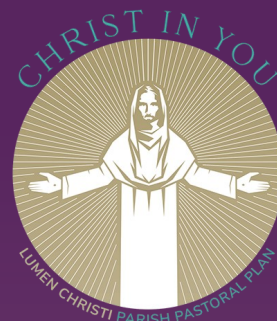


# THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, Year A

12 MARCH 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

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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.



# LUMEN CHRISTI

CATHOLIC PARISH

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

Angelo Bresolin, Paul Gray, Mary Byrne, Frank Smith, Patrick McNamara.

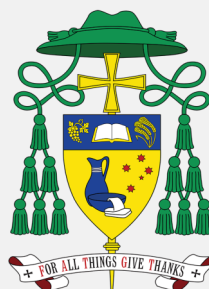
## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS ...

Bishop Peter Ingham, Matthew Johnson, Suzy May Gellel, Pat Carr, John Parkinson, Joseph Scalia, Bill & Ardell Sharpe, Therese & Noel Rouse, Grace Zammit.

## CHRIST IN YOU SURVERY



## SCAN QR CODE



# In our parish & around the diocese

## PARISH CALENDAR: MAR—APR 2023

Wed 15 Mar: Baptism Class, SFX 7pm  
Thu 16 Mar: Anniversary Dedication of the Cathedral (2010)  
Fri 17 Mar: Solemnity of St Patrick, SFX 7am, 12:10pm  
Fri 17 Mar: Stations of the Cross, SFX 7pm  
Mon 20 Mar: Solemnity of St Joseph, SFX 7am  
Tue 21 Mar: Lenten Reconciliation after SJV, 9.30am Mass  
Wed 22 Mar: Lenten Second Rite of Reconciliation, SFX 11am  
Thu 23 Mar: Lenten Reconciliation after SBG, 9.30am Mass  
Fri 24 Mar: Mass of the Unborn, SFX 12.10pm  
Fri, 24 Mar: Stations of the Cross, SFX 7pm  
Sat, 25 Mar: Annunciation of the Lord, Mass SFX 12.10pm  
Sun, 26 Mar: Lenten Reconciliation after MDB, 10am Mass  
Fri, 31 Mar: Stations of the Cross, SFX 7pm  
Sun, 2 Apr: Palm Sunday, (Usual Mass times)  
Sun, 2 Apr: Hospitality weekend  
Thu, 6 Apr: Lunch Club, Fraternity Club Fairy Meadow 12pm  
Thu, 6 Apr—Sun 9 Apr: Triduum (refer to page 3)  
Sun, 9 Apr—Priestly Ordination of Fr Bernard Gordon (1994)

## 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](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)
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## 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

## JOIN THE CATECHIST TEAM!

Perhaps the Holy Spirit has given you the gift to become Christ's witness to our Public School children? Please contact our wonderful parish coordinator Patricia Calabro:

[patricia.calabro@dow.org.au](mailto:patricia.calabro@dow.org.au) or collect the brochure "**Answer the Call to Mission!**" from the church doors.

## DEDICATION OF OUR CATHEDRAL

### MASS: 7AM THURSDAY 16 MARCH

The Cathedral of Saint Francis Xavier was dedicated on 16th March, 2010, on the anniversary of Archbishop John Bede Polding's death, one hundred and sixty-two years after the church was first built. The dedication of a cathedral church is to be observed on the date of the church's consecration, with the rank of a solemnity in the cathedral itself and of a feast in the other churches of the diocese, according to the "General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar." The cathedral church is a symbol of the unity of the local diocesan Church.

## ST PATRICK: MASS: 7AM & 12:10PM FRIDAY

**Solemnity: March 17 | Patron of Ireland | Birth: 387 | Death: 461**

Patrick was born in fourth century Roman Britain. As a young teenager, he was captured during a raid and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd sheep. He learned the language and practices of the people who held him. As he tended the sheep he had much time and he prayed so that his love and reverence for God grew strong within him.



After escaping from captivity, he studied for the priesthood and was ordained by St. Germanus, the Bishop of Auxerre. Later, Patrick was ordained a bishop, and was sent to take the Gospel to Ireland. He arrived in Ireland March 25, 433, at Slane. Patrick began preaching the Gospel throughout Ireland, converting many.

Later in life he wrote of God's love and mercy for him in his *Confession*; how he heard the voices of the Irish calling him to return to the land that had enslaved him; how his closest friend revealed a fault he had committed when he was young so that he was deeply embarrassed; how much he loved the people of Ireland and in spite of all difficulties he was committed to care for them; how he thanked God for all the good work done through his ministry for the Irish.

Finally, in his letter to Coroticus he upbraided an invading chieftain for killing men and taking Christian women into slavery, demanding their safe return. He loved his people.

