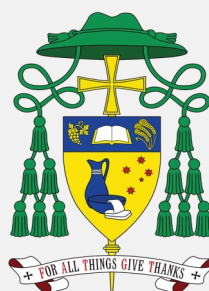
**LUMEN CHRISTI**  
CATHOLIC PARISH

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

Jan Coulson, John Roodenrys, Paul Gray, Margaret Gray.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS ...

Bishop Peter Ingham, Fr David Catterall, Terry Barratt, Nelson Salinas, Joan O'Dowd, Alan Curtis, Matthew Johnson, Suzy May Gellel, Pat Carr, John Parkinson, Joseph Scalia, Bill Sharpe, Therese & Noel Rouse, Mario Saverimuttu, Ron Cooper.



# In our parish & around the diocese

## PARISH CALENDAR: NOV—DEC 2023

**Wed, 29 Nov:** Mass of Anointing, SFX 12.10pm  
**Sat, 2 Dec:** Hark concert, SFX 2pm  
**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  
**Fri, 8 Dec:** Immaculate Conception  
**Sun, 10 Dec:** Second Sunday of Advent - Year B  
**Sun, 10 Dec:** Reconciliation after MDB 10am Mass  
**Sun, 10 Dec:** Ordination Anniversary Fr James Arblaster(2022)  
**Tue, 12 Dec:** Reconciliation after SJV 9.30am Mass  
**Tue, 12 Dec:** Finance Council Meeting  
**Wed, 13 Dec:** Diocesan Pastoral Works Mass, SFX 12.10pm  
**Wed, 13 Dec:** Pastoral Council Meeting  
**Thu, 14 Dec:** Reconciliation after SBG 9.30am Mass  
**Fri, 15 Dec:** Second Rite of Reconciliation, SFX 11am  
**Fri, 15 Dec:** First Rite of Reconciliation, SFX 6pm  
**Sun, 17 Dec:** Third Sunday of Advent (Rose Sunday) - Year B

## 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

## ADVENT RECONCILIATION 2023

During Advent we prepare to celebrate Christ's coming at Christmas, in our hearts and homes, and in the fulfilment of all things. Why does God send Christ to us? The great secret which we are called to reveal to the world is that in Christ, God is reconciling us to God (Colossians 1.20). God loves us not as enemies but as friends and gives us the freedom of forgiveness from our sins (1.23, 25-26).

That is why Advent is a wonderful time to celebrate the reconciliation of ourselves with God in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is a heartfelt speaking of our sins to experience and bear witness to Christ's overflowing mercy.

## ADVENT RECONCILIATION TIMES AT LUMEN CHRISTI

### Mater Dolorosa Church

Sunday 10th December after the 10am Mass

### St John Vianney Co-Cathedral

Tuesday 12th December after the 9.30am Mass

### St Brigid's Church

Thursday 14th December after the 9.30am Mass

### St Francis Xavier Cathedral

Friday 15th December 11am – 12pm (2nd Rite)

Friday 15th December 6pm – 7pm

Every Saturday 11am – 12pm

## BLESSING OF ST FRANCIS XAVIER STATUE

Next Sunday 3rd December, Bishop Brian will bless the Garden statue of our Cathedral patron St Francis Xavier after the 10.30am Mass. All parishioners and visitors are very welcome to attend the blessing and then partake of refreshments on the Cathedral House Veranda.

## MASS OF ANOINTING | 29 NOV | 12.10PM | SFX

This Wednesday 29th November the 12.10pm Cathedral Mass will be offered for those who are suffering the effects of serious illness or the infirmity of old age. Anyone in such need is very welcome to receive the Anointing of the Sick.

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Next weekend (2nd/3rd December) our annual St Vincent de Paul Christmas appeal will be held in our parish. A leaving collection will take place after our Masses next weekend.

## THANK YOU TO OUR HOSPITALITY TEAMS

Our deepest gratitude to those who assist in the mission of hospitality and providing a welcoming environment of love, acceptance, comfort, support, care, and unity for parishioners and visitors in our parish. Our final hospitality morning tea for 2023 will be Sunday 3rd December and will resume on Sunday 4th February 2024.

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

# In our parish & around the diocese

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Mrs Toni-Maree Sillis—Good Samaritan School Fairy Meadow

Principal at Good Samaritan School Fairy Meadow, Toni-Maree Sillis has resigned and will leave at the end of term 4. Toni has been an integral part of our parish school community, and her dedication and commitment to the well-being and education of our students has been truly commendable since her appointed in 2019.

