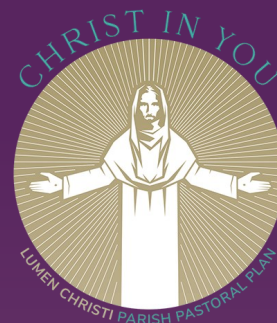


# 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT, B

17 MARCH 2024

## PARISH SUPPORT

In Christ all things hold together



## MASS TIMETABLE

### St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong

Monday	Mass: 7am
Tuesday	Mass: 7am
Wednesday	Mass: 7am Confessions: 11:00am Mass: 12.10pm
Thursday	Mass: 7am
Friday	Mass: 7am Adoration: 11:30am Confessions: 11:00am Mass: 12.10pm
Saturday	Confessions: 11am—12pm
Sunday	Mass: 7am, 10.30am & 5pm

### 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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### St Brigid's Church, Gwynneville

Thursday	Mass: 9.30am
Saturday Vigil	Mass: 5.30pm
Sunday	Mass: 9am



# LUMEN CHRISTI

CATHOLIC PARISH

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

Zbigniew (Ziggy) Laba, Clotilde Fogliati, Rosa Dellapina, Vincenzo Demaria, Margaret & Paul Gray, Secondo Mancini, Victor Emmanuel Saverimuttu.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS ...

Bishop Peter Ingham, Antoinette De Battista, Joan O'Dowd, Matthew Johnson, Suzy May Gellel, Pat Carr, John Parkinson, Joseph Scalia, Bill Sharpe, Ron Cooper, John Gauci.

### CWL—EASTER RAFFLES

Wollongong CWL Raffle tickets will be on sale after all Masses this weekend at St Francis Xavier's & St Brigid's. Get **3 tickets** for **\$5** or **\$2 each**.

Fairy Meadow & Balgownie CWL Raffle tickets are **\$1 each**. Thank for your support!



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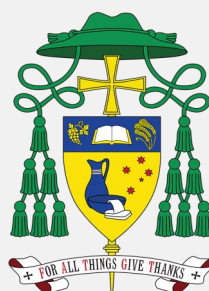
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**Lisa Tyson**, Acting Principal, Good Samaritan Fairy Meadow

## 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: MAR—APR 2024

**Mon, 18 Mar:** Feast of St Patrick (Transferred from Sunday)

**Tue, 19 Mar:** Feast of St Joseph, Husband of Mary

**Wed, 20 Mar:** Baptism Class, SFX 7pm

**Fri, 22 Mar:** Reconciliation 5.30pm, Stations 6.30pm SFX

**Sat, 23 Mar:** Confirmation Commitment Mass SBG 5.30pm

**Sun, 24 Mar:** Confirmation Commitment Mass SFX 10.30am

**Sun, 24 Mar:** Confirmation Commitment Mass SJV 8.30am

**Sun, 24 Mar:** Palm Sunday

**Tue, 26 Mar:** Mass of the Chrism, SFX 7pm

**Thu, 28 Mar:** Mass of the Lord's Supper, SFX 7pm & SJV 6pm

**Fri, 29 Mar:** Stations of the Cross, SFX Grounds 10am

**Fri, 29 Mar:** Celebration of the Lord's Passion, SFX & SJV 3pm

**Sat, 30 Mar:** Easter Vigil, Easter Vigil, SJV 6pm & SFX 7.30pm

**Sun, 31 Mar:** Easter Sunday Masses (Usual timetable)

## 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)
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- ♦ **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



## MON 25 MAR: MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Wollongong 7am Mass

## TUE 26 MAR: TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Wollongong 7am Mass

Fairy Meadow 9.30am Mass

## TUE 26 MAR: THE CHRISM MASS

Wollongong 7pm

## WED 27 MAR: WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Wollongong 7am Mass

Wollongong 11.00am Reconciliation & 12.10pm Mass

## THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

## THU 28 MAR: THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

No Morning Mass

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:

Fairy Meadow 6pm

Wollongong 7pm

## FRI 29 MAR: GOOD FRIDAY

Wollongong (Grassed Area) 10am, Stations of the Cross  
(Reconciliation in Cathedral 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, 30 MAR: HOLY SATURDAY

Wollongong 11am—12pm Reconciliation

## SAT EVENING, 30 MAR: EASTER VIGIL

Fairy Meadow 6pm Easter Vigil

Wollongong 7pm Easter Vigil

## SUN 31 MAR: EASTER SUNDAY

Wollongong 7am, 10.30am & 5pm

Gwynneville 9am

Fairy Meadow 8.30am

Balgownie 10am

## PALMS & OLIVE BRANCHES REQUIRED

Palm Sunday is when we celebrate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. It is also a time to remember Jesus' suffering and entry into the glory of the Father. We are calling for Olive branches or palms to be delivered to the Cathedral sacristy by **Friday 22nd March** to be distributed in our four churches. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

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

# In our parish & around the diocese



CHRIST IN YOU  
LUMEN CHRISTI PARISH PASTORAL PLAN

*"To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in You, the hope of glory"*

*Colossians 1:27*

As bearers of Christ's love called to Come and See, Go and Make disciples, our Lumen Christi Parish seeks to reveal the Light of Christ to the world through ...

