



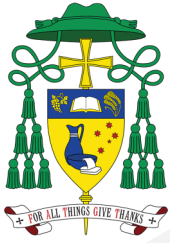
**EST. 2010 Incorporating the Parishes:**

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

## 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year C | 10th November 2019 | Issue 49

### 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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### 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**  
**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; Judith Corrie, Elizabeth (Betty) McMahon, Lyn Atkinson.

**For** Maria Di Bono, Emilio Fogliati **and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.**

**Also for:** 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:** Lyn Griffin, 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, Johnny 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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**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)

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# In our parishes & around the diocese

[www.lumenchristi.org.au/events](http://www.lumenchristi.org.au/events)

## Calendar of Events 2019

|            |                                      |
|------------|--------------------------------------|
| Tue 12 Nov | Finance Council, Mgr Rigney Rm, 6pm  |
| Wed 13 Nov | Plenary 2020, Rigney Rm, 7pm         |
| Fri 15 Nov | Plenary 2020, Rigney Rm, 10am        |
| 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           |
| Wed 4 Dec  | Lunch Club after 12.10pm mass        |

## 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.



## Remembrance Day— 11th November 2019

We pray for the generations of servicemen and women who gave their lives for peace.

We pray for all endeavours to make peace in our troubled world.



REMEMBRANCE DAY  
*Let Us Forget*

## Wollongong SVdP Conference

The Wollongong SVdP Conference Christmas Appeal will be held on Sunday 24 November. Envelopes will be available on church pews with a leaving collection at the end of each Mass.

Funds will be utilised to assist the needy in the central Wollongong area. Thank you for your support.  
Larry Jennett, President - Wollongong SVdP Conference.

## Prayer Pop-Up 'Together for the Illawarra' Combined Church Prayer

Meeting 7pm– 8pm Wednesday 13 November. Awaken Church, 197-199 Keira St, Wollongong. Praying for the Illawarra, the Church and Nation: focusing on Mental Health, Evangelism Explosion and the Youth of the Illawarra. For info: Loani Falconer 0490 298 023 Warwick Marsh 0418 225 212 or David Eldridge 0423 375 460 [www.illawarraprayerbreakfast.org](http://www.illawarraprayerbreakfast.org)

## From Gangland to Promised Land | The John Pridmore 2019 Parousia Tour

Catholic Speaker, Author and Ex-Gangster, John Pridmore speaks on the Gift of our Lady on Sunday 24 November 2019, 5pm Mass at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong. 6pm Light Supper and Mingle. 6.30pm Talk: "Gift of Our Lady". 7.30pm Q & A. For more information <https://www.parousiamedia.com>  
RSVP to Helen Bennett [helen.bennett@dow.org.au](mailto:helen.bennett@dow.org.au)

## Clergy Appointments—Shellharbour City Parish & Camden Parish

### SHELLHARBOUR CITY PARISH

Mgr Bryan Jones, Parish Priest of All Saints Catholic Parish, Shellharbour City, has decided to retire from parish ministry. Mgr Jones, ordained in 1964, has served as parish priest at Fairy Meadow, Campbelltown and, for the past 22 years, at Shellharbour City Parish. He has held many other positions of responsibility in the diocese and is highly respected for his dedication and wisdom.

Fr Joseph Nguyen is now appointed Administrator of All Saints Parish, residing at Shellharbour, effective 12 December 2019. Fr Nguyen has worked in a number of parishes in the Diocese, most recently in the Parish of Camden for nearly five years.

### CAMDEN PARISH

Fr Joseph Pothenparimpil is appointed Assistant Priest, St Paul's Parish, Camden, residing at Camden, effective 12 December 2019. Fr Pothenparimpil is a Syro-Malabar priest from the Diocese of Sandhurst (Victoria) with much pastoral experience.

I wish Mgr Jones every blessing for the future and I congratulate Fr Nguyen and Fr Pothenparimpil on their appointments

Bishop Brian Mascord

## Ministry—In-services 2020

There are many parishioners in Lumen Christi who contribute to the day-to-day life of the Church in many different ways. I am very grateful for the time, talent and treasure that is given to our parishes. It is also vital that regular in-services take place. I intend to conduct a series of in-services for the ministries of the altar and sacristans for Lumen Christi. These are important opportunities for ongoing formation and are essential for our continuing ministries.

Please take note the follow in-services that will take place at St Francis Xavier Cathedral on the following dates and times.

### 7pm, Tuesday 18th February 2020

Acolytes, Adult Altar Servers and Servers

### 7pm, Wednesday 19th February 2020

Lectors

### 7pm, Tuesday 25th February 2020

Eucharistic Ministers

### 10.30am, Thursday 27th February 2020

Sacristans

Fr Bernard Gordon

Called to *Serve*

Listen to what the Spirit is saying | [plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

## Position Vacant for OOSH Educators and OOSH Coordinators

CatholicCare are seeing Out of School Hours (OOSH) at Good Samaritan, Fairy Meadow. St Pius X, Unanderra. Ss Peter and Paul, Kiama. St Patrick's, Port Kembla. There is also vacancy at St Therese, West Wollongong for Coordinators. For info contact Annette Rearden on 0439 110 838 or Kate McInerney on 0409 745 563. To apply visit [www.catholiccare.dow.org.au](http://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au)

## Prayer Service With Holy Mass & Eucharistic Adoration

Experience the healing love of our God at this spiritually enriching prayer service. The service will be conducted by Fr Rony George and Fr Jobi George of the Vincentian congregation, Divine Retreat Centre, Somersby NSW.