**Happy St Patrick's Day! Remember to wear something GREEN on March 17!**

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

# In our parish & around the diocese



## HOLY WEEK AT LUMEN CHRISTI

### MON 3 APR: MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Wollongong 7am Mass

### TUE 4 APR: TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Wollongong 7am Mass

Fairy Meadow 9.30am Mass

### TUE 4 APR: THE CHRISM MASS

Wollongong 7pm

### WED 5 APR: WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Wollongong 7am Mass

Wollongong 11.30am Reconciliation & 12.10pm Mass

### THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

### THU 6 APR: THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

No Morning Masses

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:

Fairy Meadow 6pm (Adoration until 8pm)

Wollongong 7pm (Adoration until 9pm)

### FRI 7 APR: GOOD FRIDAY

Wollongong (Grassed Area) 10am, Stations of the Cross

(Reconciliation available after the Stations of the Cross)

Wollongong 3pm, The Passion of the Lord

(Reconciliation available after the Passion)

Fairy Meadow 3pm, The Passion of the Lord

(Reconciliation available after the Passion)

### SAT MORNING, 8 APR: HOLY SATURDAY

Wollongong 11am—12pm Reconciliation

### SAT EVENING, 8 APR: EASTER VIGIL

Wollongong 7pm Easter Vigil

Fairy Meadow 6pm Easter Vigil

### SUN 9 APR: EASTER SUNDAY

Wollongong 7am, 10.30am & 5pm

Gwynneville 9am

Fairy Meadow 8.30am

Balgownie 10am

## TIMES FOR JOYFUL LENTEN RECONCILIATION

*"Truly everyone is in need of forgiveness, that is, feeling beloved as children of God the Father"*

*(Pope Francis, Friday 25 March 2022)*

- ◇ Fairy Meadow, **Tue 21 Mar after 9.30am Mass**
- ◇ Wollongong, **Wed 22 Mar 11am (Second Rite)**
- ◇ Gwynneville, **Thu 23 Mar after 9.30am Mass**
- ◇ Balgownie, **Sun 26 Mar after 10am Mass**

must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

At this point his disciples returned, and were surprised to find him speaking to a woman, though none of them asked, 'What do you want from her?' or, 'Why are you talking to her?' The woman put down her water jar and hurried back to the town to tell the people, 'Come and see a man who has told me everything I ever did; I wonder if he is the Christ?' This brought people out of the town and they started walking towards him.

Meanwhile, the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, do have something to eat'; but he said, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples asked one another, 'Has someone been bringing him food?' But Jesus said:

'My food

is to do the will of the one who sent me, and to complete his work.

Have you not got a saying:

Four months and then the harvest?

Well, I tell you:

Look around you, look at the fields;

already they are white, ready for harvest!

Already the reaper is being paid his wages,

already he is bringing in the grain for eternal life, and thus sower and reaper rejoice together.

For here the proverb holds good:

one sows, another reaps;

I sent you to reap

a harvest you had not worked for.

Others worked for it;

and you have come into the rewards of their trouble.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

### Communion Antiphon

*When the Gospel of the Samaritan Woman is read:*

**Jn 4:13-14**

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

## CHRISM MASS, TUES 4 APRIL, 7PM

Each year during Holy Week the Chrism Mass is celebrated at St Francis Xavier Cathedral. During the Mass the Priests of the Diocese renew their commitment to priestly service. Bishop Brian blesses the oil of catechumens (Baptism) and the oil of the sick (Anointing of the Sick) and consecrates the oil of chrism (Baptism, Confirmation, Ordination of clergy and the consecration of altars. The oils are then distributed to clergy to be used during the year for their local communities. Everyone is warmly invited to join Bishop Brian and our clergy this Mass.

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

### Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 24:15-16

My eyes are always on the Lord,  
for he rescues my feet from the snare.  
Turn to me and have mercy on me,  
for I am alone and poor.

### First Reading

Ex 17:3-7

A reading from the book of Exodus

*Give us water to drink.*

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8

(R.) If today you hear his voice,  
harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

### Second Reading

Rom 5:1-2. 5-8

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the  
Holy Spirit which has been given to us.*

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

### Gospel Acclamation

See Jn 4:42. 15

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;  
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.  
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

### Gospel

Jn 4:5-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.*

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering  
and who it is that is saying to you:  
Give me a drink,  
you would have been the one to ask,  
and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water  
will get thirsty again;  
but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give  
will never be thirsty again:  
the water that I shall give  
will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water.' 'Go and call your husband' said Jesus to her 'and come back here.' The woman answered, 'I have no husband.' He said to her, 'You are right to say, "I have no husband"; for although you have had five, the one you have now is not your husband. You spoke the truth there.' 'I see you are a prophet, sir' said the woman. 'Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming  
when you will worship the Father  
neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.

You worship what you do not know;  
we worship what we do know;  
for salvation comes from the Jews.

But the hour will come – in fact it is here already –  
when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and  
truth:

that is the kind of worshipper  
the Father wants.

God is spirit,  
and those who worship

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