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Cathedral of St Francis Xavier (Est.1838), Co-Cathedral of St John Vianney (Est.1947), Mater Dolorosa (Est.1908), St Brigid's (Est.1948)

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### CLERGY STAFF

**Most Reverend Brian G Mascord**, Diocesan Bishop & Parish Priest  
**Very Reverend Bernard L Gordon**, Vicar General & Acting Administrator  
**Reverend Victor Vincent**, Assistant Priest  
**Reverend Anthony Ha**, Vietnamese Chaplain & Assistant Priest  
**Reverend George Mankuzhikary**, Priest for Syro-Malabar & Assistant Priest



### PARISH STAFF

**Mr Kevin Galea**, Business & Operations Manager  
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**Mrs Leanne Burlin**, Secretary  
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**Mrs Karen Borger**, Cathedral Housekeeper

### MASS TIMES AT WOLLONGONG

**Mondays:** Morning Prayer: 6.45am  
 Mass: 7am  
**Tuesdays:** Morning Prayer: 6.45am  
 Mass: 7am  
**Wednesdays** Morning Prayer: 6.45am,  
 Mass: 7am  
 Rosary: 11.40am  
 Mass: 12.10pm#  
**Thursdays:** Morning Prayer: 6.45am  
 Mass: 7am  
**Fridays:** Morning Prayer: 6.45am  
 Mass: 7am  
 Exposition: 11am  
 Reconciliation: 11.30am  
 Mass: 12.10pm  
**Saturdays** Morning Prayer: 6.45am  
 Mass: 7am  
 Reconciliation: 12pm-1pm  
**Sundays:** **Mass: 7am, 10.30am, 5pm**  
 #School children may attend this mass

### MASS TIMES AT FAIRY MEADOW

*Morning Prayer: Weekdays 15mins prior mass*  
**Tuesdays:** Mass: 9.30am#  
**Wednesdays:** Mass: 8am  
**Thursdays:** Mass: 8am; Exposition,  
 9.30am (Italian)  
**Saturdays:** Divine Mercy & Rosary: 8.10am  
 Mass: 9am  
 Reconciliation: 5pm  
**Vigil Mass: 6pm**  
**Sundays:** **Mass: 8.30am; 10am (Italian)**  
 Prayer at 4pm  
**4.30pm (Vietnamese)**

### MASS TIMES AT BALGOWNIE

**Sundays:** Rosary 9.40am; **Mass: 10am**  
**Syro-Malabar Rite: Mass 11.30am**

### MASS TIMES AT GWYNNEVILLE

**Thursdays:** Mass: 9.30am#  
**Saturdays:** Reconciliation: 5pm  
**Vigil Mass: 5.30pm**  
**Sundays:** **9am Mass, 11.30am (Spanish)**

### WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS AND MASSES

**Please pray for:** the repose of the souls of the faithful - our recently deceased; Petar Kucelj, Herbert Gardiner, Peter Taylor, David Hodgson & Samuel Mifsud .

**For Alda DiLeva all whose anniversaries occur at this time.**

**Also for:** Michelle & Maria DiLeva, Giuseppe DiLeva, Maureen Gray, John Hayes, Steve Winder, Deceased members of our parish, John B Davis, Francis Joseph O'Donnell, Rhonda Reynolds, Frances Clifford, Joshua Pead, David & Judith Crowe, Jim Bates, John & Frances Merritt, Rose Mercieca, Charles Bastany, Catherine Tuxworth, Tom Mackie, Doris Hogan, Isabel Marques, Manuel Rebelo.

**Please pray for our sick:** Mary Ann Zacarias, Mark Magennis, Jo Clark, Edna Wilson, Marie Joyce, Alexis Subotic, Myln Cieves, Grace Glinski, Michael Barrett, Tom Keevers, Margaret Scabissi, June Bourke, Brian Brennan, Margaret Cooke, Betty Bloye, Bill Keirse, Lyn Gilbert, Jessica Sparks, Ava Degiorgio, Carol Herben, Pat Carr, Fr Doug Rheinberger, Bruce Creenaune, Tri Vu's mum (Vietnam), Joseph Scalia, Johny Dimise, Catherine Cox, Frances McMahon, Roxanne Toskovski, Joan O'Dowd, Margaret Bartley, Kath McGuinness, Veronica Bowman, Jan Newman, Lucy Caruana.

