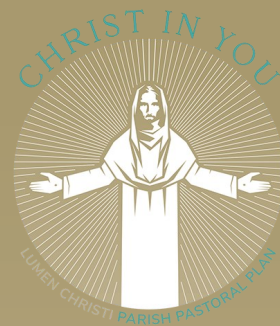


2ND EASTER SUNDAY, B

7 APRIL 2024

DIVINE MERCY

His love is everlasting



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 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

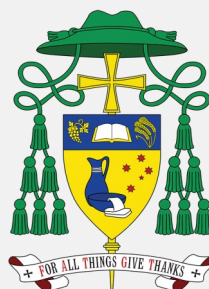
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We show our respect and acknowledge
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Elders past, present, and emerging,
and extend that respect to all other
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.



LUMEN CHRISTI

CATHOLIC PARISH

MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE ...

Helen Pham, Isabella Fassone, Margaret & Paul Gray, Jim Bates.

PLEASE PRAY FOR
OUR SICK PARISHIONERS ...

Bishop Peter Ingham, Joan O'Dowd, Matthew Johnson,
Pat Carr, John Parkinson, Bill Sharpe, Ron Cooper, John Gauci.



In our parish & around the diocese

PARISH CALENDAR: APR-MAY 2024

Mon, 08 Apr: CWL Fairy Meadow Branch Mtg, MDB 2pm
Mon, 08 Apr: Annunciation Mass, SFX 7am & 12.10pm
Tue, 09 Apr: Priestly Ordination of Fr Bernard Gordon (1994)
Wed, 10 Apr: CWL Wollongong Branch Mtg, Xavier Ctr 10am
Wed, 17 Apr: Baptism Class, SFX 7pm
Wed, 17 Apr: Parish Office Closed
Sat, 20 Apr: Come and See, Go and Make, Bal Mtg Rm 10am
Sun, 21 Apr: Death of Bishop William Murray (2013)
Thu, 25 Apr: Anzac Day Mass, SFX 8am
Sat, 27 Apr: Mental Health, Xavier Centre 9.30am
Wed, 01 May: St Joseph the Worker
Thu, 02 May: Parish Lunch, The Builders Club, 12pm
Sun, 05 May: Hospitality weekend
Tue, 07 May: Finance Council Meeting, Rigney Room 5pm

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

MOTHER'S DAY—12 MAY 2024

Dear Parishioners

Our mothers have given life, nourishment and loving commitment to us for many years. On Mother's Day we our mothers who represent to us the strong, tender and intimate love of God.

All parishioners are invited to place a flower at the statue of our Lady in honour of their own mother for Mother's Day. In the Cathedral some flowers will be placed in front of the statue of the Mary for you to present while praying for your mother. Or, you may wish to bring your own flower and present it to Mary for your mother.

Please invite your mother, grandmother or that person who has supported you with a mother's love to Mass that they may receive the Mother's Day blessing.

Whether your mother is living or now rests in peace with the Lord, you are invited to join our parish in honouring all mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, spiritual mothers, and those women who have given us a mother's love by their affection, guidance and support.

If you would like to include an Intention on our list for Mother's Day, please visit www.lumenchristi.org.au/mothersday or collect a Mother's Day envelope from the doors of the church or at the parish office. The names of the mothers given to us will be published in the parish bulletin on the weekend of **Mother's Day Sunday 12 May**.

Please note: the Intention list will close Sunday 5th May.

Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers of our parish and parishioners!

Fr Bernard

RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

In collaboration with St Brigid's and Good Samaritan Parish Schools, we invite all parents and children in our Parish Schools and in State or Private Schools to be part of the Lumen Christi Parish Sacramental program for 2024.

If your child has been baptised in the Catholic Faith, you have already begun preparations for their reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation. From the moment of their birth, you have shared your Faith with your children in your love, words, actions and prayers. We encourage you to continue this loving commitment by helping your children experience prayer in your home, Sunday Mass and celebrating the Lord's forgiveness in Reconciliation.

Enrolments have now opened for the Reconciliation and Eucharist Program for 2024 and **will close on Friday 17 May 2024**. To register your child in the Program please visit: lumenchristi.org.au/sacramental

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

In our parish & around the diocese

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED—17 APRIL

The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday 17th April as staff will be attending the annual secretaries day at the Diocesan Offices. Parish Office will reopen on Thursday 18th April at 8.30am.

