PENTECOST SUNDAY, Year A

28 MAY 2023

COME HOLY SPIRIT, COME

The Spirit comes to the Apostles as tongues of fire

MASS TIMETABLE





Monday Mass: 7am Tuesday Mass: 7am Mass: 7am Wednesday

Confessions: 11:30am

Mass: 12.10pm

Thursday Mass: 7am Friday Mass: 7am

> Adoration: 11:30am Confessions: 11:30am

Mass: 12.10pm

Confessions: 11am—12pm Saturday Mass: 7am, 10.30am & 5pm Sunday

St Brigid's, Gwynneville

Thursday Mass: 9.30am Saturday Vigil Mass: 5.30pm Mass: 9am Sunday

St John Vianney Co-Cathedral, Fairy Meadow

Tuesday Mass: 9.30am

Mass: 9.30am (Italian) Thursday

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 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.



MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE ...

Michael Zerafa, Armando Dellapina, Max Good.

PLEASE PRAY FOR **OUR SICK PARISHIONERS ...**

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

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PARISH CALENDAR: MAY—JUL 2023

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

Sun, 18 Jun: Patronal Feast Immaculate Heart of Mary

Wed, 21 Jun: Baptism Class, SFX 7pm
Thu, 22 Jun: Nespresso Competition closes
Sat, 24 Jun: The Nativity of St John the Baptist

Sun, 25 Jun: Nespresso Winner drawn Thu, 29 Jun: Saints Peter and Paul Fri, 30 Jun: School Term 2 concludes

Thu, 6 Jul: Lunch Club, Fraternity Club Fairy Meadow 12pm **Mon, 17 Jul:** Reconciliation & First Holy Communion Parent

Evening, SBG 6.30pm

SACRAMENTS

- Baptisms: By appointment only. Baptism preparation session must be completed. Contact the parish office or book online lumenchristi.org.au/baptism)
- Marriages: A preliminary appointment needs to be made at least 6 months prior to Wedding Date (No Sunday weddings in our parish)
- 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

PLANNED GIVING ENEVELOPES 2023/2024

The present Planned Giving Program envelopes are due to finish in June. The new set of envelopes have been issued to envelope givers. If you would like to be a planned giver, fill in the form below and place it in the collection bag, email the parish office (Wollongong@dow.org.au) or see Leanne at the office. Thank you for your ongoing support of our parish.

PLANNED GIVING REQUEST:

Full Name:_		 	
Address:		 	
Email:		 	
Phone:		 	
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Please tick your preference of giving

Envelopes Direct Debit/Credit Card Direct Deposit

lumenchristi.org.au/support

ST VINCENT DE PAUL—WINTER APPEAL

Next weekend (3/4 June) the annual St Vincent de Paul Winter appeal will be held in our parish. Your support this Winter will help provide emergency accommodation, financial support, as well as material assistance for those in need. A leaving

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collection will be taken up at the doors of the church.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

A very big thank you to all our parishioners who contributed towards Caritas Project Compassion and Syrian Earthquake Appeal . The totals have been finalised and processed.

Project Compassion \$ 11,193 Syrian Earthquake Appeal \$ 1,822

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Thank you for your ongoing support!

COME AND JOIN THE CWL

This Sunday 28th May the Catholic Women's League are inviting new members to come join the CWL. The CWL are dedicated to building a culture of life; advocating for the respect of human rights, promoting the teaching of Christ and his Church concerning the dignity, integrity and freedom of the human person. If you wish to join the Wollongong or Fairy Meadow branches please see Jo Clark for Wollongong Branch or Margaret McMahon for Fairy Meadow Branch.

Thank you to the members of the CWL for your ongoing committed support. Kevin Galea, GM

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WINTER RETREAT DAY

Are you aged 18-35 and keen to refresh your faith? UOW Catholic Society invites you to come along for our Winter Day-Retreat! It's a day for you to take some time out of the busy schedule, to be still, and refresh your relationship with God. There will be some short talks, opportunities for personal prayer (or study if you need to). Mass, Reconciliation, spiritual conversation, and adoration will be available, and light lunch provided.