### CONTACT US AT THE PARISH OFFICE

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Our Privacy policy details can be found on our website: [www.privacy.lumenchristi.org.au](http://www.privacy.lumenchristi.org.au)

**Baptisms:** By appointment only. Contact the parish office for details.

**Marriages:** A preliminary appointment needs to be made at least 6 months prior to Wedding Date! no Sunday weddings.

**Events and Meetings in our Parishes:** [www.lumenchristi.org.au/events](http://www.lumenchristi.org.au/events)

**Online Payments and Donations:** [www.payments.lumenchristi.org.au](http://www.payments.lumenchristi.org.au)

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# In our parishes & around the diocese

www.lumenchristi.org.au/events

## Calendar of Events 2019

Sun 3 Nov	Young Adults, BBQ, SFX 5pm
Tue 12 Nov	Finance Council, Mgr Rigney Rm, 6pm
Sat 16 Nov	Catechists Mass, SFX 10am
Wed 20 Nov	Baptism Class, Mgr Rigney Rm, 7pm
Wed 20 Nov	Aid to the Church in Need, SFX 6pm
Thu 21 Nov	Pastoral Council, Mgr Rigney Rm, 6pm
Sun 24 Nov	Christ the King
Sat 30 Nov	Holy Mass and Adoration, SFX 6.30pm
Sun 1 Dec	Frist Sunday of Advent
Sun 1 Dec	Blessing of SFX Bell, SFX 10.30am
Tue 3 Dec	Feast of St Francis Xavier

## November Month of the Holy Souls

November Masses is a time we remember our deceased loved ones. Remember to print the names clearly on the envelopes so the names can be entered accurately into the **Books of the Deceased**.

Envelopes are available at each of our church doors or at the Office.



## Pastoral and Finance Councils

Recently, Fr Bernard Gordon appointed a new Finance Council for Lumen Christi that, will commence from November 2019 for a 12 month appointment. Canon Law mandates that every parish has a Finance Council and, recommends that every parish has a Pastoral Council. These councils are not “governing” bodies but, are councils which advise the pastor on matters pertaining to the care of his parish.

The new Finance Council members are: Fr Bernard Gordon, Fr Victor Vincent, Kevin Galea (Manager), Linda Zamuner (Secretary) Denis Frew (SFX), Lyn Hudson (SJV), Dunstan Saverimuttu (MDB) & Gabi Tobin (SBG).

The current Pastoral Council will also have it's final meeting on Thursday 21st November 2019 6pm in the Mgr John Rigney Room.

A big thank you to our outgoing finance and pastoral councilors who have given stalwart service on councils over the years.

**Have you considered giving some of your services as one of our Pastoral Councilors?**  
(See Fr Bernard after Mass or Kevin at the Office)

## CWL Wollongong Branch Spring Raffle—Winners

The CWL Wollongong would like to thank all parishioners for their continued support.

The winners of our spring raffle are: 1st Mary Dowler, 2nd Robyn Hampton and 3rd Patricia Calabro . A total of \$379.05 was raised.



## The Way—Daily Advent and Christmas Reflections

Available from next week cost \$3.00 from the parish office.

## Catholic Mission Collection This Weekend

Our annual Catholic Mission Collection will be held in each of our four churches this weekend.

The 2019 Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal highlights the missionary work of Jesuit priests Father Raymond De Souza and Father Rajesh Lobo, who are following the call to serve children from disadvantaged areas, broken families, and other situations of need in the remote mountainous state of Nagaland in north-eastern India.

Father Raymond and Father Rajesh run the Eden Gardens Children's Home, where over 250 children are given the physical and spiritual water they need to be able to strive towards their dreams. Your generosity in the support of Catholic Mission is greatly appreciated.

