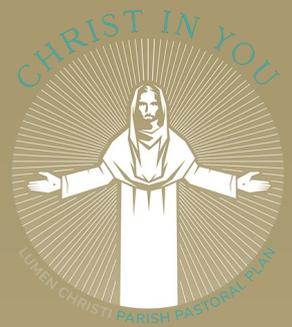


CORPUS CHRISTI , Year A

11 JUNE 2023

LIVING BREAD

Communion with the Body of Christ



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.



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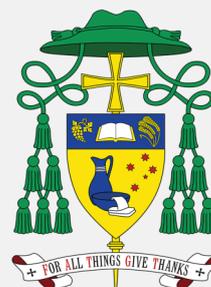
CATHOLIC PARISH

MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE ...

Bernard Carroll, Nancy Hubbard.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS ...

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



In our parish & around the diocese

PARISH CALENDAR: JUN—JUL 2023

- Sat, 17 Jun:** Cathedral Working Bee, 8.30am
- 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
- Tue, 18 Jul:** Reconciliation & First Holy Communion Parent Evening, SBG 6.30pm
- Sun, 23 Jul:** World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly
- Tue, 25 Jul:** Finance Council Meeting
- Wed, 26 Jul:** Sts Joachim and Anne, Grandparents of Jesus
- Thu, 27 Jul:** Pastoral Council Meeting

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

50 YEARS OF FAIRY MEADOW CWL!

The Fairy Meadow Catholic Women's League Branch are celebrating 50 years of joyful and significant service in Fairy Meadow.

To give thanks to God for all the women who have served our community in the Fairy Meadow CWL, Mass will be offered by Fr Bernard Gordon at Mater Dolorosa Church this **Tuesday 13th June at 9.30am** followed by refreshments.

Please join us for this wonderful event and pray for all the members of the Fairy Meadow CWL as they rejoice in this Golden anniversary. *Please note that on this day the usual Fairy Meadow 9.30am Mass will be transferred to Balgownie.*



LIGHTING THE LONG NIGHT PRAYER SERVICE FOR MENTAL HEALTH

A prayer service for all those experiencing depression, suicidal ideation or any mental illness, for carers, or for those who live with, or mourn, those affected by mental illness will be held at **St Francis Xavier Cathedral** on Thursday **22nd June at 7pm** and will conclude at 8pm.

CatholicCare will be onsite with support counsellors available for those wishing to take up the service. **ALL WELCOME!**

This event is proudly supported by CatholicCare Diocese of Wollongong.

CatholicCare have been supporting our community for over 40 years, through all stages of life. For more information on how CatholicCare can assist you visit:

catholiccare.dow.org.au



LESS THAN TWO WEEKS TO GO! WIN A NESPRESSO MACHINE!!

We are asking for parishioners to enter a free competition by taking a photograph of yourself drinking a cup of coffee or tea in front of one of our Lumen Christi churches and emailing it to the parish office at:

wollongong@dow.org.au

You automatically go into the draw for winning a new Nespresso machine. **Entry closes 22nd June.** The winner will be drawn on Sunday 25th June after the 10.30am Mass and take home a brand new Nespresso Vertuo Plus machine!



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

In our parish & around the diocese

KEY NOTES FROM OUR FINANCE AND PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

- Fairy Meadow Presbytery currently houses University students to assist with the short fall of student accommodation in Wollongong
- Lumen Christi Parish has aging rental properties which require ongoing maintenance
- The parish needs a steady income to help support the ongoing needs of the parish operational expenses (the parish insurance bill for 2022 was \$62,000. This year it is expected to increase significantly)
- The parish Pastoral and Finance Councils will meet to discern the next steps of our pastoral plan

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to our newest volunteers assisting as lectors, welcomers/ushers and altar servers. Volunteers are an essential part of our Parish, assisting with ministries and liturgies. There are still many opportunities for you to get involved and help build our parish community. If you are interested in volunteering and contributing to the life of our community, please contact the parish office or see one of our priests!

Kevin Galea, GM



GOOD SAMARITAN SCHOOL ENROLMENTS

Good Samaritan is now accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2024. Vacancies also exist for Years 1-6. Come along and see the school in action on Thursday 22 June from 9am.



