

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD, Year C

29 MAY 2022

PARISH VISION

We are called to reveal the Light of Christ to the world

MASS TIMES

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 Brigid's, Gwynneville

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

St John Vianney Co-Cathedral, Fairy Meadow

Tuesday	Mass: 9.30am
Thursday	Mass: 9.30am (Italian)
	Mass: 5.30pm
Sunday	Mass: 8.30am
	Mass: 10am (Italian)
	Mass: 4.30pm (Vietnamese)

Mater Dolorosa, Balgownie

Sunday	Mass: 10am
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LUMEN CHRISTI CATHOLIC PARISH

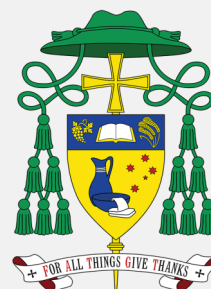
MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE ...

Deceased members of our parish, Joyce Abela, Emmanuel & Carmen Galea, John & Antonia Borg, Lisa Galea, Peter Cooney, Thomas Malcolm, Mary Malcolm, Tom & Joan Mackie, Catherine Tuxworth, Stan Dignam, Frank & Mary Gray, Ted & Edna Studdon, Pamela & Leo Boyle, Rose Mercieca, Betty Bloye, Maureen Gray, Hugh McNamee, John Hayes, Steve Winder, John B Davis, Francis Joseph O'Donnell, Tom & Joan Mackie, Rhonda Reynolds, Frances Clifford, Joshua Pead, Isabel Marques, Manuel Rebelo, Rita Penzo, Paula Dingli.

MAY GOD BLESS

OUR SICK PARISHIONERS ...

Nikiesha Thorton, Angela Mosley, Ralph Crowe, Angela Sirc, Mounir Germanos, Maria Do, Dianne Hukins, Sue McAlary, Margaret Gray, Christine Bulters, Matthew Johnson, Suzy May Gellel, Lordna Omiping, Dr Madeleine Cincotta, Elenka Egan, Dr John Frey, Johnny Dimise, Francisco Santos, Ada Raynor, Denise Mastro, Jadon Kalp, Amanda Dennis, Tara Conklin, Jamie Chitwood, Karl Llorin, Rita Basti, Angela & Rohan, Sue Freestone, Ardell Sharpe, Joseph Scalia, Lilia Pelino, Don Alanis, Jacquie Brady, Lyn Griffin, Edna Wilson, Brian Brennan, Bill Keirse, Jessica Sparks, Pat Carr, Bruce Creenaune, Tri Vu's mum, Catherine Cox, Frances McMahan, Joan O'Dowd, Margaret Bartley, Jan Newman.



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PASTORAL & FINANCE COUNCILS

Lisa de Paiva, Chair of the Pastoral Council
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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.

In our parish & around the diocese

PARISH CALENDAR: MAY-JUNE

Sun, 29 May: Ascension of the Lord
Wed, 1 Jun: Amoris Laetitia Course, Rigney Room 7pm
Thu, 2 Jun: Parish Lunch, Frat Club, Fairy Meadow 12pm
Fri 3/Sat 4 Jun: Confirmation Ceremonies
Sun, 5 Jun: Pentecost Sunday, Hospitality after Mass & St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal
Wed, 8 Jun: Amoris Laetitia Course, Rigney Room 7pm
Sun, 12 Jun: The Most Holy Trinity
Mon, 13 Jun: St Anthony & Blessing of the Bread, SFX 7am
Wed, 15 Jun: Amoris Laetitia Course, Rigney Room 7pm
Fri, 17 Jun: Mass for Warwick Hansen, SFX 6pm
Sun, 19 Jun: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
Wed, 22 Jun: Amoris Laetitia Course, Rigney Room 7pm
Thu, 23 Jun: Pastoral Council Mtg, Rigney Room 5.30pm
Fri, 24 Jun: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Fri, 24 Jun: Concert by Thomas Lorenzo Concert, SFX 7pm
Sun, 26 Jun: Catholic Mission, Propagation of the Faith Appeal
Sun, 26 Jun: Patronal Feast, The Immaculate Heart of Mary
27–30 Jun: Clergy Inservice
29/30 Jun: Enrolments: Reconciliation & Eucharist, SJV 6.30pm

SACRAMENTS

- **Baptisms:** By appointment only (contact the parish office during office hours for details)
- **Marriages:** A preliminary appointment needs to be made at least 6 months prior to Wedding Date (**No Sunday weddings**)
- For Pastoral and Sacramental needs, please contact the parish office during office hours

HELPFUL LINKS

- **Mass on Demand:** [livestream.lumenchristi.org.au](https://lumenchristi.org.au)
- **Mass Intentions:** lumenchristi.org.au/massintention
- **Prayer Intentions:** lumenchristi.org.au/prayers
- **Light a Votive Candle:** lumenchristi.org.au/votive
- **Census Form:** lumenchristi.org.au/census
- **Online Donations:** lumenchristi.org.au/donate
- **Online Payments:** lumenchristi.org.au/payment
- **Join Planned Giving:** lumenchristi.org.au/support
- **Columbarium:** lumenchristi.org.au/columbarium
- **Sacramental 2022:** lumenchristi.org.au/sacramental2022

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

SAINT ANTHONY'S BREAD



In some Franciscan churches or in parishes with particular devotion to Saint Anthony, on his feast day (June 13) the custom is celebrated of blessing loaves of bread, which are then distributed among the faithful.

This devotion comes from the practice of giving the "bread of the poor" that in the past was very strong and widespread in churches. Even today there are organisations such as "Caritas Antoniana" (St. Anthony's Charities) and the "Pane dei Poveri" (Bread for the Poor). You are very warmly invited to join Fr Bernard Gordon on **Monday 13th June, 7am at St Francis Xavier Cathedral** where he will bless the bread for you to take home and enjoy.