CWL RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to the prize winners of the recent CWL Wollongong & Fairy Meadow branches Easter Raffles:

Wollongong: Losaline Falevai and George De Martin.

Fairy Meadow: Amelie and Jenny.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

PRAYERS FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN

You are warmly invited to pray the Rosary at the statue of Our Lady in the grounds of St Francis Xavier Cathedral on the Tuesday 7th May at 10am. This statue of the Mother of Jesus established by the Diocesan Catholic Women's League commemorates those who have died before being born and is a place of prayerful remembrance for those who have lost a child.

The prayer intentions for this time of communal prayer of are:

- Promote a culture of reverence for each person at every stage of life
- Commend all those who have died before being born to God's merciful care
- Pray for all those parents who grieve the loss of their child
- Support all mothers and fathers to accept and care for their children
- Encourage those who have been involved in abortion to accept God's mercy and forgiveness
- Strengthen doctors and politicians to work for a society in which each person is protected from the first moment of life and there is no abortion

MASS FOR THE UNBORN CHILD

Mass for the Unborn Child will be offered at 12.10pm on Monday 8th April at St Francis Xavier Cathedral. Anyone who has the experience of losing a child during term is invited to come along to pray for their child and for personal healing.

PROJECT COMPASSION



Please return your Project Compassion offerings to our churches or parish office. Donations will be finalised to transfer to Caritas by **15th April 2024**. Thank you for your ongoing support of Caritas.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Thomas the Doubter seeing the wounds

The true believers in the Risen Christ kept Thomas the Doubter within their circle, rather than expelling him. This gave him a further opportunity to experience the very Real Presence of the Risen Lord and his gift of peace. Companionable patience is our best response to those struggling with belief in even fundamental tenets of the faith.

Thomas saw that the wounds of Christ were still present, not obliterated. Does this suggest that our redeemed bodies will bear the marks of the wounds unjustly inflicted on us? However, they will not be disabling to our personality because they will be incorporated into the resurrection life of Christ. Incredibly, our self-inflicted wounds, i.e. our sins, will be obliterated in the mercy of God.

Pope Francis emphasises that it was in responding to the invitation to touch the wounds of Christ that Thomas understood Christ's true identity, exclaiming: 'My Lord and my God'. It is only by touching the wounds of Christ in many different people in many different situations that we can authentically make the same act of faith.

We could take a moment to pray for the strength to touch the wounds of Christ in others, 'the least'. And we could pray that, wounded as we may be by the vagaries and injustices of life, we may be liberated from their evil effects as the Risen Lord adopts our wounds as his own.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

A very big thank you to all who contributed to the Holy Week collections for the upkeep of the Holy Places.

On Good Friday, after the Stations of the Cross and the Passion of the Lord, we gave \$3,483.75

The money collected enables the Franciscans in the Holy Land to do such works as maintain the holy shrines of our Christian religion; provide residential units; develop educational and pastoral opportunities for Christians and those of any religion; ensure medical assistance; and contribute to senior care facilities. Again, thank you for your generosity!

REGINA CAELI

V. Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia!

R. For He whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia!

V. Has risen as He said, alleluia!

R. Pray for us to God, alleluia!

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia!

R. For the Lord is truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray.

O God, who through the Resurrection of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, granted joy to the world; grant, we beseech you, that through his Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Entrance Antiphon

1 Peter 2:2

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk,
that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The whole group was united, heart and soul.

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:2-4. 15-18. 22-24. R. v.1

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.

1. Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'
Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.' (R.)
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.
I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,
but not doomed to die. (R.)
3. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. (R.)

Second Reading

1 John 5:1-6

A reading from the first letter of St John

Anyone begotten by God has already overcome the world.

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ
has been begotten by God;
and whoever loves the Father that begot him
loves the child whom he begets.
We can be sure that we love God's children
if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us;
this is what loving God is –
keeping his commandments;
and his commandments are not difficult,
because anyone who has been begotten by God
has already overcome the world;
this is the victory over the world –

our faith.

Who can overcome the world?

Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God;
Jesus Christ who came by water and blood,
not with water only,
but with water and blood;
with the Spirit as another witness –
since the Spirit is the truth.

Gospel Acclamation

John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;
happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

Communion Antiphon

Cf John 20:27

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,
and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

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