KING'S BIRTHDAY —MASS 12 JUNE

This Monday 12th June will be the King's Birthday Public Holiday in New South Wales. Mass will be offered 8am at St Francis Xavier Cathedral. The Parish Office will reopen Tuesday at 8.30am.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES REFRESH DAY: FORMATION AND PRACTICE

Fr James Arblaster and Sr Monica Barlow will be hosting a Liturgical Ministries refresh day for Readers, Ministers of Communion, Acolytes, and Servers. The day of learning and formation is for **both** existing ministers and those interested in joining these ministries.

Come to the Xavier Centre on **Saturday 2nd September 2023**.

Session 1: 9am—12pm

Liturgical Formation for Acolytes, Servers, Communion Ministers and Readers

Session 2: 12.30pm—2pm

Practical Training for Acolytes and Servers

To register go to: lumenchristi.org.au/refresh2023

Registration closes on Friday 25th August 2023.

CATHEDRAL WORKING BEE

The Cathedral working bee will resume next **Saturday 17th June** from 8.30am to 11am. Make friends and enjoy the fellowship of working together! We will be cleaning and polishing the whole Cathedral – bring your gloves! Please see the sacristan Denis Bristow or email: denis.bristow@dow.org.au



WELCOME OUR NEW PRIESTS!

Fr Hung Tran and Fr Kim Cang Tran are coming from Vietnam to minister in the Diocese of Wollongong. They will stay at the Cathedral Presbytery from 1 August for about 6 weeks and then commence their work in another parish.

We are very blessed to host Fr Hung and Fr Kim Cang as they commence this new stage of their lives and mission. Please make them very welcome as they settle into life in Australia. As many of our parishioners from various national backgrounds know, it is a very big transition to live and work in another country. The climate, food, language, and culture can be very different. It can take time to adapt and live, work and socialise in a land very different from where we were born.

May God bless them for their great generosity in coming to us and serving our community as dedicated shepherds.

Fr Bernard

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

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 80:17

He fed them with the finest wheat
and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

First Reading

Dt 8:2-3. 14-16

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

He gave you food which you and your ancestors did not know.

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 147:12-15. 19-20. R. v.12

(R.) Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

1. O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!
Zion, praise your God!
He has strengthened the bars of your gates,
he has blessed the children within you. (R.)
2. He has established peace on your borders,
he feeds you with finest wheat.
He sends out his word to the earth
and swiftly runs his command. (R.)
3. He makes his word known to Jacob,
to Israel his laws and decrees.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his decrees. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Cor 10:16-17

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

Though we are many, we form a single body because we share this one loaf.

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 6:51-58

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

Jesus said to the Jews:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;

and the bread that I shall give

is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly,

if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man

and drink his blood,

you will not have life in you.

Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood

has eternal life,

and I shall raise him up on the last day.

For my flesh is real food

and my blood is real drink.

He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood

lives in me

and I live in him.

As I, who am sent by the living Father,

myself draw life from the Father,

so whoever eats me will draw life from me.

This is the bread come down from heaven;

not like the bread our ancestors ate:

they are dead,

but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

Communion Antiphon

Jn 6:57

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The Maternal Jesus

I once saw a young mother discreetly breastfeeding her baby during Mass, and thought ... 'What a wonderful thing!' There could not be a better illustration, a better acting out of what Jesus says in today's Gospel: 'The one who eats me will live.'

Of course, even mothers who find they cannot breastfeed offer the same gift for nine months as the baby draws its life from the mother's body in the womb.

This is a good analogy for what Our Lord was teaching in today's Gospel.

'Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me and I in them.' Notice the very maternal language. The risen Lord truly abides in us, we truly abide in the risen Lord. This is as intimate as the baby dwelling in the womb of its mother.

Moreover, it is a Holy communion which is both a present reality and a foretaste and promise about our place in God's future: 'The one who eats this bread will live forever.'

We could pause for a moment to pray with St Thomas Aquinas: 'Oh Sacred Banquet in which Christ is received and a pledge of future glory is given to us.'

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