

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, Year A

27TH NOVEMBER 2022

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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LUMEN CHRISTI CATHOLIC PARISH

MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE ...

Deceased members of our parish, Palma Paiano, Rosario Mazzola, Donato Di Bono, Marika La Riva, Anne Doveton, Rita Penzo, Mounir Germanos, Jocelyn Germanos, Tommaso Dimise, Johny Giovanni Dimise, Disably Trust, Dieter Loemker, Peter Murray.

MAY GOD BLESS OUR SICK PARISHIONERS ...

Bishop Peter Ingham, John Parkinson, Mick Davies, Isobel Joseph, Gerard Gray, Clare Johnson, Ross Abbott, Jan Coulson, Noel & Therese Rouse, Niekiesha Thorton, Tony Moriarty, Veronica Bowman, Angela Mosley, Angela Sirc, 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, Pat Carr, Bruce Creenaune, Catherine Cox, Frances McMahon, Joan O'Dowd, Margaret Bartley, Jan Newman.

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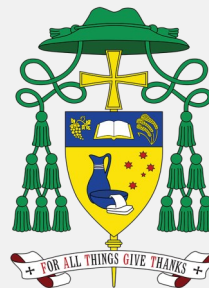
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Deacon
Kevin Galea,
General Manager
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PASTORAL & FINANCE COUNCILS

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

PARISH SCHOOLS

Kathy Uroda, Principal, St Brigid's Gwynneville
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.

In our parish & around the diocese

PARISH CALENDAR: NOV 2022—JAN 2023

- Thu, 1 Dec:** Parish Dinner, Fraternity Club 6.30pm
Sat, 3 Dec: Patronal Feast of St Francis Xavier (See page 3)
Sat 3 Dec: Working Bee, SFX 8.30am-11.30am
Sun, 4 Dec: Hospitality Weekend
Fri, 9 Dec: Christmas Carols, Good Samaritan School 5.30pm
Sat, 10 Dec: No Confessions at SFX due to Ordination at SJV
Sat, 10 Dec: Ordination to Priesthood, Dn James Arblaster, SJV, 10am followed by refreshments at Fraternity Club
Sun, 11 Dec: First Mass, Fr James Arblaster, SFX, 10.30am followed by Morning Tea at Xavier Centre
Tue, 13 Dec: Reconciliation, SJV after 9.30am Mass
Wed, 14 Dec: 2nd Rite Reconciliation, SFX 11am
Thu, 15 Dec: Reconciliation, SBG after 9.30am Mass
Sun, 18 Dec: Reconciliation, MDB after 10am Mass
Sat, 24 Dec/Sun 25 Dec: Christmas Masses (see page 3)
Fri, 30 Dec: Feast of the Holy Family
Sun, 1 Jan: Mary Mother of God, Normal Mass Masses
Fri, 27 Jan: Catechists Meeting, Rigney Room 10am

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 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
- **Online Payments:** lumenchristi.org.au/payment
- **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

THANK YOU TEACHERS AND CATECHISTS!

A very special note of gratitude to our Principals, teachers and administrative staff of Good Samaritan, Fairy Meadow, and St Brigid's, Gwynneville. A very big thank you to our Catechists who enrich the minds and hearts of our parish children in the Public Schools. All of you, teachers and catechists, share in the work of Christ the Teacher. Thank you for bringing the light of Christ's teaching to the children of our parish. I pray that you, your families, and friends will be visited like the dawn from on high by the gentle peace of our Saviour this Christmas.

Fr Bernard Gordon

LUMEN CHRISTI PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2023

AN INVITATION TO ALL PARENTS AND CHILDREN

After receiving suggestions and comments from parents in a review conducted earlier this year, we have renewed the Lumen Christi Parish sacramental programme. Parents and caregivers are now invited to enrol their child into the 2023 programme for Reconciliation (Year 3), Holy Communion (Year 3) and Confirmation (Year 6).

Parents and caregivers will need to attend a compulsory information session with the Parish Administrator, the School Principal and the Religious Education Coordinator of the Catholic Parish Primary Schools at the commencement of the program. Parents and caregivers of children in the State School System will also need to attend this information session. To enrol your child in the Sacramental program visit the Lumen Christi Parish Online Portal:

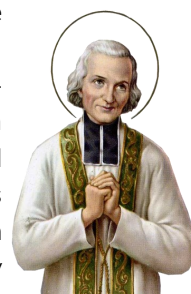
lumenchristi.org.au/sacramental

Looking forward to meeting you,

Fr Bernard Gordon (Administrator), Kathy Uroda (Principal St Brigid's) & Toni Sillis (Principal Good Samaritan)

ST JOHN VIANNEY GARDEN

Some money has been donated to enhance the Co-Cathedral at Fairy Meadow. It would promote devotion to the patron of the Co-Cathedral, St John Vianney, if we erect an outdoor statue of him and make a garden bed around it to further beautify the surroundings of the Co-Cathedral. Any contribution you can make to this project would be greatly appreciated:



Online Donations: lumenchristi.org.au/donate

Cheques payable to: Lumen Christi Parish SJV Garden

Direct Deposit: BSB: 066 711 Account: 008056

Ref: SJV Garden

Thank you for your ongoing support!

