

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Year A

5 FEBRUARY 2023

WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

"The Word of God is for everyone." (Pope Francis)

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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LUMEN CHRISTI
CATHOLIC PARISH

MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE ...

Rita Fitzpatrick, Damian Biddle, Maria Luot, Joyce Hubbard, Rosa & Antonio Dellapina, Rita & John Penzo, Louisa & Aldo Dellapina, Helena Cakajdova.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS ...

Bishop Peter Ingham, Pat Carr, David Coates, John Parkinson, Joseph Scalia, Bill & Ardell Sharpe, Jan Coulson.

PARISH OFFICE

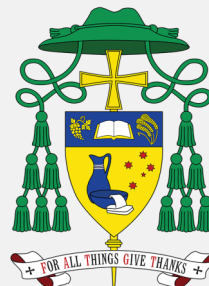
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PASTORAL & FINANCE COUNCILS

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.



CHRIST IN YOU
LUMEN CHRISTI PARISH PASTORAL PLAN

In our parish & around the diocese

PARISH CALENDAR: JAN—MAR 2023

Tue, 7 Feb: Mass of Anointing, SJV 9.30am
Wed, 8 Feb: Staff Development Day, Parish Office closed
Wed, 8 Feb: Wollongong CWL Meeting, Rigney Rm 10am
Sun, 19 Feb: Christ in You Pastoral Plan
Mon, 20 Feb: Confirmation Parent Evening, SBG 6.30pm
Tue, 21 Feb: Confirmation Parent Evening, GSFM 6.30pm
Wed, 22 Feb: Ash Wednesday Masses, SFX 7am, SBG 9.30am, SJV 11am, SFX 12.10pm & SFX 6pm
Wed, 22 Feb: Episcopal Anniversary of Bishop Brian Mascord
Fri, 24 Feb: Stations of the Cross, SFX 7pm
Sun, 26 Feb: SFX: Christ in You, 10:30am/Rite of Election, 2pm
Tue, 28 Feb: Finance Council Mtg, Rigney Room, 5pm
Wed, 1 Mar: Pastoral Council Mtg, Rigney Room, 5pm
Thu, 2 Mar: Lunch Club, Fraternity Club Fairy Meadow 12pm
Fri, 3 Mar: Stations of the Cross, SFX 7pm
Sat, 4 Mar: Stewardship Mass, SFX 10am
Sun, 5 Mar: Christ in You Pastoral Plan Survey
Sun, 5 Mar: Hospitality weekend
Fri, 10 Mar: Stations of the Cross, SFX 7pm

SACRAMENTS

- **Baptisms:** By appointment only (contact the parish office during office hours for details)
- **Marriages:** A preliminary appointment needs to be made at least 6 months prior to Wedding Date (**No Sunday weddings**)
- 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

STAFF INSERVICE—8 FEB 2023

This Wednesday 8 February the Lumen Christi Parish Staff will be attending an all day in-service and the parish office will be closed. It will re-open the following day on Thursday 9th February.

As the parish develops in scope, reach, and complexity, administering its resources effectively and fairly remains an ever present challenge. Increasingly, we look to lay staff to ensure that administratively and pastorally we can support and extend the service and mission of our parish community.

As General Manager, my role is to provide support in the day-to-day supervision of the financial and temporal affairs of the parish. The parish office is run by 1 fulltime member, 1 part time member and a casual member when required. Volunteers assist with our weekly banking and collating our bulletins.

During this year we will engage in a reflective and consultative process to develop a parish pastoral plan. As a step in that process, this week the Lumen Christi Parish team will gather to discern how we can provide the best support possible to our parish community.

Kevin Galea, GM

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE LEADERSHIP CHANGES

The CWL are a community of women within the Catholic Church. CWL works across all levels of society, local, state, national and international, and provides a voice for Catholic Women in Church and society. We are very grateful to the two CWL branches in our parish (Wollongong and Fairy Meadow) who are a wellspring of ongoing joyful support.

Congratulations to Karen Fitzgerald as the new Wollongong Diocesan President of the Catholic Women's League. We wish Karen every blessing in her new role. Thank you to Jo Clark for her hard work and dedication as outgoing President.

Congratulations to Jo Clark as the new Wollongong Branch President of the Catholic Women's League. A special thank you to Margaret Frew as the outgoing Wollongong President.

May God bless all our CWL members.

Fr Bernard Gordon

HOSPITALITY RESUMES THIS WEEKEND



This weekend our Lumen Christi Hospitality teams will resume after the following Masses: **Fairy Meadow 8.30am, Gwynneville 9am, Balgownie 10am & Wollongong 10.30am.** Thank you to our hospitality teams for making our parish a place of welcome!

