

# FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Year A

29 JANUARY 2023

## 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 ...

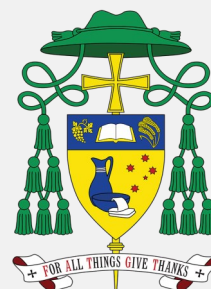
Colin Agnew, Carmel Mowbray, Jackie Allen, Maria Demaria.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS ...

Bishop Peter Ingham, Pat Carr, David Coates, John Parkinson, Mick Davies, Isobel Joseph, Gerard Gray, Ross Abbott, Jan Coulson, Noel & Therese Rouse, Nikiesha Thorton, Tony Moriarty, Veronica Bowman, Angela Mosley, Angela Sirc, Dianne Hukins, Margaret Gray, Christine Bulters, Matthew Johnson, Suzy May Gellel, Lordna Omiping, Dr Madeleine Cincotta, Elenka Egan, Francisco Santos, Ada Raynor, Denise Mastro, Jadon Kalp, Amanda Dennis, Tara Conklin, Jamie Chitwood, Karl Llorin, Sue Freestone, Bill & Ardell Sharpe, Joseph Scalia, Lilia Pelino, Don Alanis.



## CHRIST IN YOU LUMEN CHRISTI PARISH PASTORAL PLAN



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Diocesan Bishop & Parish Priest  
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**Kevin Galea**,  
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### PASTORAL & FINANCE COUNCILS

**Lisa de Paiva**, Chair of the Pastoral Council  
**Gabi Tobin**, Chair of the Finance Council

### PARISH SCHOOLS

**Kathy Uroda**, Principal, St Brigid's Gwynneville  
**Toni Sillis**, Principal, Good Samaritan Fairy Meadow

### 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: JAN—MAR 2023

- Wed, 1 Feb:** Feast of St Brigid, Patroness of Gwynneville  
**Thu, 2 Feb:** Presentation of the Lord, SFX 7am, SBG 9:30am  
**Thu, 2 Feb:** Parish Lunch, Fraternity Club Fairy Meadow 12pm  
**Sun, 5 Feb:** Hospitality Weekend Resumes  
**Tue, 7 Feb:** Mass of Anointing, SJV 9.30am  
**Wed, 8 Feb:** Staff Development Day, Parish Office closed  
**Mon, 20 Feb:** Confirmation Parent Evening, SBG 6.30pm  
**Tue, 21 Feb:** Confirmation Parent Evening, GSFM 6.30pm  
**Wed, 22 Feb:** Ash Wednesday Masses, SFX 7am, SBG 9.30am, SJV 11am, SFX 12.10pm & SFX 6pm  
**Wed, 22 Feb:** Episcopal Ordination of Anniversary of Bishop Brian Mascord  
**Fri, 24 Feb:** Stations of the Cross, SFX 7pm  
**Sun, 26 Feb:** Rite of Election, SFX 2pm  
**Tue, 28 Feb:** Finance Council Mtg, Rigney Room, 5pm  
**Wed, 1 Mar:** Pastoral Council Mtg, Rigney Room, 5pm  
**Thu, 2 Mar:** Lunch Club, Fraternity Club Fairy Meadow 12pm  
**Fri, 3 Mar:** Stations of the Cross, SFX 7pm  
**Sat, 4 Mar:** Stewardship Mass, SFX 10am