## PARISH SUPPORT

**"In Christ all things hold together"**

*Colossians 1:17*

*Promoting the ministries of our parish groups and schools, ensuring the continuing development of our parish staff, laying foundations for our parish to grow into the future.*

**Action Plan** - Establish a Parish Support Leadership Group.

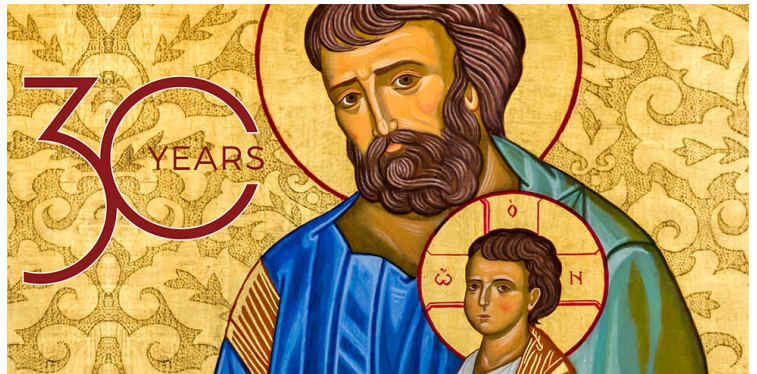
### Suggested Strategies to take us forward:

- Acknowledge and promote quality practices that currently build parish support.
- Provide opportunities for Adult Education in the areas of faith, worship, Christian life, and prayerfulness.
- Initiate and implement well-being practices across the community.
- Create a "Christ In You" celebration with the theme of thanksgiving and appreciation.
- Developing a winter celebration of the light shining through the darkness - a celebration of faith and hope.
- Schools invited to contribute "Good News" into parish bulletins.
- Publicise the role of the Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils.
- Ensure that members of the Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils understand their purpose, function, role and responsibilities.
- Review the current use of parish facilities and properties, and explore options for maximising usage to support the parish community.
- Twice a year the chair/deputy of the pastoral and finance council will report to and be available for response from parishioners at the Sunday Masses.

The presence of Christ among us encourages us to support each other and develop our practices to help our community grow. Please suggest any further strategies to our pastoral plan group by email: [lc.pastoralplan@dow.org.au](mailto:lc.pastoralplan@dow.org.au)

Life. This led to his being lifted up on the cross, being buried in the ground like a grain of wheat, only to rise to new life.

We could take a moment to pray that we will shortly see all this with the eyes of faith as we participate in the rituals of Good Friday and Easter.



All Parishioners of Lumen Christi Parish are cordially invited to the 30th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination Mass for

**Very Rev Bernard Lagan Gordon**

**6pm on Friday, 5th April 2024, St Francis Xavier Cathedral**

Light refreshments will follow at the Xavier Centre

**RSVP by 22 March 2024:**

[lumenchristi.org.au/rsvp](http://lumenchristi.org.au/rsvp) or phone: 4211 0500

## COME AND SEE, GO AND MAKE

At our recent Parish Council meeting a session was recommended for any interested parishioners to discuss the documents outlining Bishop Brian's Diocesan vision:

1. Come & See, Go & Make: A Vision for Parishes
2. Principles and Foundations
3. Go Deeper

The meeting will be held in the Mater Dolorosa Meeting Room Balgownie on **Saturday 20th April, 10am—11am**

Please bring your copies of the three documents and a pen. The workbook will be provided at the meeting. Other meetings will be organised as need and interest require.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Lisa de Paiva,

Chair of the Pastoral Council

## LUMEN CHRISTI AGR REPORT 2023

Thank you for your great contribution to our parish life, worship, and service during 2023. For an account of what we have done as a parish and for the annual audit of our finances, please go to: [lumenchristi.org.au/agr](http://lumenchristi.org.au/agr)

Thank you for your ongoing support of our growing parish.

*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 Psalm 42:1-2**

Give me justice, O God,  
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.  
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,  
for you, O God, are my strength.

**\*\*Year A readings will be read at 10.30am Mass only\*\***

### First Reading

**Jeremiah 31:31-34**

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

*The days are coming when I will make a new covenant  
with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.*

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 50:3-4. 12-15. R. v.12**

**(R.)** Create a clean heart in me, O God.

### Second Reading

**Hebrews 5:7-9**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.*

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

### Gospel Acclamation

**John 12:26**

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;  
and where I am, my servant will also be.  
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

### Gospel

**John 12:20-33**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.*

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.'

Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come  
for the Son of Man to be glorified.  
I tell you most solemnly,  
unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies,  
it remains only a single grain;  
but if it dies,  
it yields a rich harvest.  
Anyone who loves his life loses it;  
anyone who hates his life in this world  
will keep it for the eternal life.  
If a man serves me, he must follow me,  
wherever I am, my servant will be there too.  
If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.  
Now my soul is troubled.  
What shall I say:  
Father, save me from this hour?  
But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour.  
Father, glorify your name!'

A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.'

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.'

'Now sentence is being passed on this world;  
now the prince of this world is to be overthrown.  
And when I am lifted up from the earth,  
I shall draw all men to myself.'

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

### Communion Antiphon

**John 12: 24**

Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

### REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

#### We want to see Jesus

I can observe a baby, but the parents 'see' their baby very differently. They gaze with total fascination, trying to perceive what this little bundle of flesh is really all about, trying to get an insight into its personality, visualising a possible future, hoping for a response.

This Gospel passage begins with a request from some Greeks 'to see Jesus', surely in all the ways parents see their baby. They were trying to perceive what this Jesus was really all about, trying to get an insight into his personality, imagining a possible future, hoping for a response.

And there was a response full of allusions to the future.

Jesus was as a grain of wheat. He died and was buried in the earth and that death was fruitful for the whole of humankind. He foresaw being nailed to the cross which would be dropped upright into a hole in the ground.

Our Lord says of that scene: 'When I am lifted up I will draw all people to myself.' How were people drawn to this scene?

People saw the length to which Jesus was prepared to go in order to persevere in his mission to live out the message that his Heavenly Father was full of mercy and wanted all people to share in Divine

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