

# 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

11 SEPTEMBER 2022

## CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY

“Whoever receives this child in my name receives me” (Luke 9.48)

### MASS TIMES

#### St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong

Monday, 12 Sep	Mass: 7am
Tuesday, 13 Sep	Mass: 7am
Wednesday, 14 Sep	Mass: 7am
	Confessions: 11:30am
	Mass: 12.10pm
Thursday, 15 Sep	Mass: 7am
Friday, 16 Sep	Mass: 7am
	Adoration: 11:30am
	Confessions: 11:30am
	Mass: 12.10pm
Saturday, 17 Sep	Confessions: 11am—12pm
Sunday, 18 Sep	Mass: 6.45am & 7.30pm

#### St Brigid's, Gwynneville

Thursday, 15 Sep	Mass: 9.30am
Saturday, 17 Sep	Mass: 5.30pm

#### St John Vianney Co-Cathedral, Fairy Meadow

Tuesday, 13 Sep	Mass: 9.30am
Thursday, 15 Sep	Mass: 9.30am (Italian)
Sunday, 18 Sep	Mass: 7pm

#### Mater Dolorosa, Balgownie

Sunday, 18 Sep	Mass: 8.30am & Mass: 10am
	Mass: 4.30pm (Vietnamese)



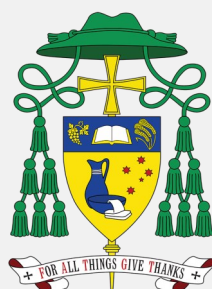
## LUMEN CHRISTI CATHOLIC PARISH

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

Deceased members of our parish, Queen Elizabeth II, Michael De Battista, Patricia Bellinato, Marika La Riva, John McMahon, George Tadros, Luan Cing, John Hubbard, Mary Margaret Cox, Bertilla Mazzaro and David Lear, Frank & Mary Gray.

### MAY GOD BLESS OUR SICK PARISHIONERS ...

Bishop Peter Ingham, Isobel Joseph, Gerard Gray, Clare Johnson, Ross Abbott, Jan Coulson, Noel & Therese Rouse, Nkiesha Thorton, Tony Moriarty, Veronica Bowman, Angela Mosley, Angela Sirc, Mounir Germanos, Maria Do, Dianne Hukins, Sue McAlary, Margaret Gray, Christine Bulters, Matthew Johnson, Suzy May Gellel, Lordna Omiping, Dr Madeleine Cincotta, Elenka Egan, Dr John Frey, Johnny Dimise, Francisco Santos, Ada Raynor, Denise Mastro, Jadon Kalp, Amanda Dennis, Tara Conklin, Jamie Chitwood, Karl Llorin, Sue Freestone, Ardell Sharpe, Joseph Scalia, Lilia Pelino, Don Alanis, Jacquie Brady, Brian Brennan, Bill Keirse, Jessica Sparks, Pat Carr, Bruce Creenaune, Catherine Cox, Frances McMahon, Joan O'Dowd, Margaret Bartley, Jan Newman.



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### PASTORAL & FINANCE COUNCILS

**Lisa de Paiva,** Chair of the Pastoral Council  
**Gabi Tobin,** Chair of the Finance Council

### 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

**Wed, 14 Sep:** Death Anniversary Bishop McCabe (1983)  
**Wed, 14 Sep:** 10 year Anniversary, Good Samaritan School  
**18-25 Sep:** UCI Championships, temporary Mass time change (St Brigid's and Good Samaritan school will be non operational during the UCI event and will revert to remote learning)  
**Mon 26 Sep:** Normal Liturgy schedule resumes  
**Sun, 2 Oct:** Hospitality Weekend  
**Tue, 4 Oct:** Feast of St Francis of Assisi  
**Thu, 6 Oct:** Parish Lunch, Fraternity Club Fairy Meadow 12pm  
**8/9 Oct:** Bishop's Annual Appeal  
**Tue, 25 Oct:** Finance Council Mtg, Rigney Room 5.30pm  
**Thu, 3 Nov:** Parish Lunch, Fraternity Club Fairy Meadow 12pm  
**Sun, 6 Nov:** Hospitality Weekend  
**Fri, 25 Nov:** Pastoral Council Mtg, Rigney Room 5.30pm  
**Sat, 26 Nov:** Messiah Concert, SFX 2pm (Details coming soon)  
**Thu, 1 Dec:** Parish Dinner, Fraternity Club 6.30pm  
**Sat, 3 Dec:** Feast of St Francis Xavier  
**Fri, 9 Dec:** Christmas Carols, Cathedral Grounds 6.30pm

