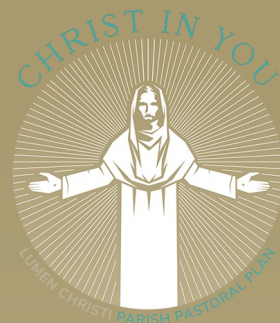


3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER, Year A

23 APRIL 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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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We show our respect and acknowledge
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Elders past, present, and emerging,
and extend that respect to all other
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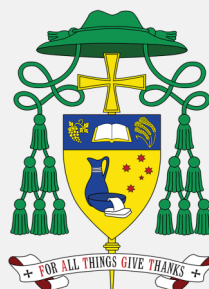
CATHOLIC PARISH

MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE ...

Frances Merritt, Beverley Hillier, Brian & Leonie Brennan,
Clare McCormack, Patrick McCormack, Maureen Gray, Denis
Gray, John Hayes, Paul Gray.

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.



In our parish & around the diocese

PARISH CALENDAR: APR—JUN 2023

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
Sun, 4 Jun: Trinity Sunday
Sun, 4 Jun: SVdP Winter Appeal

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

REGINA CAELI

In the Regina Caeli we join Mary in her joy over the Resurrection of her Son, Jesus Christ. This is a prayer that replaces the Angelus during the Easter Season. It can be prayed alone or together with family and friends, perhaps at the evening meal. It can also be prayed at the end of the day to entrust ourselves to the hope of eternal life as we approach our time of sleep.

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.

COME, HOLY SPIRIT, FILL OUR HEARTS

On **Saturday, 29 April**, at St Brigid's and St John Vianney's, many of our parish children will be confirmed by Bishop Brian. Let us pray as a parish community that as they prepare for this graced moment, the life of the Holy Spirit will flourish in their mind and hearts. May the Holy Spirit renew with peace, love, and joy their families, their friends, and their teachers. May they know Jesus more fully and experience a more lively sense of commitment in living our Faith in prayer and sacramental worship. May their goodness and service of others help others to receive the gifts of faith, hope, and charity. "Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth!"

THE GREAT WAR OF 1914–18

Mr Neil Dwyer our parish archivist has written an article on "The Great War of 1914-18". Please collect a copy from the entrance to the church or download a copy from our parish website: lumenchristi.org.au/archives.

Thank you Neil for your insights into the First World War which has had such a lasting impact on our personal, family, and national history.

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 join us after Mass for a cuppa and Anzac biscuits. N.B. There will be no 9.30am Mass at Fairy Meadow that day.



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

In our parish & around the diocese

FR BERNARD GORDON— LEAVE 2023

Dear Parishioners,

For your information, I will be on annual leave from Monday 8th May until June 7. We all are called to reverence in ourselves the law of resting and rising!

While I am away, I leave you in the more than capable hands of our wonderful pastoral team: the joyfully singing Bishop Brian, the ever eager Fr James Arblaster, the ebullient Fr John Stork, and Kevin Galea, our General Manager, who with our parish staff will facilitate the daily parish administration.

On another personal note and to help you plan your parties (while the Administrator is away the parishioners will play), Bishop Brian has very kindly given me leave for a sabbatical from September 1 to November 30. During that time I will be researching at the libraries of Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland and its campus in Belfast, Northern Ireland, exploring the principles of political theology in relation to the resolution of conflict and reconciliation in Irish society.

Please keep me in your prayers during the times this year I am away from our truly beautiful and life-giving parish.

Fr Bernard Gordon

MOTHER'S DAY INTENTIONS

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 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 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, May 14**. Please note that the Intention list will close Sunday 7th May.

nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

Communion Antiphon

Lk 24:35

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Companionable Breaking of Bread

This story is the story of each one of us at Mass. Each Mass is structured on the Road to Emmaus travelogue.

Two men set off on a journey of their own making. At the beginning of Mass we confess that we have gone off course.

The traveller helps the men on the road to Emmaus understand what had happened to Jesus of Nazareth by showing God's plan revealed in the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Liturgy of the Word, we hear Scriptures expounded, revealing more fully the true identity of Jesus of Nazareth. Every so often you will experience the burning sensation in your heart as something that is said hits home.

The traveller takes bread, blesses it, and gives it to them to eat. In that moment of bread-sharing, the two men recognised their travelling companion as the Risen Lord. Eat the bread consecrated at Mass, and we receive into our very being the Divine Companion for our journey through life.

We could pause for a moment to thank God for the privilege at every Mass of having our eyes opened so that we recognise Our Risen Lord Jesus Christ in the breaking of the bread. Alleluia!

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 \$ 3,305.65.

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.

As Pope Francis reminds us, by giving to the Good Friday Collection we express our unity with our brother and sister Christians in the land of our Saviour and the beginnings of our Christian faith and life.

Again, thank you for your generosity!

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

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 65:1-2

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts 2:14, 22-33

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.

On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always,
for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me.
So my heart was glad
and my tongue cried out with joy:
my body, too, will rest in the hope
that you will not abandon my soul to Hades
nor allow your holy one to experience corruption.
You have made known the way of life to me,
you will fill me with gladness through your presence.

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11. R. v.11

(R.) Lord, you will show us the path of life.

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.' (R.)
2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. (R.)
3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. (R.)
4. You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Pt 1:17-21

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

Gospel Acclamation

See Lk 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 24:13-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is

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