## Australia Day —Sunday 26th January 2020

Next year Australia Day falls on Sunday 26th January 2020. Australia Day is the official national day of Australia. Celebrated annually on 26 January, it marks the anniversary of the 1788 arrival of the First Fleet of British ships at Port Jackson, New South Wales, and the raising of the Flag of Great Britain at Sydney Cove by Governor Arthur Phillip.

Wollongong City Council host events around the CBD and therefore volunteer parking wardens will be managing the Cathedral grounds to ensure parking is available for parishioners and fundraise unused parking for St Brigid's school Gwynneville and the Cathedral Parish.

We ask that you allow additional time to get to Mass that weekend especially in the Wollongong CBD.

We are looking for parishioners from our Lumen Christi Parishes to assist coordinate a some Hospitality after each Mass that weekend to celebrate this special day.

If you are able to assist, please contact Cathy Zamroz on 4211 0506 or email Catherine.Zamroz@dow.org.au

## Vocations: Invitation to Young Men 18+

Are you a young man discerning your vocation? Bishop Brian, the Vocations team and our two Wollongong seminarians James Arblaster and Sinh Le invite all young men considering their vocation to come together for a shared meal on **Friday 8 November 6:30pm** at the **Xavier Centre, Wollongong**. Come along and enjoy a relaxed time of fellowship and encouragement in your faith journey.

Please RSVP to:

**Fr Duane Fernandez** at [vocations@dow.org.au](mailto:vocations@dow.org.au) as soon as possible for catering purposes.

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## Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF)

This year the festival will be held in Perth from 8-10 December 2019 and the Diocese of Wollongong will be organising a group of young adults (18-30) to attend.

**Note:** applications to attend with the diocese will close **8 Nov.**  
Contact: Georgia on 4222 2427 or at [youth@dow.org.au](mailto:youth@dow.org.au)

## Prayer Service With Holy Mass & Eucharistic Adoration

Come and experience the Lord's healing power and his infinite mercy at this spiritually enriching prayer service with Holy Mass & Eucharistic Adoration

**St Francis Xavier, Wollongong**

**Saturday 30th November 6.30pm to 9.00pm**

All Welcome!

For more information please contact Josobel on 0425220398 (preferably after 5pm)

## Plenary 2020 Joyful, Hope-filled and Servant Community discernment session #5

This week we will discern actions on the Church being a sign of God's kingdom for all people in Australia – a Church in action with faith-filled hope, celebrating together, to show what it is to be a follower of Christ and to be loved unconditionally by God. We'll contemplate the Gospel call to be a servant Church for the good of all people – particularly for refugees and asylum-seekers and other people who are vulnerable or at risk. We'll consider the good works done by so many people and organisations of the Church which demonstrate strong witness of faith, especially by young people and leaders in parish and school ministries. Join us for one of these sessions, Monsignor Rigney meeting room, 7pm Wednesday night or 10am Friday morning.

## Liturgy of Remembrance for the Deceased

You are invited to a Liturgy of Remembrance for those deceased family, friends and relatives.

The Liturgy of the Word will be held **10.30am at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong** on Thursday 14th November. followed by refreshments in the Mgr John Rigney Meeting room. All Welcome!



Aid to the  
Church in Need

ACN AUSTRALIA

### Aid to the Church in Need

Fr Bernard Gordon, VG invites the Diocese of Wollongong to an evening of devotional prayers and Mass on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019 commencing 6pm at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, 36 Harbour St Wollongong.**

In support of the Christian faithful wherever they are persecuted, oppressed or in pastoral need. Australian Church in Need (ACN) is a Catholic charity helping to bring Christ to the world through Prayer, Information and Action.

In support of the ACN the Cathedral will be lit up in red from 7.30pm – 10pm—All welcome!

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There is a comprehensiveness to this call for praise. The faithful of the Lord are those who are holy, those who are bound to God in covenant loyalty. It is not enough that they enjoy the privilege of belonging to God's kingdom. Through them, God invites the entire universe to participate in it.

