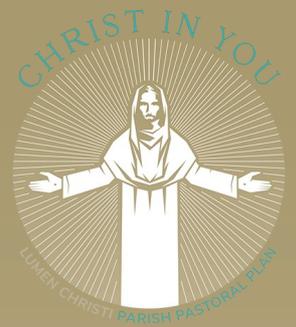


# 4TH EASTER SUNDAY, B

21 APRIL 2024

## GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Word Day of Prayer for Vocations



### 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 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

|        |            |
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| Sunday | Mass: 10am |
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#### St Brigid's Church, Gwynneville

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



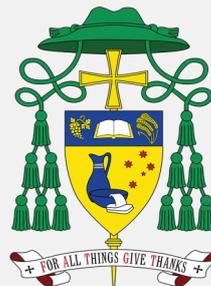
## LUMEN CHRISTI CATHOLIC PARISH

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

Bishop William Murray, Frances Merritt, Margaret & Paul Gray, Secondo Manici, Clare McCormack, Patrick McCormack

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

Bishop Peter Ingham, Joan O'Dowd, Matthew Johnson, Pat Carr, John Parkinson, Bill Sharpe, Ron Cooper, John Gauci.



### PARISH CENTRE

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



# WELCOME TO LUMEN CHRISTI PARISH

## PARISH CALENDAR: APR-MAY 2024

**Thu, 25 Apr:** Anzac Day Mass, SFX 8am

**Sat, 27 Apr:** Mental Health, Xavier Centre 9.30am

**Wed, 01 May:** St Joseph the Worker

**Thu, 02 May:** Parish Lunch, The Builders Club 12pm

**Sun, 05 May:** Hospitality weekend

**Tue, 07 May:** Finance Council Meeting, Rigney Room 5pm

**Wed, 08 May:** CWL Wollongong Branch Mtg, Xavier Ctr 10am

**Wed, 08 May:** Pastoral Council Meeting, Rigney Room 5pm

**Sun, 12 May:** Mother's Day

**Wed, 15 May:** Baptism Class, SFX 7pm

**Fri, 17 May:** Confirmation, SFX, 7pm

**Fri, 17 May:** Reconciliation & Eucharist Enrolments close

**Sat, 18 May:** Confirmation, SBG 2pm

**Sat, 18 May:** Confirmation, SJV 4.30pm

## SACRAMENTS

- ♦ **Baptisms:** By appointment only. Baptism preparation session must be completed. Contact the parish office or book online [lumenchristi.org.au/baptism](http://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

- ♦ **Parish Councils:** [lumenchristi.org.au/parishcouncils](http://lumenchristi.org.au/parishcouncils)
- ♦ **Mass for you at Home:** [youtube.com/massforyouathome](https://youtube.com/massforyouathome)
- ♦ **Mass/Prayer Intentions:** [lumenchristi.org.au/intentions](http://lumenchristi.org.au/intentions)
- ♦ **Light a Votive Candle:** [lumenchristi.org.au/votive](http://lumenchristi.org.au/votive)
- ♦ **Register in our Parish:** [lumenchristi.org.au/census](http://lumenchristi.org.au/census)
- ♦ **Online Donations:** [lumenchristi.org.au/donate](http://lumenchristi.org.au/donate)
- ♦ **Join Planned Giving:** [lumenchristi.org.au/support](http://lumenchristi.org.au/support)
- ♦ **Columbarium:** [lumenchristi.org.au/columbarium](http://lumenchristi.org.au/columbarium)
- ♦ **Sacramental Programme:** [lumenchristi.org.au/sacramental](http://lumenchristi.org.au/sacramental)
- ♦ **Privacy Policy:** [privacy.lumenchristi.org.au](http://privacy.lumenchristi.org.au)
- ♦ **St Brigid's School:** [sbgdow.catholic.edu.au](http://sbgdow.catholic.edu.au)
- ♦ **Good Samaritan School:** [gsfmdow.catholic.edu.au](http://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



