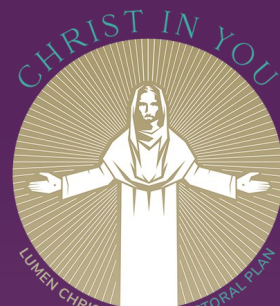


# SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, Year A

5 MARCH 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 OFFICE

**Office Hours:** Monday to Friday 8.30am —2.00pm  
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**Lisa de Paiva,** Chair of the Pastoral Council  
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**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.



**LUMEN CHRISTI**  
CATHOLIC PARISH

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

Jeanette Crisafi, John Daly, Barbara Halic, Zbigniew Laba.

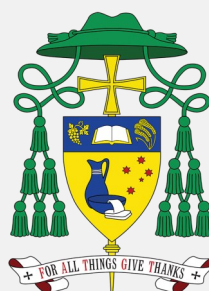
## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS ...

Bishop Peter Ingham, Matthew Johnson, Suzy May Gellel, Pat Carr, John Parkinson, Joseph Scalia, Bill & Ardell Sharpe, Therese & Noel Rouse, Grace Zammit.

## CHRIST IN YOU SURVERY



**SCAN QR CODE**



# In our parish & around the diocese

## PARISH CALENDAR: MAR—APR 2023

**Fri, 10 Mar:** Stations of the Cross, SFX 7pm  
**Sat, 11 Mar:** The Song Company Sydney, Songs under the Southern Cross: Bach, Edwards, Boyd SFX, 3pm  
**Wed 15 Mar:** Baptism Class, SFX 7pm  
**Thu 16 Mar:** Anniversary Dedication of the Cathedral (2010)  
**Fri 17 Mar:** Solemnity of St Patrick, SFX 7am, 12:10pm  
**Fri 17 Mar:** Stations of the Cross, SFX 7pm  
**Mon 20 Mar:** Solemnity of St Joseph, SFX 7am  
**Tue 21 Mar:** Lenten Reconciliation after SJV, 9.30am Mass  
**Wed 22 Mar:** Lenten Second Rite of Reconciliation, SFX 11am  
**Thu 23 Mar:** Lenten Reconciliation after SBG, 9.30am Mass  
**Fri 24 Mar:** Mass of the Unborn, SFX 12.10pm  
**Fri, 24 Mar:** Stations of the Cross, SFX 7pm  
**Sat, 25 Mar:** Annunciation of the Lord, Mass SFX 12.10pm  
**Sun, 26 Mar:** Lenten Reconciliation after MDB, 10am Mass  
**Fri, 31 Mar:** Stations of the Cross, SFX 7pm  
**Sun, 2 Apr:** Palm Sunday, (Usual Mass times)  
**Sun, 2 Apr:** Hospitality weekend

## 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](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



## PASTORAL PLAN SURVEY

Thank you to the members of our Pastoral and Finance Councils who will be speaking to us after Mass this Sunday about ways we can engage with the "Christ in You" survey.

God's plan is to create, save, unite, and complete all things through Christ. It is this wise and loving mystery that is present in us as a Christian community of faith, hope and love. In developing our pastoral plan, we are seeking to set ourselves some practical goals to become a parish that better reflects the truth and love of Christ to our world.

To make suggestions for the pastoral plan survey, scan the QR code on the front of the bulletin or go to the parish webpage: [lumenchristi.org.au/pastoralplan](https://lumenchristi.org.au/pastoralplan)

Thank you for your witness to Christ and all the ways you share in our liturgical worship and service of others.

Fr Bernard

## BLESSING FOR OUR CATECHISTS

This Sunday Bishop Brian Mascord will bless our Lumen Christi Catechists during the 10.30am Mass.

A very big and heartfelt thank you to all our Catechists who bear witness to Christ for the children of our parish who attend Public Schools: Patricia Calabro, Jo Clark, Wendy Douglas, Anna-Maria Di Pietro, Julia Walsh, Melinda Mueller, Salwa Woodroffe, Margaret Frew, Suzanne Cole, Paul Gilbert, Colleen Collins, Jenny De Bortoli, Cathy Byrne, Margaret McMahon and Laraine Fickers.

Have you thought that you could help our Catechists? Perhaps the Holy Spirit has given you the gift to become Christ's witness to our Public School children? You could share in the threefold ministry of Jesus to Heal, Proclaim, and Teach by gently offering your caring presence, bearing witness to Christ's life, and explaining his teaching.

If you are interested in joining our team of Catechists please contact our parish coordinator Patricia Calabro by emailing [patricia.calabro@dow.org.au](mailto:patricia.calabro@dow.org.au) or contact the parish office.

May the Holy Spirit help you to discover your gifts and experience joy in sharing it with others.

