



# In our parish & around the diocese

## PARISH CALENDAR

**Sun, 4 Sep:** Father's Day & Hospitality Weekend  
**Sat, 10 Sep:** First Holy Communion & Are you ok Day?  
**Wed, 14 Sep:** Death Anniversary Bishop McCabe (1983)  
**Wed, 14 Sep:** 10 year Anniversary, Good Samaritan School  
**17/18 Sep:** Bishop's Annual Appeal  
**18-25 Sep:** UCI Championships, temporary Mass time change (St Brigid's and Good Samaritan school will be non operational during the UCI event and will revert to remote learning)  
**Mon 26 Sep:** Normal Liturgy schedule resumes  
**Sun, 2 Oct:** Hospitality Weekend  
**Tue, 4 Oct:** Feast of St Francis of Assisi  
**Thu, 6 Oct:** Parish Lunch, Fraternity Club Fairy Meadow 12pm  
**Tue, 25 Oct:** Finance Council Mtg, Rigney Room 5.30pm  
**Thu, 3 Nov:** Parish Lunch, Fraternity Club Fairy Meadow 12pm  
**Sun, 6 Nov:** Hospitality Weekend  
**Fri, 25 Nov:** Pastoral Council Mtg, Rigney Room 5.30pm  
**Sat, 26 Nov:** Messiah Concert, SFX 2pm (Details coming soon)  
**Thu, 1 Dec:** Parish Dinner, Fraternity Club 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](http://livestream.lumenchristi.org.au)
- **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)
- **Census Form:** [lumenchristi.org.au/census](http://lumenchristi.org.au/census)
- **Online Donations:** [lumenchristi.org.au/donate](http://lumenchristi.org.au/donate)
- **Online Payments:** [lumenchristi.org.au/payment](http://lumenchristi.org.au/payment)
- **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

## ANNUAL CONSOLING MASS



The Diocesan Catholic Women's League invites you to the Mass of Consoling held at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong on Friday 16th September at 12.10pm followed by light refreshments in the Mgr John Rigney Room. This is the Mass where we continue to pray for our loved ones who have died in tragic circumstances. Let your families and friends know of this moving event —ALL WELCOME!

(Please note this Mass will be the prayers and readings of Our Lady of Sorrows)

## HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



Happy Fathers' Day! Today is a day to be grateful for the gift of life, and for the man who did his best to show us love and helped us learn how to live. What a blessing! The warm smile on Dad's face when we first were able to ride a bicycle, or complete the test for a driver's license, or earn our first pay, are memories to be treasured, and a testament to the self-giving love of a father. He takes pride in what his child accomplishes. A father's love gives us security and safety. Dads are works in progress,

and we pray, that they are saints in the making. They have taught us persistence and perseverance, and with their encouragement, we find ourselves more ready for life than we would be on our own. So, today we give thanks for them. We give thanks for their best efforts and their confidence in us, their children.

We pray that dads who know how to give help will have the courage to ask for help from a loving Father who sent his Son to show us His great love, and to help fathers on earth lead their children to heaven. We remember in our prayers those dads who have completed their work on earth. May they rest now in peace with the Father of us all, our loving God, who, in the love of husband and wife, gives us life and teaches us love.

On behalf of our Parish Clergy and Staff, we wish all our fathers-to-be, fathers, grand fathers and great grandfathers, a very special day on Fathers Day. May our dads enjoy being surrounded by the love of their children.

I wish to thank the Catholic Women's League, Wollongong and Fairy Meadow branches who will issue a Prayer card for Father's this weekend.

May God bless you all, Kevin Galea

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## MASS TIMETABLE, 18 –25 SEPTEMBER

In two weeks time the UCI Championships will commence on Sunday 18th September to Sunday 25th September, we will be following the temporary liturgy schedule below. **Vigil Mass at Gwynneville for Saturday, 17 September, will be at the normal time of 5:30pm.**

During this time, livestreaming of the Sunday Mass from the Cathedral will not be available. Mass for You at Home (MFYAH) on Network Ten (6am) and Foxtel's Aurora Channel 173 (10am) are available. The same Mass is available on Network Ten's streaming platform [10play.com.au](http://10play.com.au) and the MFYAH website [massforyou.com.au](http://massforyou.com.au)

### Sunday 18th September

Wollongong: 6.45am & 7.30pm

Fairy Meadow: 7pm

Balgownie: 8.30am, 10am & Vietnamese Mass 4.30pm

### Monday 19th to Friday 23rd September

Wollongong: 6.45am

### Saturday 24th September

Gwynneville: 7pm

### Sunday 25th September

Wollongong: 6.45am & 7.30pm;

Fairy Meadow: 7pm

Balgownie: 8.30am, 10am & Vietnamese Mass, 4.30pm

## STREET PARKING CHANGES

Wollongong City Council has upgraded parking restrictions with the threat of vehicles being towed will be in place during the UCI Road World Championships.