## 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 for you at Home:** [youtube.com/massforyouathome](https://youtube.com/massforyouathome)
- **Mass/Prayer Intentions:** [lumenchristi.org.au/intentions](https://lumenchristi.org.au/intentions)
- **Light a Votive Candle:** [lumenchristi.org.au/votive](https://lumenchristi.org.au/votive)
- **Census Form:** [lumenchristi.org.au/census](https://lumenchristi.org.au/census)
- **Online Donations:** [lumenchristi.org.au/donate](https://lumenchristi.org.au/donate)
- **Join Planned Giving:** [lumenchristi.org.au/support](https://lumenchristi.org.au/support)
- **Columbarium:** [lumenchristi.org.au/columbarium](https://lumenchristi.org.au/columbarium)
- **Sacramental Programme:** [lumenchristi.org.au/sacramental](https://lumenchristi.org.au/sacramental)
- **Privacy Policy:** [privacy.lumenchristi.org.au](https://privacy.lumenchristi.org.au)
- **St Brigid's School:** [sbgdow.catholic.edu.au](https://sbgdow.catholic.edu.au)
- **Good Samaritan School:** [gsfmdow.catholic.edu.au](https://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



## LET US OPEN OUR ARMS TO CHRIST

On the Feast of the Lord's Presentation candles are blessed in honour of Christ the Light of the world. Please bring your own candles to be blessed during this Mass on **Thursday, 2 February** at:

- ◆ **7am St Francis Xavier Cathedral**
- ◆ **9.30am St Brigid's Gwynneville.**

The Presentation of the Lord is also the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life. We pray for all those men and women who live their vocation in one of the Institutes of Consecrated Life or Societies of Apostolic Life, such as the Franciscans or Benedictines. Like Christ who was dedicated in the Temple, these men and women are dedicated to live in witnessing to the beauty, love, and service of God.

In reflecting on the way Simeon and Anna welcomed Christ as a child in the Temple, Pope Francis appealed to all consecrated men and women to set aside negativity and despondency. Instead, they need look to Jesus and the renewed ways in which we can build our communities:

"But we have to embrace Jesus in adoration and ask for eyes capable of seeing the goodness and discerning the ways of God. If we embrace Christ with open arms, we will also embrace others with trust and humility. Then conflicts will not escalate, disagreements will not divide, and the temptation to domineer and to offend the dignity of others will be overcome. So let us open our arms to Christ and to all our brothers and sisters. For that is where Jesus is."



★**HAPPY**★  
**BIRTHDAY!**

**BISHOP BRIAN  
MASCORD!**

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**MAY GOD  
BLESS YOU!**

For more information on bequests please visit: [lumenchristi.org.au/bequest](https://lumenchristi.org.au/bequest)

# In our parish & around the diocese



## MASS OF ANOINTING | 7 FEBRUARY | 9.30AM, SJV

On 7 February we will celebrate the Votive Mass of Our Lady of Lourdes, **9:30am at St John Vianney, Fairy Meadow**, to be followed by light refreshments. That Mass will be offered for those who are suffering the effects of serious illness or the infirmity of old age. Anyone in such need is very welcome to receive the Anointing of the Sick during the Mass.

The Anointing of the Sick is attested by Saint James: "Is anyone among you sick? Let him call in the presbyters of the Church and let them pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord" (James 5:14-15). The celebration of this sacrament consists in an anointing with oil blessed by the bishop at the Mass of the Chrism. The Anointing of the Sick:

- unites us to the saving love of Christ in his Passion;
- bestows strength, peace, and courage;
- forgives sins when someone is unable to receive the sacrament of Penance;
- restores health, if it is helpful for the person's salvation;
- prepares the dying person for passing over to eternal life.

You are all very welcome to attend the Mass of Anointing. It is a wonderful opportunity to receive the Anointing, but it is also a great opportunity to show support for those who are ill and suffering.

Fr Bernard Gordon



## LENT AT LUMEN CHRISTI

### ASH WEDNESDAY: 22 FEBRUARY

Lent is given to us by God as "a sacred time" for our hearts to be renewed and purified (Preface II of Lent). Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, a day of fast and abstinence, when the blessed ashes are sprinkled over our heads as a sign of repentance. The Mass timetable for Ash Wednesday, 22 February is:

**St Francis Xavier Cathedral**

**7am, 12.10pm & 6pm**

**St John Vianney Co-Cathedral**

**11am** (includes Good Samaritan Parish School)

**St Brigid's Church**

**9.30am** (includes St Brigid's Parish School)

the gentle share the earth's resources, do everything possible to satisfy the craving for justice.

