

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

6TH NOVEMBER 2022

PARISH VISION

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

MASS TIMETABLE

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 Vigil	Mass: 5.30pm
Sunday	Mass: 9am

St John Vianney Co-Cathedral, Fairy Meadow

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

Mater Dolorosa, Balgownie

Sunday	Mass: 10am
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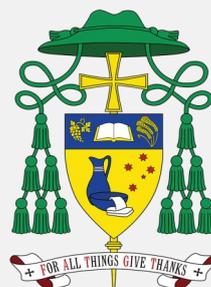
LUMEN CHRISTI CATHOLIC PARISH

MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE ...

Deceased members of our parish, Bill Knobel, John the Baptist HUNG TRAN, Tommaso Dimise, Johny Giovanni Dimise, Disably Trust, Relatives & Friends of Caruso & Sebastopoli Families, Joseph Carvalho, Marika La Riva, Anne Doveton, Rita Penzo.

MAY GOD BLESS OUR SICK PARISHIONERS ...

Bishop Peter Ingham, Mick Davies, Isobel Joseph, Gerard Gray, Clare Johnson, Ross Abbott, Jan Coulson, Noel & Therese Rouse, Nikiesha Thorton, Tony Moriarty, Veronica Bowman, Angela Mosley, 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, Sue Freestone, Ardell Sharpe, Joseph Scalia, Lilia Pelino, Don Alanis, Jacquie Brady, Brian Brennan, Bill Keirse, Pat Carr, Bruce Creenaune, Catherine Cox, Frances McMahon, Joan O'Dowd, Margaret Bartley, Jan Newman.



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PASTORAL & FINANCE COUNCILS

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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: NOV—DECEMBER

- Fri, 11 Nov:** Remembrance Day
- Sat, 12 Nov:** No Confessions due to SRE Mass
- Sun, 13 Nov:** Installation to the Ministry of Acolyte of Mr Joseph Nguyen, SFX 10.30am
- Sun, 13 Nov:** Last Livestream at 10.30am Mass
- Fri, 25 Nov:** Pastoral Council Mtg, Rigney Room 5.30pm
- Sat, 26 Nov:** Messiah Concert, SFX 2pm
- Sat 26/Sun 27 Nov:** St Vincent de Paul, Christmas Appeal
- Sun, 27 Nov:** First Sunday of Advent
- Thu, 1 Dec:** Parish Dinner, Fraternity Club 6.30pm
- Sat, 3 Dec:** Feast of St Francis Xavier
- Sun, 4 Dec:** Hospitality Weekend
- Fri, 9 Dec:** Christmas Carols, Good Samaritan School 6.30pm
- Sat, 10 Dec:** Ordination to Priesthood, Dn James Arblaster SJV, 10am followed by refreshments at Fraternity Club
- Sun, 11 Dec:** First Mass, Fr James Arblaster, SFX, 10.30am followed by Morning Tea at Xavier Centre
- Sat, 24 Dec/Sun 25 Dec:** Christmas Masses

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:** lumenchristi.org.au
- **Mass/Prayer Intentions:** lumenchristi.org.au/intentions
- **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 Programme:** lumenchristi.org.au/sacramental
- **Privacy Policy:** privacy.lumenchristi.org.au
- **St Brigid's School:** sbgdow.catholic.edu.au
- **Good Samaritan School:** 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

CHANGES TO LIVESTREAM MASS

Dear Parishioners,

One of the more pleasing aspects to emerge from the Covid-19 Pandemic (a time of challenge, no doubt) was our ability as a parish to adapt and support each other in prayer and kindness. There were, for example, online meetings where we spoke together about our experiences and laughed a little at the incongruities of life.

One of those activities that showed the generosity and resourcefulness of our parishioners was the livestreaming of Mass. A very special thank you to the parishioner who generously donated the majority of the money for the livestreaming in memory of Rita Penzo.

Others donated their time and expertise to ensure that Mass could be viewed online. A very special thank to Peter, Stewart, Sue and, especially Max, for facilitating and coordinating the live streaming of our Sunday 10:30am Mass during the time of the Covid-19 restrictions. The efforts over the last three years, especially during the lockdowns, provided an excellent service that gathered our parishioners and clergy together online for the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy. It enabled us to support each other in prayer at a time when isolation and loneliness had a very negative impact on many.

However, life has now changed, society has become more open, and parishioners can freely attending Mass. This new stage of our society's and parish community's history is reflected in Bishop Mascord's reinstatement of the Obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation as of last weekend (29/30 October). Accordingly, the need to continue live streaming the Sunday Mass has in great part fallen away and it will cease on Sunday 13th November 2022.

At the same time, I do acknowledge that some parishioners and 'friends of our parish' are sick and homebound, are immunocompromised, or caring for a loved one at home, and therefore may not be able to physically gather for Mass. I encourage those parishioners to tune into the Mass for You at Home that continues to be broadcast each week, over the internet and on TV. MFYAH is recorded in our Co-Cathedral at Fairy Meadow, an integral part of the Lumen Christi Parish, and so it is very appropriate that those who so need join in our liturgical prayer in this way.