Special event clearways on public roads have been set up on Harbour and surrounding Streets which have been extended to commence from 4am, Thursday 15 September to 6pm Sunday 25 September 2022. Please ensure you check carpark signage if parking on the road.

## LUMEN CHRISTI PARISH DINNER: 1 DEC 2022

You are warmly invited to our first Lumen Christi parish dinner, to be celebrated later this year on **Thursday 1st December at 6.30pm** at the Fraternity Club, Fairy Meadow. Where we will gather together as one parish community!

**Tickets are \$55.00 Per Head**

Make a table of 10 or join a table of 10

**SOMEONE WILL RECEIVE THE LUCKY DOOR PRIZE OF \$500 CASH!**

To purchase your tickets please visit our parish website.

Go to: [www.lumenchristi.org.au/parishdinner](http://www.lumenchristi.org.au/parishdinner)

or contact the parish office on 4211 0500. Don't miss out!!!

In today's Gospel, Jesus was preparing his followers, imminently and over the generations, for persecution. This would include real-life situations of families denouncing a son or daughter, or a brother turning over a brother to the authorities.

Imagine a Chinese Catholic hearing this Gospel this morning, and this afternoon being betrayed by family members for remaining loyal to the successor of St Peter. Jesus exhorts such a follower to prefer this cross over what the family considers politically correct. We could pause for a moment to pray for all families, torn apart for allegiance to Jesus in His Church, that they may be re-united in the peace of the Risen Lord.

## CWL FUNDRAISER

Congratulations to the Catholic Women's League for a sellout of the CWL fundraiser High Tea to raise funds for the Statue to The Unborn Child. The statue is located in the Cathedral grounds in the corner of Crown and Harbour St. Parishioners are invited to visit the shrine and offer a prayer.



Thank you to all those involved organising this special event.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to the parishioner who wishes to stay anonymous for the donation of a beautiful water feature for the Cathedral.



## R U OK?

This Thursday 8th September, we mark RU OK Day. It's a day when we remind ourselves to be especially concerned for one another—everyday! If you notice that your family members or friends are not their usual selves then, ask if they are OK.

The Sign of Peace at Mass is one way we have to express liturgically this very important question about one another's wellbeing!

This Saturday 10th September, we mark Suicide Prevention Day. Bishop Brian Mascord and Fr Bernard Gordon will offer the Saturday 5.30pm Vigil Mass at St Brigid's Gwynneville for all families who have lost a loved one or who have taken their own life. Mass will be followed by light refreshments. We pray that those who have taken their own lives now rest in God's peace. We pray for all vulnerable people who need someone to ask them 'r u ok?'

Please visit: [ruok.org.au](http://ruok.org.au)



RU OK?

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

### Entrance Antiphon

Ps 118:137, 124

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;  
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

### First Reading

Wis 9:13-18

A reading from the book of Wisdom

*Who can comprehend the will of God?*

What man can know the intentions of God?  
Who can divine the will of the Lord?  
The reasonings of mortals are unsure  
and our intentions unstable;  
for a perishable body presses down the soul,  
and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.  
It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth,  
laborious to know what lies within our reach;  
who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?  
As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not  
granted Wisdom  
and sent your holy spirit from above?  
Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened  
and men been taught what pleases you,  
and saved, by Wisdom.

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1

(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

1. You turn men back into dust  
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'  
To your eyes a thousand years  
are like yesterday, come and gone,  
no more than a watch in the night. (R.)
2. You sweep men away like a dream,  
like grass which springs up in the morning.  
In the morning it springs up and flowers:  
by evening it withers and fades. (R.)
3. Make us know the shortness of our life  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?  
Show pity to your servants. (R.)
4. In the morning, fill us with your love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:  
give success to the work of our hands. (R.)

### Second Reading

Phlm 9-10, 12-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon

*Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.*

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would

have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

### Gospel Acclamation

Ps 118:135

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant,  
and teach me your laws.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

Lk 14:25-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.*

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. 'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

### Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 41:2-3

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,  
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;  
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

### REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

#### Hate your father

I am told that, in most Middle Eastern languages, there is no word for 'prefer'. Perhaps influenced by extremes of heat and cold, the vocabulary of 'love' and 'hate' is used instead. No one can imagine Jesus 'hating' Joseph, but he clearly gave preference to his mission, even as a precocious 12 year old in the Temple.

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