## VOCATION SUNDAY

The Fourth Sunday of Easter (21 April 2024) is called "Good Shepherd Sunday" because the Gospel at Mass always draws on the image of Jesus as our Good Shepherd. It is also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. If anyone would like help in discerning their vocation, including connecting with others who are also discerning, please contact Fr Duane Fernandez, Vocations Director at [vocations@dow.org.au](mailto:vocations@dow.org.au). In the words of Pope Francis, may St Joseph "help everyone, especially young people who are discerning, to make God's dreams for them come true. May he inspire in them the courage to say "yes" to the Lord who always surprises and never disappoints." Please pray for our diocesan seminarians: Seth Harsh, Sinh Le, Darren McDowell, Joseph Nguyen, Anthony Rewak and Quy Tran.

## OUR PRAYERS OF SUPPORT

In the wake of the tragic events at Bondi Junction Westfield, let us unite in prayer for those who have lost their lives, for the wounded, and for all affected by this terrible act of violence. May God grant solace to the grieving families and friends, strength to the injured in their recovery, and comfort to those who witnessed the traumatic scenes. Let us also pray for the police, emergency paramedics, and all who responded with courage and compassion.

In a telegram signed by Cardinal Secretary of State Pietro Parolin, Pope Francis says he is "deeply saddened" by an attack at a Sydney, Australia, shopping centre that left six people dead. Pope Francis offers consolation and prayers to victims of Sydney attack. He assures the victims of his prayers and spiritual closeness.

This weekend, as we gather in our Mass, let us both offer our prayers for the souls of the departed and ask that healing and peace may become the fruit of a deeper respect for others in word and action.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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

# NEWS IN BRIEF

## MOTHER'S DAY—12 MAY 2024

All parishioners are invited to place a flower at the statue of our Lady in honour of their own mother for Mother's Day. In the Cathedral some flowers will be placed in front of the statue of the Mary for you to present while praying for your mother. Or, you may wish to bring your own flower and present it to Mary for your mother.

Please invite your mother, grandmother or that person who has supported you with a mother's love to Mass that they may receive the Mother's Day blessing.

If you would like to include an Intention on our list for Mother's Day, please visit:

[lumenchristi.org.au/mothersday](http://lumenchristi.org.au/mothersday)

Or collect a Mother's Day envelope from the doors of the church or at the parish office.

The names of the mothers given to us will be published in the parish bulletin on the weekend of **Mother's Day Sunday 12 May**.

Please note: the Intention list will close **Sunday 5th May**.

## AGEING WITH CONFIDENCE FREE INFORMATION SESSIONS

This half-day information session will provide seniors with practical information on the aged care system and healthy ageing. Expert presentations from CatholicCare staff will be joined by presenters from the Seniors Rights Services NSW and the NSW Fire & Rescue Service to discuss topics such as accessing support services, keeping your mind and body fit, and advocating and supporting older people.

**Wednesday 5 June at 9.30am-1pm**

**The Fraternity Club, 11 Bourke Street, Fairy Meadow**

Places are limited. To register, call 02 4227 1122 or visit [www.catholiccare.dow.org.au/events](http://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au/events) or Jane Hollier on 0417 018 152 or [janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au](mailto:janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au).

## ANZAC DAY MASS—THURSDAY 25 APRIL

Bishop Brian Mascord will offer the Anzac Day Mass at St Francis Xavier Cathedral on Thursday 25th April at 8am. Please join us after Mass for a cuppa and Anzac biscuits. N.B. There will be no 9.30am Mass at Gwynneville that day.

## THE CHOSEN—SEASON 4

The Chosen is a new 'free to view', series, now in its fourth season, that beautifully and creatively presents the life of Christ and his followers. The shows are of the highest quality and it continues to receiving acclaim around the world across denominations. Go to: [watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen](http://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen)

the distinctive sound of it so that, even if it is faintly heard in a cacophony, we immediately turn toward it so that we can follow it in a life-giving direction.

How do we get attuned to that voice? By reading the gospels. A Chinese student once told me that the Chinese character for gospel is 'happy sounds'. I like the plural. Jesus' gospel voice is not a monotone but a polyphony sounding in different ways in different situations.