Thank you, once again, to our wonderful committed livestream team, Peter, Stewart, Sue and Max who have helped our parishioners so much over the last three years. Their service will be officially acknowledged by Bishop Mascord on Sunday 13th November 2022 during the 10.30am Mass.

May God bless you all as we enter the last month of Ordinary Time in the Church's liturgical calendar and draw closer to the Advent season of preparation for Christmas.

Fr Bernard

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

In our parish & around the diocese

BLESSING OF NEW VESTMENTS!



A very special thank you to all those who donated money for the purchase of new vestments for Mass in the churches of Lumen Christi. Fr Bernard will bless the new vestments this Sunday 6th November for St Francis Xavier Cathedral Wollongong at the 10:30am Mass

CLASS REUNION FOR ST PAULS COLLEGE

Past students from St Pauls College Bellambi (1975-78/80) are invited to a reunion on 11th November at the Wollongong City Tennis Club. Contact Anthony Dellapina 0401 040 135.

CATHEDRAL BOOKS AND GIFTS

Cathedral Books and Gifts shop will be open on the 1st Sunday of each month, starting 6th November 2022 after the 10.30am Mass at the Cathedral. The usual days are Tuesday, Wednesday and Fridays 10am-2pm. Contact Wendy: 0438 244 860.

INCARNATE ADVENT PROGRAM



Daily Advent and Christmas Reflections 2022 are now available on sale for **\$3.50 each**. Purchase online at www.lumenchristi.org.au/shop or at the parish office until stock runs out.

26 NOV: HANDEL'S MESSIAH

The Illawarra Choral Society will raise the roof with this beautiful choral music at **St Francis Xavier Cathedral, 2pm on Saturday 26th November**. For details on ticket purchases please visit Humanitix website.

Go to: <https://events.humanitix.com/handel-s-messiah>

1 DEC: LUMEN CHRISTI PARISH DINNER

You are warmly invited to our first Lumen Christi parish dinner, to be celebrated on **Thursday 1st December at 6.30pm** at the Fraternity Club, Fairy Meadow! **Tickets are \$55.00 Per Head**. To purchase your tickets please visit our parish website: www.lumenchristi.org.au/parishdinner

9 DEC : LUMEN CHRISTI CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Our parish and our parish schools of St Brigid's and Good Samaritan will be hosting Christmas Carols in the **Good Samaritan School Grounds on Friday 9th December 2022 at 6.30pm**. Parishioners and visitors need to register online for their attendance at www.lumenchristi.org.au/Christmas or contact the parish office. CWL branches will be selling raffle tickets prior to and at the event for \$2.00 each.

JOSEPH NGUYEN



Next Sunday 13th November Mr Joseph Nguyen will be installed as an Acolyte by Bishop Brian Mascord in St Francis Xavier Cathedral at 10.30am. Joseph is currently in formation for the priesthood at the Seminary of the Good Shepherd, Homebush.

According to the Apostolic Letter "Ministeria Quaedam" by Pope Paul VI, being an acolyte has many responsibilities: serving at the altar during Mass, assisting Priests and Deacons in carrying out their ministry, distributing Holy Communion to the faithful within the liturgy, as well as delivering Communion to the sick and exposing the Blessed Sacrament for adoration.

Let us continue to support Joseph as he prepares for the service of God's people as an ordained minister.

Parishioners and Visitors are very welcome to attend this important ceremony of blessing for Joseph.

NOVEMBER MASSES

To have Mass offered for your deceased relatives, friends, and benefactors, please print their names clearly on an envelope. You can get envelopes at the church doors and parish office or visit our website at: lumenchristi.org.au/NovemberMass

The Book of the Deceased is available at all our churches or you can view it online: lumenchristi.org.au/NovemberMass



REMEMBRANCE DAY—11 NOVEMBER 2022

On 11 November 1918, the guns of the Western Front fell silent after four years of continuous warfare. With their armies retreating and close to collapse, German leaders signed an Armistice, bringing to an end the First World War.

As we do on Anzac Day, so too, on Remembrance day, we commend to our Loving God the souls of all who have died in war.

Fr Bernard Gordon will offer the 12.10pm Mass for those who lost their lives in war. May they Rest in Peace!

ETERNAL PEACE GROTTTO

The columbarium on the southern side of the historic St Francis Xavier Cathedral is a prayerful space to lay the remains of our loved ones. Limited niches available! Please contact Trish Di Leva at the parish office on 4211 0500 or email: wollongong@dow.org.au to make an appointment.

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

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

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.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Billy Elliott and the Resurrection

Billy Elliott was a boy brought up in a strife-torn mining town in the north of England. He discovered a passion for dancing. At an interview at the Royal Ballet School which was going badly, he was asked: 'What do you feel when you're dancing?'

'I've got fire in my body.' And he got the scholarship because the panel realised that when Billy danced, he became 'fully alive': bodymindspirit fully integrated. When Billy danced, everything that Billy was, was dancing.

That is what our Resurrection is all about. Our whole personality will be dancing with the radiance of Divine Fire coursing through our bodymindspirit. The Sadducees' small-minded sarcasm could not grasp that we will be bodies transfigured, translucent to divine light and energy.

We could take a moment to pray that, by the grace of God, our bodies will dance, enflamed by Divine Love.

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