Toni has been appointed to the position of Deputy Principal at Mater Dei School, and she has graciously accepted this new role. We congratulate her on this well-deserved appointment and wish her every success in her future endeavours.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my deepest gratitude to Toni for her significant contribution to our school. We are immensely grateful for her tireless efforts and wish her all the best in her new role.

### Mrs Nicole Checkley—St Brigid's Parish School Gwynneville

Nicole Checkley has been appointed as the new Religious Education Coordinator at St Brigid's Catholic Parish Primary School in Gwynneville.

Nicole brings a wealth of experience and passion for religious education, having previously held the position of Literacy and Numeracy Support Teacher at St Pius X Catholic Parish Primary School in Unanderra. Her dedication to fostering spiritual growth and creating a meaningful religious education experience for students has been truly commendable.

Please join me in congratulating Nicole on her new role and welcoming her to our school community.

Nicole will assume her responsibilities in 2024.

Fr Bernard Gordon

## COME AND SEE GO AND MAKE

This weekend on the solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Bishop Brian Mascord has launched the vision for parishes in the Catholic Diocese of Wollongong.

This weekend the following documents will be made available to you (one per family):

1. Pastoral Letter from Bishop Brian Mascord
2. Come & See, Go & Make: A Vision for Parishes
3. Principles and Foundations—a short explanation of key principles described in the vision document.
4. Go Deeper—a short compendium of additional reading on key concepts discussed in the vision document.

Additionally, in December, the parish will receive several worksheets that will support communities in the process of prayer, reflection, and discernment in the New Year.

shelter, visiting those in circumstances which cut them off from life-giving contact with others (the sick and prisoners).

Those who provide such assistance, in the words of Pope Francis, touch the wounds of Christ! A Christian can be fully conscious of this, but for non Christians it is possible to do so without any of our awareness or belief. Christ is completely incognito to them: 'When did we ever see you hungry and feed you ...?'. We know the doctrine of the Real Presence in the poor and marginalised. Woe betide those of us who ignore this fact of faith. We are on the way to a Hellish state of existence. That is equally possible for those who do not share our faith, but who ignore the plight of the marginalised and continue in a self-absorbed way.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we, and many billions of non-Christians, may hear the invitation: 'Come you blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.'

## PARISH LUNCH

A call to all Lumen Christi parishioners! You are warmly invited to come to our Parish luncheon on Thursday 7th December, 12pm at The Builders Club Wollongong (Church St).

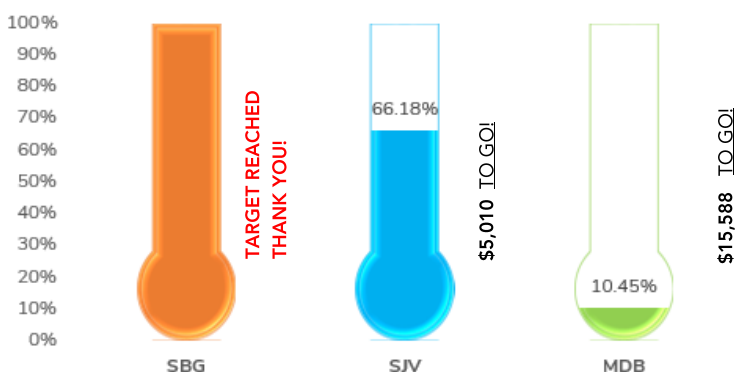
You can grab yourself a meal, drink and have a chat! See you there!



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 22 NOVEMBER 2023



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

### Entrance Antiphon

**Revelation 5:12; 1:6**

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,  
to receive power and divinity,  
and wisdom and strength and honour.  
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

### First Reading

**Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17**

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

*You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.*

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 22:1-3, 5-6, R. see v.1**

**(R.)** The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose. **(R.)**
2. Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit.  
He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name. **(R.)**
3. You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. **(R.)**

### Second Reading

**1 Corinthians 15:20-26. 28**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that  
God may be all in all.*

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he

must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

### Gospel Acclamation

**Mark 11:9-10**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia!

### Gospel

**Matthew 25:31-46**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

### Communion Antiphon

**Psalm 28:10-11**

The Lord sits as King for ever.

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

### REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

#### Necessities of [Eternal] Life

The eternal destiny of every human being of a certain maturity is determined by decisions made in relation to food and drink for the famished, clothing and housing for those without decent clothing or

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