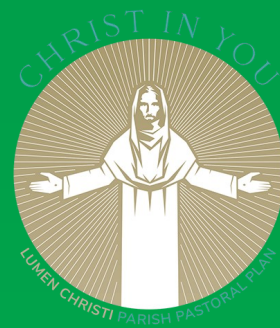


# 17 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY, Year A

30 JULY 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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## PARISH OFFICE

**Office Hours:** Monday to Friday 8.30am —2.00pm  
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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.



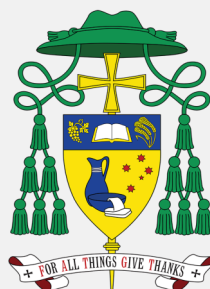
**LUMEN CHRISTI**  
CATHOLIC PARISH

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

William Hedley, Marina Comacchio, Paul Gray.

## 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, Margaret Gray.



# In our parish & around the diocese

## PARISH CALENDAR: AUG—SEP 2023

**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  
**Thu, 10 Aug:** Reconciliation First Holy Communion Program  
**Mon, 14 Aug:** Vigil, Solemnity of the Assumption, Holy Day of Obligation SFX 6pm  
**Tue, 15 Aug:** Solemnity of the Assumption, SFX 7am, SJV 9.30am, SFX 12.10pm  
**Thu, 24 Aug:** Catechist meeting, 10.30am, Mons Rigney Rm  
**Sat, 26 Aug:** First Holy Communion Mass, 5.30pm, SBG  
**Sun, 27 Aug:** First Holy Communion Mass, 8.30am, SJV  
**Sat, 2 Sep:** First Holy Communion Mass, 5.30pm, SBG  
**Sun, 3 Sep:** Father's Day & Hospitality weekend

## SACRAMENTS

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

## TRANSFIGURED BY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

### VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK



Photo: Raphael, "The Transfiguration", 1516-1520

**The radiance of Jesus' glory captures our hearts and calls us to share God's Light and Love with others**

Next Sunday we commence Vocation Awareness Week. It coincides this year with the Sunday celebration of the Transfiguration of the Lord. On the mountain Jesus was revealed to Peter, James, and John in his glory as God's beloved Son and the Father instructed them to listen to Jesus. Then Jesus called them down from the mountain to a life of service for those in need of God's Truth and Compassion. For Peter, James, and John, sharing in the work of the Good Shepherd by preaching, healing, and guiding God's People was the great commitment of their life — their vocation.

The Transfiguration, an experience of the radiance or beauty of God's Son in his relationship with the Father, can be associated with each Christian's experience of their vocation. The Transfiguration leads us to reflect on our experience of sharing in Jesus' experience of the Father's love and how, like Jesus, we are called to share in his mission to share God's truth, goodness, and beauty with those we meet in life.

In his message for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations 2023, Pope Francis explains that 'the Church is a vocational "symphony"'. Everyone's gifts are needed to shine in the various ways of Christian life — the family home and civil society, religious communities, single life, Deacons, Priests, and Bishops.

Have you felt the call of God to give yourself in service for others? Pray about your experience and talk to someone about where your heart leads you. God has given you gifts. Your life and your gifts will come to fullness as you help to build the lives of those God calls you to love and serve.

Fr Bernard

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

# In our parish & around the diocese

## 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!



## SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Mass for the Assumption of Our Lady, a Holy Day of Obligation, will be celebrated in our Lumen Christi Parish:

**Monday 14th August**

St Francis Xavier Cathedral: **Vigil Mass 6pm**

**Tuesday 15th August**

St Francis Xavier Cathedral Wollongong: **7am & 12.10pm**

St John Vianney Co-Cathedral Fairy Meadow: **9.30am**



## SAVE OUR KNEES APPEAL

Please donate to placing new padding on the kneelers at St John Vianney's Co-Cathedral, St Brigid's and Mater Dolorosa by:

- ◆ completing 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.

## YOUR SUPPORT AS OF 18 JULY 2023



## FATHER'S DAY INTENTIONS

Thank you to the parishioners who have contacted the parish office about publishing Father's Day Intentions for 2023. The Father's Day Intention list will be opening soon.

Let us pray for all our fathers. Whether they are living or rest in peace with the Lord, you are invited to join our parish in honouring all fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, spiritual fathers, and those men who have loved us with a father's heart and strengthened us by their affection, guidance and support.

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



## THIS WEEK'S READINGS & COMMENTARY

### Entrance Antiphon

**Cf. Ps 67:6-7,36**

God is in his holy place,  
God who unites those who dwell in his house;  
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

### First Reading

**1 Kgs 3:5.7-12**

A reading from the first book of the Kings

*You have asked for wisdom.*

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 118:57. 72. 76-77. 127-130. R. v.97**

**(R.)** Lord, I love your commands.

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord,  
is to obey your word.  
The law from your mouth means more to me  
than silver and gold. **(R.)**
2. Let your love be ready to console me  
by your promise to your servant.  
Let your love come to me and I shall live  
for your law is my delight. **(R.)**
3. That is why I love your commands  
more than finest gold.  
That is why I rule my life by your precepts:  
I hate false ways. **(R.)**
4. Your will is wonderful indeed;  
therefore I obey it.  
The unfolding of your word gives light  
and teaches the simple. **(R.)**

### Second Reading

**Rom 8:28-30**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*He predestined us to become true images of his Son.*

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

### Gospel Acclamation

**See Mt 11:25**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;  
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

**Mt 13:44-52**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*He sells everything he owns and buys the field.*

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his store-room things both new and old.'

### Communion Antiphon

**Ps 102:2**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and never forget all his benefits.

### REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

#### The Language of Heaven

A burning rubbish tip in Jerusalem (Gehenna) provided Jesus with one image of Hell. Here is John Henry Newman's image.

Have you travelled to a foreign country and can't speak the language? There is lots of weeping and gnashing of teeth.

What if you were born with a good ear for languages, but had deliberately never learnt the language of that other place? You would only have yourself to blame. It would be a living hell.

That is what happens at death. The soul is suddenly transported to a different dimension of existence, and it can be either heavenly or hellish depending on the choices and actions of a lifetime.

So, our lifetime project is to 'learn the language of heaven'. We can mainly do this by following the story of Jesus, the Word of God, the perfect conversation between humanity and God. We could pause for a moment to move from incommunicado to communion by learning and practising the language of Heaven.

## THE RETURN OF KEVIN GALEA!!!

Our General Manager — Kevin Galea — returns from annual leave this week. Please make Kevin welcome as he returns to work among us.

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