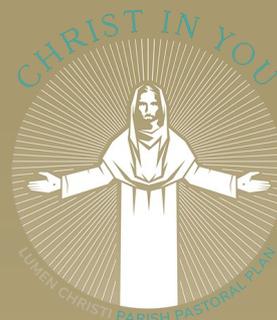


# 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER, Year A

16 APRIL 2023

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 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

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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.



**LUMEN CHRISTI**  
CATHOLIC PARISH

MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE ...

Leonie Brennan, Paul Gray, Gerry Doodeman.

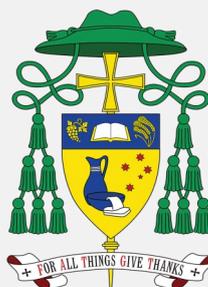
PLEASE PRAY FOR  
OUR SICK PARISHIONERS ...

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

CHRIST IN YOU SURVEY



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# In our parish & around the diocese

## PARISH CALENDAR: APR—JUN 2023

Wed, 19 Apr: Baptism Class, SFX 7pm  
Fri, 21 Apr: Anniversary of Bishop Murray, RIP: 21/04/2013  
Tue, 25 Apr: Anzac Day, SFX Mass 8am (No Mass at SJV)  
Sat, 29 Apr: Confirmation, St Brigid's, 2pm  
Sat, 29 Apr: Confirmation, St John Vianney, 6pm  
Mon, 1 May: St Joseph the Worker  
Tue, 2 May: Finance Council Meeting, Rigney Room 5pm  
Wed, 3 May: Pastoral Council Meeting, Rigney Room 5pm  
Thu, 4 May: Lunch Club, Fraternity Club Fairy Meadow 12pm  
Sun, 7 May: Hospitality weekend  
Sun, 14 May: Mother's Day  
Wed, 17 May: Baptism Class, SFX 7pm  
Sun, 21 May: Ascension of the Lord  
Wed, 24 May: Our Lady, Help of Christians  
Sat, 27 May: Illawarra Choral Society Concert, SFX 2pm  
Sun, 28 May: Pentecost Sunday  
Wed, 31 May: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Thu, 1 Jun: Lunch Club, Fraternity Club Fairy Meadow 12pm

## 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)
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- **Sacramental Programme:** [lumenchristi.org.au/sacramental](https://lumenchristi.org.au/sacramental)
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## PARISH EFT BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

### CHURCH ACCOUNT

(Donations & Planned Giving)

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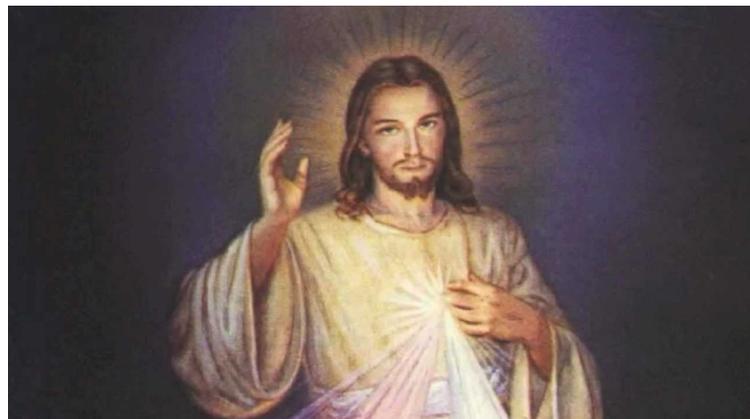
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### PRESBYTERY ACCOUNT

(For the Clergy)

**BSB:** 066 711 **Account:** 002286

**Account Name:** Lumen Christi Parish Presbytery



## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

*Jesus I Trust in You*

On Divine Mercy Sunday, we are called to be more fully aware of the mercy of God for everyone. God's mercy is poured out over the human race through the Life, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus, God's Son. By opening our hearts to God's mercy for us we learn to have a compassionate and helpful heart. In our care for those who are in need of our patience, consolation, and forgiveness we help them to know our most tender God.

In the Divine Mercy image Jesus points to his wounded heart. He invites all to partake of his grace symbolised by the white rays for the cleansing waters of Baptism and the red rays for his saving Blood poured out to establish the New Covenant. Jesus' right hand is raised in blessing, manifesting his abiding desire that we be filled with God's gifts of grace and salvation.

