



LUMEN CHRISTI
CATHOLIC PARISHES WOLLONGONG



YEAR OF
St Joseph
8 DEC 2020 – 8 DEC 2021
DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG
“With a father’s heart.”

Christmas Masses at Lumen Christi Parishes

Dear Parishioners and Visitors of Lumen Christi Catholic Parishes

The NSW Government has requested that places of worship revert to the **1 person per 4 square metre rule for indoor religious services**.

Unfortunately, this reduces the upper limit of the number of people who can attend any one Mass for Christmas. Instead of attending Mass at any of our Churches, please consider viewing the **livestreamed** Christmas Masses from the Cathedral:

Vigil: 7pm

Midnight: 12am

Christmas Day: 10.30am

To be viewed on:

livestream.lumenchristi.org.au

We have been informed that the NSW Government has been petitioned to exempt Wollongong from the restrictions that apply to the Northern Beaches and Greater Sydney. If we are informed that the NSW Government gives an update, we will communicate any changes to you tomorrow.

If you are registered and decide to attend Mass for Christmas, please realise that those who come first will be permitted to enter the Church for Mass. **This is a first in best dressed policy.** We need to ensure the Government regulations for the maximum capacity for each congregation is respected.

This is a truly sacred time for the Church and for families. I apologise that we cannot celebrate Christmas in the way that we all had anticipated.

Thank you to our team of volunteers who are assisting in the best way possible. Thank you to everyone for your patience and understanding for our door monitors who are assisting us at this difficult time.

The NSW Government has strongly recommended masks be worn for indoor religious services. Please bring your own mask with you. Also note there will be no congregational singing due to the NSW Government requirements.

In this year of St Joseph, I ask you to join the clergy in continuing to pray for all parishioners. Let us pray for all the people in the Northern Beaches that there will soon be an end to the lock-down in their region.

Be assured of my prayers for all of you, your families, and your friends, that God will bless us with joy and peace, even though this will be a very unusual Christmas.

St Joseph, who cared for Mary and Jesus, especially in unsettling times, pray for us.

With every blessing,

Very Rev Bernard L Gordon
VICAR GENERAL & ADMINISTRATOR

23 December 2020

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