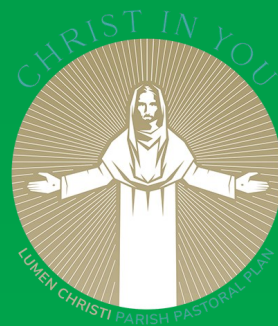


# 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY, Year A

2 JULY 2023

NATIONAL ABORIGINAL AND  
TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY



## 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

**Office Hours:** Monday to Friday 8.30am —2.00pm  
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Assistant Priest & UoW Chaplain  
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Parish Secretary  
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**Lisa de Paiva,** Chair of the Pastoral Council  
**Gabi Tobin,** Chair of the Finance Council

## PARISH SCHOOLS

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**Toni Sillis,** Principal, Good Samaritan Fairy Meadow

## 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.



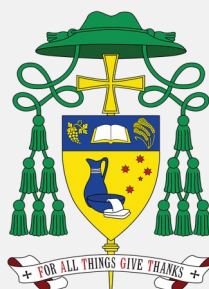
**LUMEN CHRISTI**  
CATHOLIC PARISH

## MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE ...

Percy Di Leva, Christopher Tobin, Margaret Dowdall, Margaret Bonanno, Lisa Galea, Janet Thornberry.

## 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, baby Wiedersehen, Paul Connery, Sue Collins.



# In our parish & around the diocese

## PARISH CALENDAR: JUL—AUG 2023

**Thu, 6 Jul:** Parish Lunch, 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  
**Tue, 1 Aug:** Feast of St John Vianney, Mass SJV 9.30am  
**Thu, 3 Aug:** Parish Lunch, Fraternity Club Fairy Meadow 12pm  
**Fri, 4 Aug:** Feast of St John Vianney  
**Sat, 5 Aug:** Dedication of SJV Co-Cathedral (2011)  
**Sun, 6 Aug:** Transfiguration  
**Sun, 6 Aug:** Hospitality weekend  
**Tue, 8 Aug:** Feast of St Mary of the Cross Mackillop  
Masses SFX 7am, SJV 9.30am & SFX 12.10pm

## SACRAMENTS

- ♦ **Baptisms:** By appointment only. Baptism preparation session must be completed. Contact the parish office or book online [lumenchristi.org.au/baptism](http://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](https://youtube.com/massforyouathome)
- ♦ **Mass/Prayer Intentions:** [lumenchristi.org.au/intentions](http://lumenchristi.org.au/intentions)
- ♦ **Light a Votive Candle:** [lumenchristi.org.au/votive](http://lumenchristi.org.au/votive)
- ♦ **Census Form:** [lumenchristi.org.au/census](http://lumenchristi.org.au/census)
- ♦ **Online Donations:** [lumenchristi.org.au/donate](http://lumenchristi.org.au/donate)
- ♦ **Join Planned Giving:** [lumenchristi.org.au/support](http://lumenchristi.org.au/support)
- ♦ **Columbarium:** [lumenchristi.org.au/columbarium](http://lumenchristi.org.au/columbarium)
- ♦ **Sacramental Programme:** [lumenchristi.org.au/sacramental](http://lumenchristi.org.au/sacramental)
- ♦ **Privacy Policy:** [privacy.lumenchristi.org.au](http://privacy.lumenchristi.org.au)
- ♦ **St Brigid's School:** [sbgdow.catholic.edu.au](http://sbgdow.catholic.edu.au)
- ♦ **Good Samaritan School:** [gsfmdow.catholic.edu.au](http://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

## SAVE OUR KNEES!

### PADDING FOR CHURCH KNEELERS

Dear Parishioners,

As you may have felt, the kneelers in our churches at St John Vianney Co-Cathedral, St Brigid's and Mater Dolorosa could benefit from padding. This would provide greater comfort and support to all those who kneel during prayer and worship. Improving this practical aspect of our community worship will foster an environment of prayer and welcome.

Please contribute towards the purchase of padding materials for the kneelers in our churches. Your generous donation will help ensure a far more agreeable experience for all members of our congregation, young and old.

### HOW TO DONATE?

To be part of this important renewal for our liturgical worship, please complete a pledge form online at: [www.lumenchristi.org.au/kneelers](http://www.lumenchristi.org.au/kneelers)

### Direct Deposit

**BSB: 066 711 Account #: 008056 Ref: Your Name-SOK**

### Cheques Payable to: Lumen Christi Parish

Or collect an envelope from the church door (mark it **"Kneelers Donation"**) and place it inside the collection bag, collection boxes, or hand it in at the parish office.

Thank you for your continued dedication to our parish community and thank you for your consideration and generosity in this matter of saving our knees. Together, we can create an atmosphere of worship that is welcoming, appropriately comfortable, and suitable for joyful participation.

We can save our knees and make our hearts rejoice!

Fr Bernard Gordon

### AND THE WINNER IS.....

Congratulations to Mrs Raschilla from Mater Dolorosa Balgownie for winning the brand new Nespresso Vertuo Plus machine!

Thank you to everyone who entered our parish competition. It was great fun. Your photos truly sparkled.

### PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Please contact the parish office if you are an envelope planned giver and haven't received your new set of envelopes, or wish to join planned giving by envelopes, direct debit, credit card or direct deposit. Thank you for your financial support for our parish.