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

In our parish & around the diocese

ADVENT RECONCILIATION TIMETABLE

Advent, a time of preparation for the joy of Christmas, is a wonderful time to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

St John Vianney Co-Cathedral, Fairy Meadow

Tuesday 13th December 2022, after 9.30am Mass

St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong

Second Rite of Reconciliation

Wednesday 14th December 2022, 11am to 12pm

St Brigid's Church, Gwynneville

Thursday 16th December 2022, after 9.30am Mass

Mater Dolorosa Church, Balgownie

Sunday 18th December 2022, after 10am Mass

CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE

Christmas Eve, Saturday 24th December

Gwynneville: Mass 5.30pm

Fairy Meadow: Mass 6pm

Wollongong: Mass 7pm & Midnight

Christmas Day, Sunday 25th December

Wollongong: Mass 7am, 10.30am & 5pm

Gwynneville: Mass 9am

Fairy Meadow Mass 8.30am

Balgownie: Mass 10am

Monday 26th December, St Stephen

Wollongong: Mass 7am

Tuesday 27th December

Wollongong: Mass 7am

Wednesday 28th December

Wollongong: Mass 7am, Rec 11.30am, Mass 12.10pm

Thursday 29th December

Wollongong: 7am

Friday 30th December, The Holy Family

Wollongong: Mass 7am, Rec 11.30am, Mass 12.10pm

Saturday 31st December

Gwynneville: Mass 5.30pm

Sunday 1st January 2023, Mary Mother of God

Wollongong: Mass 7am, 10.30am & 5pm

Gwynneville: Mass 9am

Fairy Meadow Mass 8.30am

Balgownie: Mass 10am

Normal Mass times resume from Monday 2nd January 2023

Go to: lumenchristi.org.au/masstimes for details

our own span of life providing the timetable for our own contribution to the hammering of swords into ploughshares.

Recent Popes, especially St John Paul II, have taken up this theme for our times, teaching more restrictive criteria for using armed force, even dropping the term 'just war' to very small print in the Catechism.

We could pause for a moment to pray to be awake to our opportunities to shape society in the light of the vision of Isaiah and the practice of Jesus the Prince of Peace.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The Christmas Appeal will take place in our parish on this first Sunday of Advent (26th/27th November). Envelopes will be available upon entry and at the doors of the church, with a leaving collection at the end of Mass. Thank you for your generous and kind support!

CATHEDRAL WORKING BEE

Your presence and work would be very much appreciated for a Working Bee at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong, on 3rd December 2022 from 8.30am to 11.30am. Please see Denis Bristow or email: denis.bristow@dow.org.au



LUMEN CHRISTI CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Our parish and our parish schools of St Brigid's and Good Samaritan will be hosting Christmas Carols in the **Good Samaritan School Grounds on Friday 9th December 2022 at 5.30pm**. The concert will be completed by 6:30pm and food vans will be available in the grounds if you wish to purchase food for dinner. Parishioners and visitors are very welcome to attend. CWL branches will be selling raffle tickets for \$2.00 each. **The Mega Christmas Raffle will be drawn at 7:30pm!!!**

PATRONAL FEAST OF ST FRANCIS XAVIER

On December 3 we celebrate the feast day of St. Francis Xavier, who is considered by some to be the greatest missionary since the time of the Apostles.



After studying at the University of Paris and then joining the Jesuits, St Francis travelled as a missionary to India, Malaya, Japan, and Sancian, a small island off the coast of China.

To celebrate the Feast of the Patron Saint of our Cathedral, you are invited to Wollongong Cathedral for Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation (11am to 12pm), Mass at 12:10pm, and a blessing with the relic of St Francis at the end of Mass.

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

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 24:1-3

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is not said.

First Reading

Is 2:1-5

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God.

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come

the mountain of the Temple of the Lord
shall tower above the mountains
and be lifted higher than the hills.

All the nations will stream to it,

peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the Temple of the God of Jacob
that he may teach us his ways
so that we may walk in his paths;
since the Law will go out from Zion,
and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.'

He will wield authority over the nations
and adjudicate between many peoples;

these will hammer their swords into ploughshares,
their spears into sickles.

Nation will not lift sword against nation,
there will be no more training for war.

O House of Jacob, come,
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9. R. see v.1.

(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:

'Let us go to God's house.'

And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. **(R.)**

2. It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.

For Israel's law it is,

there to praise the Lord's name.

There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David. **(R.)**

3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray:

'Peace be to your homes!

May peace reign in your walls,
in your palaces, peace!' **(R.)**

4. For love of my brethren and friends
I say: 'Peace upon you!'

For love of the house of the Lord

I will ask for your good. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Rom 13:11-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The time has come, our salvation is near.

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 24:37-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Stay awake, you must be ready.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Communion Antiphon

Ps 84:13

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Wake up to the Poetry

Our Lord loved to unfurl the scroll of the Prophet Isaiah in his local synagogue. The poetic image of swords being hammered into ploughshares reverberated into his renouncing violence against the Roman occupying army in his own time. When will this picture come true for all human beings for all time?

Only God knows! We don't know any more than we know when a burglar might target our home. But our ignorance of God's timetable is no excuse for being fatalistic and sleepy. We have

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