For Divine Mercy Sunday last year Pope Francis explained that we experience joy because we are so generously forgiven by the Risen Christ. Having confessed our sins we become missionaries of God's mercy to others because we are transformed by this mercy. We experience personally the need and the goodness of forgiveness and we learn to communicate this mercy to others. (See Homily for Sunday of Divine Mercy, 14 April 2022)

## ANZAC DAY MASS—TUESDAY 25 APRIL

Bishop Brian Mascord will offer the Anzac Day Mass at St Francis Xavier Cathedral on Tuesday 25th April at 8am. Please come for a cuppa and Anzac biscuits after Mass. N.B. There will be no 9.30am Mass that day at Fairy Meadow.



## ANNIVERSARY OF BISHOP WILLIAM MURRAY

Friday 21st April marks ten years since Bishop William Murray was called by God from this life. Mass will be offered for Bishop Murray on his anniversary, 7am & 12.10pm at St Francis Xavier Cathedral.

*Requiescat in pace et in amore!*

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

# In our parish & around the diocese

## CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME, YUDI!



Thank you to Peter Mowbray for this photo

At the Easter Vigil, Saturday 8 April 2022, we joyfully welcomed Yudi Zhang into our community of faith, worship, and service. Bishop Brian Mascord baptised and confirmed Yudi in an uplifting celebration of the Resurrection and the gift of Easter faith.

Yudi's joyful and generous smile said it all! Everyone present shared in Yudi's happiness that he was baptised in Christ, confirmed by the Holy Spirit, and shared in our Communion with the Lord.

Yudi entered our faith community through RCIA, a parish programme of faith formation whereby adults learn about our Catholic Faith and become full participating Church members. A series of prayerful rites and blessings accompanies the catechumen along his or her journey to the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night.

Our heartfelt congratulations to Yudi and our gratitude to him for being a light of faith and renewal to us. Thank you to everyone involved, especially Bishop Brian; Denis Bristow, for preparing Yudi through RCIA; Joseph & Thanh Tonien and Xueqiao Liu for accompanying Yudi on his journey into our Lumen Christi Parish; and to all in our parish community who have accompanied Yudi through prayer and welcome.

Fr Bernard Gordon

## EASTER RAFFLE WINNERS

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

**Wollongong: 1st Frank P, 2nd Eva S**  
**Fairy Meadow: Amelie**

Thank you for your ongoing support.



## REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

### Undoubtable Wounds

Thomas was granted the gift of seeing the Risen Lord bearing the wounds of His crucifixion. Thomas was invited to touch them. Responding, he simply cries out: 'My Lord and my God.'

Thomas does not declare his belief in the Resurrection as such. That was all too apparent. Rather, he declares his faith in the identity of the risen Jesus Christ: 'My Lord and my God.'

Pope Francis says we can only join Thomas in this faith by touching the wounds of Christ. Those wounds are to be found in the body of someone wounded. This can be in a myriad of ways.

We have to bend down and touch those wounds in whatever means of healing is available to us. Otherwise we simply engage in philanthropy at a distance. We end up believing in a semblance of God, but not God embodied in the Risen Lord Jesus Christ always bearing his wounds.

Sometimes we struggle with our faith – after all, it is an astounding claim that Jesus of Nazareth is God embodied for us. You, or any other person intrigued by Jesus, are invited to touch the wounds of Christ and let the patience of God take care of the timing of the response of faith.

We could pause for a moment, praying to be counted amongst those who receive the Blessing promised to those who have not seen the Risen Lord as such, but who touch his wounds and proclaim, 'My Lord and my God.'

## “HER CHILDREN CALL HER BLESSED” - MOTHER'S DAY INTENTIONS -

Mother's Day is a truly special day when we celebrate our Mothers. In their tender love for us they impress upon our hearts the intimate love of God. On Mother's Day we ask God to pour out the Divine Blessing upon our mothers and upon all women who love and care for others.



The Book of Proverbs witnesses to the attitude of blessing mothers: "Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her." (31.28) In keeping with the Scriptural understanding of the importance of our mothers, in all the Masses offered on Mother's Day we will pray for all mothers of our parishioners. Whether your mother is living or now rests in peace with the Lord, you are invited to join our parish to honour 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](http://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, May 14**. Please note that the Intention list will close Sunday 7th May.

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

### Entrance Antiphon

1 Pt 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 2:42-47

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.*

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:2-4. 13-15. 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. I was thrust, thrust down and falling  
but the Lord was my helper.  
The Lord is my strength and my song;  
he was my saviour.  
There are shouts of joy and victory  
in the tents of the just. (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 Pt 1:3-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

*He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.*

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed,

your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

### Gospel Acclamation

Jn 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

### Gospel

Jn 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. Jn 20:27

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

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