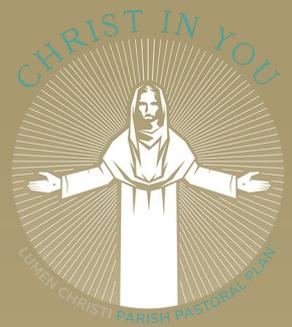


4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, Year A

30 APRIL 2023

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Word Day of Prayer for Vocations



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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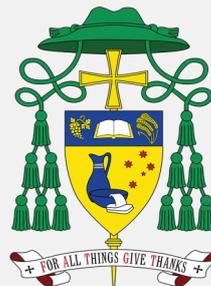
LUMEN CHRISTI CATHOLIC PARISH

MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE ...

Marika La Riva, 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.



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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.

In our parish & around the diocese

PARISH CALENDAR: MAY—JUN 2023

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
Sun, 11 Jun: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
SFX Adoration 3-5pm followed by Mass at 5pm
Fri, 16 Jun: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

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



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

The Fourth Sunday of Easter (30 April 2023) is called "Good Shepherd Sunday" because the Gospel at Mass always draws on the image of Jesus as our Good Shepherd. It is also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. If anyone would like help in discerning their vocation, including connecting with others who are also discerning, please contact Fr Duane Fernandez, Vocations Director at vocations@dow.org.au. In the words of Pope Francis, may St Joseph "help everyone, especially young people who are discerning, to make God's dreams for them come true. May he inspire in them the courage to say "yes" to the Lord who always surprises and never disappoints."

Please pray for our diocesan seminarians: Seth Harsh, Sinh Le, Darren McDowell, Joseph Nguyen, Anthony Rewak, Cong Tran and Quy Tran.

BRIAN AND LEONIE BRENNAN

Faith filled parishioners Leonie and her father Brian unexpectedly passed away on April 2 and April 13. They were beautiful parishioners with a great devotion to their Church and Faith. Brian and Leonie will be missed by all of us at Lumen Christi. We pray for their family, including Kevin, Michael, Cathy, Sue, Steve, and their partners. May God comfort and strengthen them.

May Brian and Leonie rest with Christ and rise with him in glory!

GWYNNEVILLE— SUNDAY 9AM MASS

We need more volunteers to assist at the St Brigid's 9am Mass as welcomers/collectors, senior servers and lectors. Please see Martin Bunder or one of the priests after Mass to join our team of parish helpers. Thank you for your support!



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

In our parish & around the diocese

APPEAL FROM BISHOP ROBERT RABBAT TO SUPPORT THE PEOPLE OF SYRIA

Bishop Brian Mascord has asked us to give to an appeal for the Syrian people. Nearly two million people are internally displaced because of the recent earthquake disaster and a decade and more of civil war in Syria. The Christian population has been particularly devastated with little aid and support getting to Christian areas.

Bishop Robert Rabbat, the Eparch of the Melkite Church in Australia has established an appeal specifically for the people of Syria. He says, "As time passes and the media pack moves on, the suffering survivors remain with nowhere to go, seemingly without hope, without a future. The greatest tragedy, one even greater than the earthquake itself, would be for them to think they have been forgotten. Your donation to this appeal will no doubt mend many broken hearts and transform many lives."

To support Bishop Rabbat's appeal a leaving collection will be held after all Masses next weekend (6-7 May). Please continue to pray for the people of Syria and indeed Turkey who are still affected by this earthquake disaster.

AGEING WITH CONFIDENCE FREE INFORMATION SESSIONS

CatholicCare, with the assistance of the Committee for the Aged, will be holding a FREE information session for Parishioners. Guest speakers will include representatives from My Aged Care, CatholicCare, a local funeral director and a solicitor. The Wollongong session will be held at the Xavier Centre on **Wednesday 24th May 9.00 – 12.30pm**. Morning Tea will be provided. To register call: 02 4227 1122 or go to: www.catholiccare.dow.org.au/events

PARISH CENSUS

Last year the Diocese conducted a census at every Mass over the weekends of November 12-13, 19-20, 26-27. An average total of 685 people attended Mass in our parish over those weekends. This was a decline in attendance of 45% from 2016. These figures did not include those who attend the Italian and Vietnamese Masses offered each week in our parish. It will be very interesting to see the figures for November this year given that the numbers of those attending Mass seems to be steadily increasing.

Thank you to all those were involved in the collation of the data.

Thank you to you all, our parishioners, for your presence and participation in our parish life of belief, worship, and service. Your presence, giving and supporting is deeply encouraging.



In John's gospel, Judas, the thief from the common purse of the disciples, led a group of temple guards and Roman soldiers to take Jesus by force.

Barabbas was a brigand, a leader of an insurrection. Our Lord knew that armed rebellion against the Romans would lead to the destruction of Jerusalem.

So, Jesus is warning his followers against the seductive voices of those who advocate the use of violence.

In particular, the successor of Peter should echo the voice of Jesus the Good Shepherd and no other. Popes of the modern era seem to be listening more attentively to the Good Shepherd, as successors of St Peter who was instructed: 'Feed my lambs, feed my sheep'.

We could pause for a moment to attune our ears to the sound of the Shepherd's voice and follow Him so that He may lead us to pastures where we can have life, abundantly.

Alleluia!

PLACING OF FLOWERS FOR OUR MOTHERS

All parishioners are invited to place a flower at the statue of our Lady in honour of our own mother for Mother's Day. Some flowers will be placed in front of the statue of the Mother of Jesus for you to



present to her while praying for your mother. Or, you may wish to bring your own flower and present it to Mary.

The Book of Proverbs calls us to a heartfelt, reverential and grateful attitude for our mothers: "Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her." (31.28). 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 14 May**.

Please note: the Intention list will close Sunday 7th May.

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

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 32:5-6

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts 2:14. 36-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22:1-6. R. v.1

- (R.) The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
 2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. (R.)
 3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R.)
 4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Pt 2:20-25

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty. This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his

mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 10:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly,

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

All others who have come

are thieves and brigands;

but the sheep took no notice of them.

I am the gate.

Anyone who enters through me will be safe:

he will go freely in and out

and be sure of finding pasture.

The thief comes

only to steal and kill and destroy.

I have come

so that they may have life

and have it to the full.'

Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The Shepherd's Voice

In Jesus' time, the shepherd lead from the front: the sheep followed the sound of his voice to reach good pasture. Jesus describes other voices who might try to mislead the sheep as 'thieves and brigands'.

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