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

In our parish & around the diocese



ASH WEDNESDAY: 22 FEBRUARY

Lent is given to us by God as “a sacred time” for our hearts to be renewed and purified (Preface II of Lent). Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, a day of fast and abstinence, when the blessed ashes are sprinkled over our heads as a sign of repentance. The Mass timetable for Ash Wednesday, 22 February is:

St Francis Xavier Cathedral

7am, 12.10pm & 6pm

St John Vianney Co-Cathedral

11am (includes Good Samaritan Parish School)

St Brigid's Church

9.30am (includes St Brigid's Parish School)

THE LENTEN OBSERVANCES

Ash Wednesday and **Good Friday** are days of abstinence from meat for everyone over 14 years of age, as well as days of fast for those bound to fast (one full meal and two small meals).

- All who have completed their 18th year and have not yet begun their 60th year are bound to fast and abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- All who have completed their 14th year are bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- Pastors, teachers, and parents are to ensure that even those who, by reason of their age, are not bound by the laws of fasting and abstinence from meat, are taught the true meaning of penance.

PASCHAL PRECEPT

- Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is to be done between Ash Wednesday (22 February 2023) and Trinity Sunday (4 June 2023) unless for a good reason it is done at another time during the year.
- All the faithful are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year. (See page 1 of the bulletin for scheduled times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.)

THANK YOU

A very special 'Thank You' to Helen Curtis and Matthew Tonien for taking care of our Cathedral gardens. If you are able to assist with the watering of the Cathedral gardens please see Helen Curtis or contact the parish office.

CATHEDRAL SOUTHERN SIDE RAMP

Construction has commenced for the installation of a new ramp on the southern side entry door of the Cathedral facing the Xavier Centre. We hope that with the installation of the new ramp it will be much safer for parishioners to access when entering or exiting the side door. The ramp will be very wide and on a low gradual slope to provide safety.



COME AND JOIN OUR MUSIC MINISTRY

We are blessed to have a dedicated group of parishioners who make up our parish choirs, but more volunteers are needed and most welcome for singing at Sunday Masses, Holy Week, Christmas, etc. If you are interested in joining our teams please contact the parish office or see one of the parish coordinators after Mass.



We look forward to welcoming parishioners and visitors to our parish choirs.

Kathy Uroda, Lumen Christi Music Coordinator

MASS OF ANOINTING | 7 FEBRUARY | 9.30AM, SJV

On 7 February we will celebrate the Votive Mass of Our Lady of Lourdes, **9:30am at St John Vianney, Fairy Meadow**, to be followed by light refreshments. The Anointing of the Sick will be given to those who are suffering the effects of serious illness or the infirmity of old age. All are very welcome!

WOLLONGONG CWL BRANCH MEETING



Wollongong Branch Catholic Women's League Meeting resumes this Wednesday 8th February 10am in the Mgr John Rigney Room. New members are welcome to attend!

COLIN AGNEW—RIP

On Tuesday 31 January, Mass was offered for Colin Agnew, a parishioner of St John Vianney for many years. Colin was a beautiful and humble man who had a great devotion to the church of St John Vianney Fairy Meadow. Colin will be missed by all of us at Lumen Christi. We honour Colin for his contribution to family and parish life. May he rest with Christ and rise with him in glory!



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

THIS WEEK'S READINGS & COMMENTARY

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 94:6-7

O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our God.

First Reading

Is 58:7-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Your light will shine like the dawn.

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry,
and shelter the homeless poor,
clothe the man you see to be naked
and turn not from your own kin.
Then will your light shine like the dawn
and your wound be quickly healed over.
Your integrity will go before you
and the glory of the Lord behind you.
Cry, and the Lord will answer;
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'
If you do away with the yoke,
the clenched fist, the wicked word,
if you give your bread to the hungry,
and relief to the oppressed,
your light will rise in the darkness,
and your shadows become like noon.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 111:4-9. R. v.4

(R.) A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

1. He is a light in the darkness for the upright:
he is generous, merciful and just.
The good man takes pity and lends,
he conducts his affairs with honour. **(R.)**
2. The just man will never waver:
he will be remembered for ever.
He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **(R.)**
3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear;
open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever.
His head will be raised in glory. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Cor 2:1-5

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

I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 8:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
the man who follows me
will have the light of life.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 5:13-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

You are the light of the world.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men. 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 106:8-9

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,
his wonders for the children of men,
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,
and the hungry he fills with good things.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Salty and Radiant

You are the salt of the earth, you are the light of the cosmos. 'You' is in the plural. So these descriptions are meant to apply to us as a Christian community.

Salt in the ancient world was a preservative for food. So, we are the ones who are to preserve the earth, to prevent its deterioration, to keep it life-giving.

Salt has to penetrate food to have an effect. We have to penetrate the world with our Sermon on the Mount values. Staying self-contained as a perfect little band of Christians is about as useful as salt remaining in the saltshaker. In Our Lord's scary opinion we would quite rightly be trampled underfoot.

How are we light for the cosmos? By 'good works'? No, a truer translation is by 'beautiful works'. These are those things we do which have grace, elegance and proportion and are therefore pleasing to observe: beautifully-good-works.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we remain salty and tangy, doing good beautifully and elegantly.

Welcome to
LUMEN CHRISTI PARISH

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