## 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 on Demand:** [livestream.lumenchristi.org.au](https://lumenchristi.org.au)
- **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)
- **Online Payments:** [lumenchristi.org.au/payment](https://lumenchristi.org.au/payment)
- **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

## THANK YOU!

Thank you to all those who contributed in their various ministries while I was away, from proclaiming the Word, to serving at the altar, to helping us worship God with a new song of praise. All of you help us as a community of faith and hope to come close to Christ and receive the nourishment to live our lives in service of others. I am also very grateful for the priests who assisted with our parish Masses, Bishop Brian, Fr John, Fr George, Fr Anthony Ha, and Fr Feleki.

Also, thank you to those who made positive comments about the Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion that Deacon James celebrated at St Brigid's Gwynneville and Mater Dolorosa Balgownie. The Sunday Eucharist is the centre of our lives for the Eucharist makes us all that we are and hope to be as followers of Christ. However, we are aware that in some parts of the world, there are Catholic communities sometimes deprived of the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist, at times for extended periods, owing to a scarcity of priests.<sup>1</sup> Aware of the importance of the Holy Eucharist to our parishioners we will continue our Mass timetable and only have a Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion when we cannot have a priest present. While this can happen due to an emergency, we aim to give you ample warning when we cannot have a priest for a particular Mass.

Congratulations to all the children who received our Lord Jesus in Holy Communion over these last two weeks. May God bless you and your families with peace and joy. Thank you to all those who helped to prepare the children and served at the celebration of the Masses of First Holy Communion, the volunteer teachers, musicians, servers, teachers from St Brigid's and Good Samaritan, and Cathy Zamroz, our pastoral associate.

God bless you all as we enter the beautiful season of Spring, a season of receiving new life and joy!

Fr Bernard Gordon

<sup>1</sup> Congregation for Divine Worship (1988), Directory for Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest, 2, 4, 5.

## CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY



The Catholic Church is deeply committed to do everything possible to keep children and young people secure and supports National Child Protection Week. Safeguarding Sunday is a day set aside to raise awareness about caring for and protecting children, young people, and the vulnerable members of our community. Jesus taught that in receiving children and those in need we receive and love him. Therefore, it is imperative that we seek to act with respect for them. Go to [www.catholic.org.au/safeguarding-Sunday](https://www.catholic.org.au/safeguarding-Sunday) for more information.

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

# In our parish & around the diocese

## MASS TIMETABLE, 18 –25 SEPTEMBER

Commencing from next weekend the UCI Championships will commence on Sunday 18th September to Sunday 25th September, we will be following the temporary liturgy schedule below. **Vigil Mass at Gwynneville for Saturday, 17 September, will be at the normal time of 5:30pm.**

### Sunday 18th September

Wollongong: 6.45am & 7.30pm

Fairy Meadow: 7pm

Balgownie: 8.30am, 10am & Vietnamese Mass 4.30pm

### Monday 19th to Friday 23rd September

Wollongong: 6.45am

### Saturday 24th September

Gwynneville: 7pm

### Sunday 25th September

Wollongong: 6.45am & 7.30pm

Fairy Meadow: 7pm

Balgownie: 8.30am, 10am & Vietnamese Mass, 4.30pm

## THE FEAST OF THE HOLY CROSS

On Wednesday 14th September on the Feast of the Holy Cross, Good Samaritan Catholic Parish Primary School will celebrate their 10th Anniversary. The school crest features a number of symbols: the Cross, an open heart, and the road of life. These symbols reflect the motto, **"moved to compassion"**. Our respective life journeys are characterized by both the Heart of Jesus and the Cross of our Salvation.

The Cross of Jesus is the Christian symbol par excellence. It speaks loudly of Jesus' sacrifice on Calvary for the forgiveness of sin. The Cross is the symbol of His compassion: the giving of Himself so that all may have life. Congratulations to the Staff and Students on this special day.