### 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 A Christ-Centred Church That is Open to Conversion, Renewal and Reform #6

This week we will discern actions on the desire to do things differently in response to Christ and the experience of our people, accepting that faithfulness to tradition requires change that is both personal and communal.

Join us for one of these sessions, Monsignor Rigney meeting room, 7pm Wednesday night or 10am Friday morning.

## Prison Sunday 10 November

This Sunday is Prison Sunday, remembering prison chaplains—marking three years since the Holy Father's Year of Mercy, Jubilee for Prisoners (Sunday 6 November 2016).

## 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** 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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the former rests on the fidelity of God. The doctrine of resurrection is grounded in the concept of covenant, which claims that God has established a relationship with human beings. At issue is whether or not death is powerful enough to break the ties that bind us in covenant with God. Jesus says 'No!'

If this is the future that awaits us, how are we to live until it dawns? Actually, it has already dawned. This is the eschatological hope in which we live by the grace given us from God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Our future is already present and, therefore, we are called to live lives that have been radically transformed. However, the future has not yet completely dawned, and so we find ourselves living both in this age and in the age to come. Thus we live future lives, but we live them in the present. As difficult as this may be, we have the promise that the Lord will strengthen us and guard us. We have the instruction of our religious tradition that directs our minds and hearts. When we live lives of the future, we truly enable that future to dawn in the present.

## The Way—Daily Advent and Christmas Reflections

Available for only \$3.00 from the parish office and at all masses at St John Vianney's & Mater Dolorosa churches.

## Prayer for rain and those affected

Eternal God,  
In wisdom and love  
you created our earth  
to sustain us and give us life.

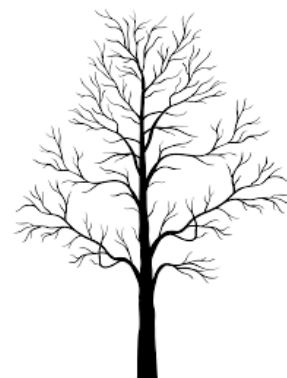
We turn to you now  
in faith, hope and love,  
asking you to look with favour  
on our drought-stricken land,  
on our starving animals,  
on our failing crops.

Strengthen, sustain and give new heart  
to our farmers  
and to all who are affected by  
drought; be with those who support them.

In your loving providence,  
send abundant rain  
and restore our parched earth.  
Father of all compassion,  
hear our prayer  
through Jesus Christ your Son,  
in whom the promise of new life  
has dawned, and  
through the power  
of the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord the giver of life:  
Renew your faithful people;  
Renew the face of the earth.

Our Lady of the Southern Cross,  
Mary, help of Christians –  
Pray for us.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop –  
Pray for us.



## Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 87:3

Let my prayer come into your presence.  
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

## First Reading

2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14

A reading from the second book of Maccabees

*The king of the world will receive us into life eternal at the resurrection.*

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig's flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, 'What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the Law of our ancestors.'

With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, 'Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever.'

After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and held out his hands, with these honourable words, 'It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.' The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man's courage and his utter indifference to suffering.

When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, 'Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men's hands, yet relying on God's promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.'

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 16:1. 5-6. 8. 15. R. v.15

(R.) Lord, when your glory appears,  
my joy will be full.

1. Lord, hear a cause that is just,  
pay heed to my cry.  
Turn your ear to my prayer:  
no deceit is on my lips. (R.)
2. I keep my feet firmly in your paths;  
there was no faltering in my steps.  
I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God.  
Turn your ear to me; hear my words. (R.)
3. Guard me as the apple of your eye.  
Hide me in the shadow of your wings.  
As for me, in my justice I shall see your face  
and be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your  
glory. (R.)

## Second Reading

2 Thes 2:16 – 3:5

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

*May the Lord strengthen you in everything good  
that you do or say.*

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord's message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

## Gospel Acclamation

Rv 1:5. 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;  
glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

Lk 20:27. 34-38 (shorter form)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*He is not a God of the dead but of the living.*

Some Sadducees – those who say that there is no resurrection – approached Jesus and they put a question to him.

Jesus replied, 'The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.'

## Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 22:1-2

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me  
repose,  
near restful waters he leads me.

## SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY by Dianne Bergant CSA

Both the reading from Maccabees and the passage from the gospel speak of resurrection. The first is a testimony of faith, the second demonstrates a measure of scorn that accompanies unbelief. Belief in resurrection is not the same as the conviction of the immortality of the soul. The latter is based on the makeup of the human person;

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