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

# In our parish & around the diocese

## MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

A very beautiful practice is to ask a priest to offer Mass for someone or some need.

All parishioners of Lumen Christi are very welcome to ask one of our priests to offer Mass for them and their loved ones.

Intentions can include thanksgiving for a blessing received from God, to help a relative or friend in need, to celebrate an anniversary, to ask God to strengthen and heal the sick, or to pray that someone who has died will rest in God's peace.

If you wish to offer a Mass & Prayer Intention go to our website: [lumenchristi.org.au/intentions](https://lumenchristi.org.au/intentions) or fill in a Mass Intention envelope or contact the parish office.

## PERCY DI LEVA REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Percy Di Leva passed away last Monday 26th June at the age of 101. Percy was one of our oldest parishioners in Lumen Christi Parish. On his 100th Birthday Bishop Brian Mascord presented Percy a beautiful congratulatory framed letter on behalf of our Parish. Percy started as a altar sever at St Francis Xavier Cathedral in the 1930's and then assisted in the parish in various ways as a builder, maintenance helper, and usher. Percy was a truly prayerful man who had a great devotion to our Catholic faith.

Fr Bernard Gordon will celebrate the Requiem Mass for Percy Di Leva at St Francis Xavier Cathedral at 10am on Tuesday 11th July. All parishioners are very welcome to attend!

*May Percy rest in peace with Christ and rise with him in glory! Requiescat in pace et in amore!*

## ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP

The Diocesan Mass to celebrate the feast of St Mary of the Cross Mackillop will be held on **Tuesday 8th August** in **St Francis Xavier Cathedral at 12.10pm.**

Mass will be celebrated by Fr Bernard Gordon for all parishioners and for all our people around the Diocese of Wollongong.



On the same day, Fr Anthony Ha will celebrate the 7am Mass at the Cathedral and Fr John Stork will offer the 9.30am Mass at St John Vianney Co-Cathedral.

St Mary of the Cross Mackillop  
Pray for Us!



## ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY

Today is the 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time and the day that the Australian Bishops and our National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council have invited us to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday.

Our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics number over 130,000 and are growing strongly.

Today we acknowledge that God has always been walking with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, making His Presence known through a continuous living culture over many thousands of years.

We pray in thanksgiving for these ancient peoples who have enriched and sustained our continent over all that time. We praise God for the people who nurtured the land here in our Parish that we call home.

For interesting information about First Nations people and the Catholic Church go to: [www.natsicc.org.au](https://www.natsicc.org.au)

## PARISH LUNCHEON

All parishioners are very welcome to our Parish luncheon this Thursday 6th July, 12pm at the Fraternity Club Fairy Meadow. Ample parking is available onsite with no time limit! You can buy a meal, drink and have a chat with fellow parishioners! We look forward to seeing you there!



## MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES MASS

If you are celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60 or over 60 years of marriage this year, we invite you to the celebration of Significant Marriage Anniversaries, to be celebrated with Bishop Brian Mascord on Sunday 17 September 2023 at 2pm at the St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong. Mass will be followed by light refreshments in the Xavier Centre Conference Room.

Please register online at: <https://dow.sh/ma23> or contact Helen Bennett at the Office of the Bishop at 42222403, or via email [helen.bennett@dow.org.au](mailto:helen.bennett@dow.org.au) by no later than Friday 4 August 2023.

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

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS & COMMENTARY

### Entrance Antiphon

Ps 46:2

All peoples, clap your hands.  
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

### First Reading

2 Kgs 4:8-11. 14-16

A reading from the second book of the Kings

*That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.*

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.' One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 88:2-3. 16-19. R. v.2

(R.) Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;  
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.  
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,  
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. (R.)
2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king,  
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,  
who find their joy every day in your name,  
who make your justice the source of their bliss. (R.)
3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;  
it is by your favour that our might is exalted:  
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;  
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. (R.)

### Second Reading

Rom 6:3-4. 8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.*

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life. But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

### Gospel Acclamation

1 Pt 2:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.

Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

Mt 10:37-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me.*

*Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.*

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

### Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 102:1

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all within me, his holy name.

### REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

#### Christianity not a Cult

In the early Church, Christianity ripped families apart. Good Jewish families would have been appalled to see their sons and daughters go off to follow a crucified blasphemer. Good reason to keep apart in the synagogue, avoiding damnable pollution. This sectarianism contrasted with the Christians who fearlessly went out into the world.

St John Paul II personified what it is to be Catholic. But, he pressed a prayer into a crack in the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem and as an old man shuffled across the floor of a Mosque in Syria.

Of course, there was no compromise of belief and faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, denied by both Jews and Muslims. But his actions were not those of one with the siege mentality of the member of a cult. Rather, he was able to respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit to take these steps recognising what was good amongst the adherents of those faiths.

We could pause for a moment to implore the Holy Spirit to break us out from any constricting cult-like tendencies so that we can go out into the world powerfully proclaiming the resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES REFRESH DAY

Day of formation and training for Readers, Ministers of Communion, Acolytes, and Servers at the Xavier Centre on **Saturday 2nd September 2023, 9am—2pm.**

To register go to: [lumenchristi.org.au/refresh2023](https://lumenchristi.org.au/refresh2023)

Registration closes on Friday 25th August 2023.

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