## LUMEN CHRISTI PARISH DINNER: 1 DEC 2022

You are warmly invited to our first Lumen Christi parish dinner, to be celebrated later this year on **Thursday 1st December at 6.30pm** at the Fraternity Club, Fairy Meadow. Where we will gather together as one parish community!

**Tickets are \$55.00 Per Head**

Make a table of 10 or join a table of 10

## SOMEONE WILL WIN THE LUCKY DOOR PRIZE OF \$500 CASH!

To purchase your tickets please visit our parish website.

Go to: [www.lumenchristi.org.au/parishdinner](http://www.lumenchristi.org.au/parishdinner)

Tickets will be on sale after our Sunday Masses commencing 1st & 2nd October or contact the parish office.

by deliberately shooting the arrow of our life in the wrong direction. We need the forgiveness of God, expressed in the hospitality of Jesus Christ, to encourage us to aim better.

At every Mass, we are invited to share in the re-enactment of Jesus' expert drawing of the bow, letting fly and perfectly hitting the mark in his life, death, resurrection and ascension to heavenly glory.

We could pause for a moment to pray that Jesus may encourage and empower us to be the archers we are meant to be.

## ANNUAL CONSOLING MASS

The Diocesan Catholic Women's League invites you to the Mass of Consoling held at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong this Friday 16th September at 12.10pm followed by light refreshments in the Mgr John Rigney Room. This is the Mass where we continue to pray for our loved ones who have died in tragic circumstances. Let your families and friends know of this CONSOLING event —ALL WELCOME!

## BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Due to the UCI the Bishop's Annual Appeal will be transferred to 8th & 9th October. Thank you for your ongoing support.

## ANNIVERSARY OF BISHOP THOMAS MC CABE

Bishop Brian Mascord will offer Anniversary Mass for Bishop Mc Cabe on Thursday 14th September 7am at St Francis of Xavier Cathedral where he will lay a wreath on his grave.

## LAUDATO SI' MEMORIAL GARDEN



Fr Bernard Gordon invites all parishioners and visitors to the blessing of the newly created **LAUDATO SI' MEMORIAL GARDEN** located at the front of the parish office to help everyone think of the beauty of creation. This liturgy will take place on the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, Tuesday 4th October at 10am followed by refreshments hosted by the Catholic Women's League.

## A GIFT OF HOSPITALITY – THANK YOU

A very special thank you to our parish hospitality teams. We all appreciate those involved in the monthly morning teas and additional parish events for special occasions. As a parish we are truly blessed by so many caring helpers.

Perhaps, you could think of someone in your family or from your circle of friends who would like to join us for morning tea so they can experience our parish welcome. Our next gathering will be on Sunday 2nd October 2022.

God bless you, Fr Bernard



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

### Entrance Antiphon

*Cf. Sir 36:18*

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,  
that your prophets be found true.  
Hear the prayers of your servant,  
and of your people Israel.

### First Reading

*Ex 32:7-11. 13-14*

A reading from the book of Exodus

*The Lord relented and did not send the evil he had threatened.*

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried, "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!" I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.'

But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said, 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.' So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 50:3-4. 12-13. 17. 19. R. Lk 15:18*

*(R.) I will rise and go to my father.*

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.  
In your compassion blot out my offence.  
O wash me more and more from my guilt  
and cleanse me from my sin. *(R.)*
2. A pure heart create for me, O God,  
put a steadfast spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence,  
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. *(R.)*
3. O Lord, open my lips  
and my mouth shall declare your praise.  
My sacrifice is a contrite spirit;  
a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn. *(R.)*

### Second Reading

*1 Tm 1:12-17*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

*Christ came to save sinners.*

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody

should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

### Gospel Acclamation

*2 Cor 5:19*

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself,  
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

*Lk 15:1-10*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*There will be joy in heaven over one sinner who does penance.*

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.

'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'

### Communion Antiphon

*Cf. Ps 35:8*

How precious is your mercy, O God!

The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

### REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

#### Sinners and Archery

Rule-obsessed Pharisees complained that Jesus 'welcomes sinners and eats with them'. So, who are 'sinners'? The word commonly used in the Gospels for sin is 'hamartia' which refers to an arrow falling short of the target.

Our target is sharing in the life of God, but we often miss the mark, falling short through laziness and negligence, sometimes

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