As disciples, we have to get onto the same wavelength as that voice so that we can echo it in our own lives. We become reverberations of Christ's voice in many different situations, helping him to lead others to life-giving pastures.

We could take a moment to pray for better listening so that we might recognise the gospel voice of Jesus Christ, especially at the moment of death. Then we may hear the one voice we need and long for: 'Today you will be with me in paradise.'

## RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Enrolments have now opened for the Reconciliation and Eucharist Program for 2024 and **will close on Friday 17 May 2024**. To register your child in the Program please visit:

[lumenchristi.org.au/sacramental](http://lumenchristi.org.au/sacramental)

## MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

CatholicCare will be visiting Lumen Christi Parish to provide a comprehensive and important presentation on mental health awareness, covering topics such as:

-Identifying types of mental health illnesses

-What to do if you have concerns about yourself or others

-What supports are available

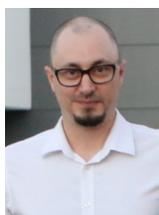
Saturday, 27 April 2024 commencing at 9.30am at the Xavier Centre, Wollongong. To book, please call CatholicCare on 4254 9395 to register. Limited spaces available.

## PARISH COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

Parishioners chosen for the Pastoral Council have lived our Catholic Faith with commitment and they bring to the work of the Council experience and insight from their various life situations.



Congratulations to Rebecca Curtin and Stewart Wallace on joining the Pastoral Council. Their dedication and enthusiasm to our Lumen Christi Parish will further enrich our work.



A big thank you to Sergio Ambrosi who has recently stepped down from the Pastoral Council after five years of service. We thank him for his ongoing commitment to our Parish and his work as a teacher in Good Samaritan School.

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

### Entrance Antiphon

*Cf Psalm 32:5-6*

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;  
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

### First Reading

*Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*This is the only name by which we can be saved.*

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 117:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29. R. v.22*

*(R.) The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.*

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.  
It is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in men:  
it is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in princes. *(R.)*
2. I will thank you for you have given answer  
and you are my saviour.  
The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes. *(R.)*
3. Blessed in the name of the Lord  
is he who comes.  
We bless you from the house of the Lord;  
I will thank you for you have given answer  
and you are my saviour.  
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;  
for his love has no end. *(R.)*

### Second Reading

*1 John 3:1-2*

A reading from the first letter of St John

*We shall see God as he is.*

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,  
by letting us be called God's children;  
and that is what we are.  
Because the world refused to acknowledge him,  
therefore it does not acknowledge us.  
My dear people, we are already the children of God  
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;  
all we know is, that when it is revealed  
we shall be like him  
because we shall see him as he really is.

### Gospel Acclamation

*John 10:14*

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my sheep, and mine know me.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

*John 10:11-18*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.*

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd:  
the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.  
The hired man, since he is not the shepherd  
and the sheep do not belong to him,  
abandons the sheep and runs away  
as soon as he sees a wolf coming,  
and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep;  
this is because he is only a hired man  
and has no concern for the sheep.  
I am the good shepherd;  
I know my own  
and my own know me,  
just as the Father knows me  
and I know the Father;  
and I lay down my life for my sheep.  
And there are other sheep I have  
that are not of this fold,  
and these I have to lead as well.  
They too will listen to my voice,  
and there will be only one flock  
and one shepherd.  
The Father loves me,  
because I lay down my life  
in order to take it up again.  
No one takes it from me;  
I lay it down of my own free will,  
and as it is in my power to lay it down,  
so it is in my power to take it up again;  
and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

### Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen,  
who laid down his life for his sheep  
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

### REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

#### The Voice

In the regions where Jesus was an itinerant preacher, three or four flocks could be kept in a communal sheepfold for safety. In the morning, the shepherds would come and, as each called out, the sheep attuned to the sound of his voice would follow to life-giving pasture.

We are surrounded by hundreds of voices clamouring for our attention. We are bombarded by messages, social media incessantly chattering. Jesus invites us to get attuned to *his* voice, listening for

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