St Anthony, Pray for Us!



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2022
lumenchristi.org.au/sacramental2022

LUMEN CHRISTI PARISH RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ENROLMENTS 2022

The Sacramental Programme for Reconciliation & First Holy Communion will begin with the Parent/Caregiver Meeting at 6.30pm on Wednesday 29th June, and Thursday 30th June 2022, at St John Vianney Co-Cathedral, Fairy Meadow.

Parents/caregivers must attend either one of these meetings to enrol their children for the First Holy Communion Programme. Please bring your child's completed enrolment form and a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate. You can download the enrolment form from our parish website. Go to: www.lumenchristi.org.au/sacramental2022

Enrolment forms will only be accepted at the Parent/Caregiver session held 6.30pm on 29th/30th June at St John Vianney Co-Cathedral. No late enrolments will be accepted.

The cost for administration and materials for the First Holy Communion Programme is \$60. The sessions for each sacrament will be held in St John Vianney Co-Cathedral commencing at 6.30pm sharp. If you require any further information or need to discuss any concerns, please contact Cathy on 4211 0506 or email: cathy.zamroz@dow.org.au

CELEBRATION FOR FAMILIES WEEKEND

On the weekend of 25th/26th June our parish will offer the Mass for families. A prayer card for families will be distributed at all our Masses to be read during the prayer of the faithful.

For more information on bequests please visit: lumenchristi.org.au/bequest

In our parish & around the diocese



DISCOVERING GOD'S PLAN FOR OUR LIVES: VOCATIONS EVENT

You are invited to join with vibrant people from around the Diocese, including an expert panel, addressing all 4 Vocations, with the opportunity for Q and A. This will be a wonderful opportunity to learn how to hear, discern and respond to God's call in our lives. There will be more details in coming weeks but to book your spot, follow the links below!

Sunday 19 June at the Xavier Centre (38 Harbour St)

TIME: Light refreshments 1:30pm for 2pm start

RSVP: www.dow.org.au/events

FLAMENCO SPANISH GUITARIST IN CONCERT THOMAS LORENZO

You are invited to join Thomas and his guests for the premiere of his latest album: *Lamento*.

Friday 24th June, 7pm at St Francis Xavier Cathedral

Tickets: \$30each

Go to: www.thomaslorenzo.com.au or phone 0448 348 701



MONTHLY PARISH LUNCHEON

Come to our Parish luncheon held next Thursday 2nd June, 12pm at the Fraternity Club Fairy Meadow. All are welcome!

MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR MR WARWICK HANSEN OAM

Friends are warmly invited to attend Mass and Supper to honour Mr Warwick Hansen OAM's service to the Catholic Diocese of Wollongong and wish him well for his retirement. The Mass will be offered at 6pm on **Friday 17 June 2022** at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong, followed by supper in the Xavier Centre's Function Room.

To RSVP visit: dow.sh/HansenMass by Tuesday 7th June. If you are unable to attend and would like to leave Warwick a message please visit <https://dow.sh/3Eg4J7S>

For all enquiries call the Office of the Bishop on: 4222 2400

the same freedom and glory as the children of God.' How is the Risen Lord beginning to fulfil this hope?

At Mass, fractions of creation – the Bread and Wine consecrated for Holy Communion – are transformed into the Real Presence of the Risen Lord.

Eucharistic Prayer III begins with: 'You are indeed Holy, O Lord, and all you have created rightly gives you praise...' How can all creation give God praise? As the ancient church used to teach: Each of you is a microcosm of the macrocosm, called to be a priest for the Cosmos. Through your enlightened mind and inflamed heart, the Cosmos knows that it exists and that it is loved by its Creator. It is beginning to share the freedom and glory of the children of God.

We could pause for a moment, stop staring into Heaven, and ready ourselves to receive the Holy Spirit so as to be what St Paul calls 'the Church which is His Body in whom the fullness of creation dwells'.



Farewell & Thank you

SR AMBROSE AZZOPARDI & SR GRACE CINI

Last Friday together with Bishop Brian and our Lumen Christi Staff I had the privilege of thanking and farewelling Sr Ambrose Azzopardi and Sister Grace Cini. Sr Ambrose was one of the sisters who lived at Cathedral House and helped to care for the Bishops and priests. Sr Ambrose has returned to Malta where she will stay in community with the Franciscan sisters. Sr Grace Cini will also be relocating to Adelaide in the coming months. Sr Grace was a teacher at St Francis of Assisi Primary school Warrawong.

Thank you, Sr Ambrose, for your 61 years of service in Australia, and Sr Grace for your 60 years of service in our Diocese. May the Sacred Heart of Jesus, in whom we trust, bless you with his gracious love and consolation as you begin this new stage of your lives.

Fr Bernard Gordon

For more information on our Columbarium please visit: lumenchristi.org.au/columbarium

Entrance Antiphon

Acts 1:11

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven
will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus
has been taken into heaven.*

In my earlier work, *Theophilus*, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 46:2-3. 6-7. 8-9. R. v.6

(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:

a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

1. All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth.
2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise.
3. God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne.

Second Reading

Eph 1:17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 24:46-53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

While blessing them, he was taken to heaven.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

Communion Antiphon

Mt 28:20

Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate,

Heaven and Earth are full of your glory

Our Risen Lord knew that we are naturally, collectively human-centric. He withdrew His risen mode of appearance (what we call 'the Ascension') to make it clear that the whole Universe, including planet Earth, is filled with the presence and power radiating out from his Risen Humanity.

As St Paul wrote in the Epistle to the Romans: 'Creation still retains the hope of being freed from its slavery to decay, to enjoy

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