We could pause for a moment to pray the 'Our Father' pledging ourselves to help construct this new society where the Beatitudes can come true:

'Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.'

## LUMEN CHRISTI PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2023

### AN INVITATION TO ALL PARENTS AND CHILDREN

Parents and caregivers are invited to enrol their child into the 2023 program for Reconciliation (Year 3), Holy Communion (Year 3) and Confirmation (Year 6).

Parents and caregivers will need to attend a compulsory information session with the Parish Administrator, the School Principal and the Religious Education Coordinator of our Catholic Parish Primary Schools at the commencement of the program.

Parents and caregivers of children in the State School System will also need to attend this information session.

To enrol your child in the Sacramental program visit the Lumen Christi Parish Online Portal **no later than Monday 6th February 2023.**

Go to: [lumenchristi.org.au/sacramental](https://lumenchristi.org.au/sacramental)

Looking forward to meeting you and helping you and your child to celebrate the Sacraments with faith and joy,

Fr Bernard Gordon (Administrator), Kathy Uroda (Principal St Brigid's) & Toni Sillis (Principal Good Samaritan)

## PARISH LUNCHEON

All are welcome to join our Parish luncheon, Thursday 2nd February 2023, 12pm at the Fraternity Club Fairy Meadow.

### AN INVITATION TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

In honour of your great work as a generous parish volunteer, I warmly invite you to a Mass of Thanksgiving followed by light refreshments. The Mass and Gathering will be held at **10am Saturday 4th March 2023**, St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong.

Please RSVP your attendance by 15th February. Go to: [lumenchristi.org.au/rsvp](https://lumenchristi.org.au/rsvp) or phone 4211 0500.

Thank you for making our parish a lively community of faith, worship, and service.

Fr Bernard Gordon



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

### Entrance Antiphon

Ps 105:47

Save us, O Lord our God!  
And gather us from the nations,  
to give thanks to your holy name,  
and make it our glory to praise you.

### First Reading

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah

*In your midst I will leave a humble and a lowly people.*

Seek the Lord  
all you, the humble of the earth,  
who obey his commands.  
Seek integrity,  
seek humility:  
you may perhaps find shelter  
on the day of the anger of the Lord.  
In your midst I will leave  
a humble and lowly people,  
and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the  
Lord.  
They will do no wrong,  
will tell no lies;  
and the perjured tongue will no longer  
be found in their mouths.  
But they will be able to graze and rest  
with no one to disturb them.

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145:7-10. R. Mt 5:3

(R.) Happy the poor in spirit;

the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith forever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
who raises up those who are bowed down,  
the Lord, who protects the stranger  
and upholds the widow and orphan. (R.)
3. It is the Lord who loves the just  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

### Second Reading

1 Cor 1:26-31

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*God has chosen what is weak by human reckoning.*

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom,

and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation

Mt 5:12

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Rejoice and be glad;  
Your reward will be great in heaven.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

Mt 5:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*Happy are the poor in spirit.*

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit:

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:

they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:

they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:

they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:

they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:

they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:

they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

### Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 30:17-18

Let your face shine on your servant.

Save me in your merciful love.

O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

### REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

#### The Beatitudes ... A Call to Action

Jesus doesn't start in a fantasy dream world of perfection. Jesus looks at the world as it often is for many people, perhaps for most people around the world: 'the poor in spirit', 'those who mourn', 'those who are gentle', 'those who hunger and thirst for justice'. Jesus astonishes the crowd by saying that such people are 'Blessed'. How can this be? The answer lies in our Lord's emphasis on the new community he is establishing under the reign of God: what he calls 'the Kingdom of God'.

Those in such wretched circumstances will have things set right, but only if followers of Jesus do everything possible to lift the poor out of the poverty which crushes their spirit, do everything possible to comfort those who mourn, do everything possible to make sure

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