Fr Bernard

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

# In our parish & around the diocese



## HOLY WEEK AT LUMEN CHRISTI

### MON 3 APR: MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Wollongong 7am Mass

### TUE 4 APR: TUESDAY MORNING OF HOLY WEEK

Wollongong 7am Mass

Fairy Meadow 9.30am Mass

### TUE 4 APR: TUESDAY EVENING OF HOLY WEEK THE CHRISM MASS

Wollongong 7pm

### WED 5 APR: WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Wollongong 7am Mass

Wollongong 11.30am Reconciliation & 12.10pm Mass

### THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

### THU 6 APR: THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

No Morning Masses

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:

Fairy Meadow 6pm (Adoration until 8pm)

Wollongong 7pm (Adoration until 9pm)

### FRI 7 APR: FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Wollongong (Grassed Area) 10am, Stations of the Cross

(Reconciliation available after the Stations of the Cross)

Wollongong 3pm, Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

(Reconciliation available after the Passion)

Fairy Meadow 3pm, Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

(Reconciliation available after the Passion)

### SAT MORNING, 8 APR: HOLY SATURDAY

Wollongong 11am—12pm Reconciliation

### SAT EVENING, 8 APR: EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT

Wollongong 7pm Easter Vigil

Fairy Meadow 6pm Easter Vigil

### SUN 9 APR: SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

Wollongong 7am, 10.30am & 5pm

Gwynneville 9am

Fairy Meadow 8.30am

Balgownie 10am

### EXTRA TIMES FOR LENTEN RECONCILIATION

"Truly everyone is in need of forgiveness, that is, feeling beloved as children of God the Father"

(Pope Francis, Friday 25 March 2022)

- ◇ St John Vianney Co-Cathedral: **Tue 21 Mar after 9.30am Mass**
- ◇ St Francis Xavier Cathedral: **Wed 22 Mar 11am (Second Rite)**
- ◇ St Brigid's Church: **Thu 23 Mar after 9.30am Mass**
- ◇ Mater Dolorosa Church: **Sun 26 Mar after 10am Mass**

## CATHEDRAL BOOKS & GIFTS

The Cathedral Books & Gifts shop is open on the first Sunday of each month after the 10.30am Mass. The shop stocks a range of quality religious and inspirational products, books, statues, ethical gifts and greeting cards to bless and inspire. Thank you to Wendy Douglas for opening the shop for parishioners and visitors.

## SONGS UNDER THE SOUTHERN CROSS

Australia's national vocal ensemble – The Song Company – begins its 2023 season with a breathtaking program of Australian a cappella works by Ross Edwards and Anne Boyd, paired with J.S. Bach's monumental motet "Jesu, meine Freude". Led by Guest Director and soprano Amy Moore at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong on Saturday 11 March, 3pm. To purchase your ticket please go to [the.song.company/2023-season-tickets](https://the.song.company/2023-season-tickets)



## MASS FOR THE UNBORN

Mass will be offered at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Friday 24th March at 12.10pm for all babies who did not come to full term, for those babies who died at birth, and for their families. Please come and pray for all these children and their mothers and fathers.

## JEANETTE CRISAFI, REQUIESCAT IN PACE



Jeanette Crisafi passed away unexpectedly at home on Friday 17th of February 2023. Jeanette was a beautiful and prayerful lady who had a great devotion to the church of St John Vianney Fairy Meadow. Jeanette will be missed by all of us at Lumen Christi. We honour Jeanette for her contribution to family, parish life and Fairy Meadow Catholic Women's League.

*Requiescat in pace et in amore!*



## THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

All parishioners are invited to the Mass of the Annunciation of the Lord to be celebrated at St Francis Xavier Cathedral on Saturday 25th March 2023 at 12.10pm.

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



## THIS WEEK'S READINGS & COMMENTARY

### Entrance Antiphon

**Cf. Ps 26:8-9**

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face.  
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;  
hide not your face from me.

### First Reading

**Gen 12:1-4**

A reading from the book of Genesis

*The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.*

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:  
I will curse those who slight you.  
All the tribes of the earth  
shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22**

**(R.)** Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you.

1. The word of the Lord is faithful  
and all his works to be trusted.  
The Lord loves justice and right  
and fills the earth with his love. **(R.)**
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.  
The Lord is our help and our shield.  
May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you. **(R.)**

### Second Reading

**2 Tm 1:8-10**

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

*God has saved us, and called us to be holy.*

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

### Gospel Acclamation

**Mt 17:5**

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:  
this is my beloved Son, hear him.  
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

### Gospel

**Mt 17:1-9**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*His face shone like the sun.*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

### Communion Antiphon

**Mt 17:5**

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;  
listen to him.

### REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

#### Transfigured Bodysouls

We have to get rid of the idea that the soul is a dot of energy in some hidden core of our body. In fact, the body is in the soul. There is no part of my body which is not immersed in my soul. It is my whole person, bodysoul, which needs to be saved. As Thomas Aquinas says: 'If only my soul is saved, I am not saved.' Today's Gospel does not portray an out-of-body experience of religious ecstasy. Jesus' body was translucent, totally radiant with Divine Light. Further, this transfiguration was not a solitary experience for Jesus. Peter, James and John witnessed it precisely because it told them what our Heavenly Father desired as their destiny beyond martyrdom, if only they would listen to Jesus.

Heavenly salvation will involve my whole person, bodysoul, being transformed. But could a person, during their earthly existence, share in the transfiguration experience of Christ?

We could pause for a moment to 'Google' or otherwise get hold of my favourite story of a saint – St Seraphim of Sarov – and pray that we may share with his disciple the bodily experience of 'immeasurable wellbeing' – 'infinite joy in our hearts'.

## OLIVE BRANCHES FOR PALM SUNDAY

Olive Branches for Palm Sunday will be required for our Palm Sunday Masses. Please assist by dropping off your olive branches at the Cathedral by 10am on Friday 31 March.



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