Paul addresses two very important issues: the fruition of the Christians' calling by God; and the correct teaching about the final coming of Christ. He addresses the Christians with familial titles, indicating both his relationship with them as together constituting children of God and members of the church, and his personal commitment to them. The goal of Christian maturity is the glorification of the name of Jesus. Paul insists that Christian living is based, not on the performance of good works, but on faith in Jesus. Paul taught that in faith and through baptism, Christians have died with Christ and risen with him, and now live resurrected lives. He also taught that fulfilment has not been brought to its ultimate completion. Paul teaches an 'already-but-not-yet' eschatology.

The story of Zacchaeus demonstrates once again the mission of Jesus to seek and to save what is lost. Despite his obvious disrepute, Zacchaeus is described as possessing several very honourable qualities. His interest in seeing Jesus overrode any shame he may have experienced in having to climb the tree. He responded immediately to Jesus, and the sincerity of his transformation is seen in the extent of his restitution. The narrative draws bold lines of contrast between Jesus' attitude toward this man and that of the people who witnessed the encounter. Jesus insisted that only those who are lost can be found; only those who are perishing can be saved. Those who revere themselves as righteous seldom understand this and, as a result, miss opportunities for their own salvation.

## Carer Needed for an Elderly Lady

A carer is needed to assist with an elderly lady who requires some basic assistance at home for approximately 15 hours a week in the local area. Please contact Anna 0409 057 999 for further information.

## Clergy Appointment—Picton Parish

Vicar General Fr Bernard Gordon wishes to advise you that Fr Peter Tien, up until now Administrator of St Anthony's Parish Picton, has been appointed Parish Priest of Picton for a period of two years, effective immediately. Congratulations Fr Peter on his new appointment.

## The Catholic bishops of Australia have announced a National Prayer Campaign for the gift of rain during November

The faithful across the country are encouraged to pray for the gift of rain, for people affected by the drought and to provide practical support, where possible. The bishops note that large parts of the country are directly affected by the drought, but the impact is national—and so should the response be national. For access to prayer resources and links to donate to the Diocese of Bathurst Drought Appeal and the Vinnies NSW Drought Appeal, visit: [www.catholic.org.au/drought](http://www.catholic.org.au/drought)

For the latest news in our diocese visit [www.dow.org.au](http://www.dow.org.au)

### Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 37:22-23

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;  
be not far from me!  
Make haste and come to my help,  
O Lord, my strong salvation!

### First Reading

Wis 11:22 – 12:2

A reading from the book of Wisdom

*You have mercy on all things because you love everything that exists.*

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales,  
like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground.  
Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things and overlook men's sins so that they can repent.  
Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence,  
for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it.  
And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist, how be conserved if not called forth by you?  
You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life,  
you whose imperishable spirit is in all.  
Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend, you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned,  
so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14. R. see v.1

(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

1. I will give you glory, O God my King,  
I will bless your name for ever.  
I will bless you day after day  
and praise your name for ever. (R.)
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)
3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,  
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign  
and declare your might, O God. (R.)
4. The Lord is faithful in all his words  
and loving in all his deeds.  
The Lord supports all who fall  
and raises all who are bowed down. (R.)

### Second Reading

2 Thes 1:11 – 2:2

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thesalonians

*The name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him.*

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

### Gospel Acclamation

Jn 3:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

Lk 19:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*The Son of Man came to seek and to find that which was lost.*

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

### Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 15:11

You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

### SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY by Dianne Bergant CSA

The universal love and providence of the creator is celebrated in this most unusual reading from Wisdom. This passage depicts a creator who is personally involved with every dimension of the natural world. We find here the same cosmic power as seen in other creation passages, but it is coupled with love and mercy. We also see the immensity of God, and the love that God has for creation. Just as the power of the creator is matched by the love of the creator, so is this love manifested through mercy. Perhaps an even more daring statement concerns the imperishable spirit of God that exists in all things.

The responsorial psalm opens with an acclamation closely associated with God's name revealed at the time of the reestablishment of the covenant (cf. Exod 34:6). In these two verses covenant language abounds. God is described as gracious, compassionate, and filled with lovingkindness. The works of the Lord include everything that God has made as well as everything that God has done.

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