Date: Sat 10th June 2023

Time: 9am - 4pm

Venue: St Mary Star of the Sea, Gerringong

Cost: \$10

Scan QR code to register



COMPETTION TIME WIN A FREE NESPRESSO MACHINE

We are asking for parishioners to enter into a free competition by taking a photograph of yourself drinking a cup of coffee or

tea in front of one our Lumen Christi churches, then emailing it to the parish office at: **wollongong@dow.org.au** where you automatically go into the draw of winning a Nespresso machine. Entry closes 22nd June. Winner will be drawn on Sunday 25th June after the 10.30am Mass. The Winner will take home a brand new Nespresso Vertuo Plus machine!



VINNIES GREEN TEAM

Would you like to give back to your local community? Do you have a bit of a green thumb? Do you have 2.5hrs once a month?

If that sounds like you then consider joining the Vinnies Green Team! New members welcome aged 10+ to get involved with this great new special work.

Get in contact with Bec Hall at rebecca.hall@vinnies.org.au or on 0422 724 917 (please note all children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a responsible adult)

For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven: for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Communion Antiphon

Acts 2:4,11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate The Bush Fire of Pentecost

As summer progresses in Australia, invariably great bushfires break out. Those who report the infernos speak not only of the flames, but often of a mighty roar like a great windstorm heralding the approaching fire.

The earth had quaked at the death of Jesus, but death had been conquered and the earth was supercharged with divine energy and vitality. Into all this the Risen Lord sent his Holy Spirit like a lightning strike. Divine energy was unleashed and St Luke portrays this particular event in our bushfire terms. The Holy Spirit, he says, was 'like tongues of fire' and 'like the sound of a mighty wind' accompanying the descent of the Holy Spirit on a gathering of a fearful group of followers of Our Lord.

The tangled undergrowth of fear, anxiety and timidity was cleared away. The new life of the church was germinated, took root and has been growing ever since, listening to the core message preached by St Peter: Jesus of Nazareth had conquered death and Peter and others were witnesses to the Risen Lord.

We could pause for a moment to pray for the successor of St Peter that he may preach the resurrection in a way which is understandable by people of every culture, every ethnicity, every language group around the world.



FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI-11 JUNE

The Feast of Corpus Christi, also called The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, for us to honour the presence of the body (corpus) of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

All parishioners, members from our Catholic Women's League, St Vincent de Paul Conferences and various groups in our parish and beyond are invited to join us for reconciliation, adoration, prayer, benediction followed by Mass.

St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong on Sunday 11th June Adoration/Benediction 3pm followed by Mass at 5pm.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS & COMMENTARY

Entrance Antiphon

Wis 1:7

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

- 1. Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are, How many are your works, O Lord! The earth is full of your riches. (R.)
- 2. You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. (R.)
- 3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever! May the Lord rejoice in his works! May my thoughts be pleasing to him. I find my joy in the Lord. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

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

In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Sequence

Holy Spirit, Lord of light, From the clear celestial height Thy pure beaming radiance give. Come, thou Father of the poor, Come with treasures which endure; Come, thou light of all that live!

Thou, of all consolers best, Thou, the soul's delightful guest,

Dost refreshing peace bestow; Thou in toil art comfort sweet;

Pleasant coolness in the heat;

Solace in the midst of woe. Light immortal, light divine,

Visit thou these hearts of thine,

And our inmost being fill:

If thou take thy grace away,

Nothing pure in man will stay;

All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew;

On our dryness pour thy dew;

Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will;

Melt the frozen, warm the chill;

Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore

Thee confess and thee adore,

With thy sevenfold gifts descend: Give us comfort when we die;

Give us life with thee on high;

Give us joys that never end.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 20:19-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy

In the evening of 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.

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