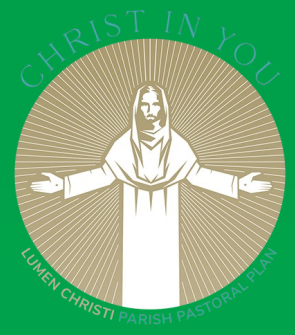


# 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY, Year A

23 JULY 2023

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

“His mercy is from age to age.”



## 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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## 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.



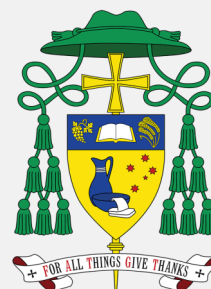
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CATHOLIC PARISH

## MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE ...

Peter Gardiner, Paula Dingli, Sheila McNamara, Charles Curtis, Paul Gray, Rosa & Alessandro Morlando, Fr Michael Mullins.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS ...

Bishop Peter Ingham, Joan O'Dowd, Alan Curtis, Matthew Johnson, Suzy May Gellel, Pat Carr, John Parkinson, Joseph Scalia, Bill Sharpe, Therese & Noel Rouse, Grace Zammit.



# In our parish & around the diocese

## PARISH CALENDAR: JUL—AUG 2023

- Sun, 23 Jul: World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly  
Tue, 25 Jul: Finance Council Meeting  
Wed, 26 Jul: Sts Joachim and Anne, Grandparents of Jesus  
Thu, 27 Jul: Pastoral Council Meeting  
Tue, 1 Aug: Feast of St John Vianney, Mass SJV 9.30am  
Thu, 3 Aug: Parish Lunch, Fraternity Club Fairy Meadow 12pm  
Fri, 4 Aug: Feast of St John Vianney  
Sat, 5 Aug: Dedication of SJV Co-Cathedral (2011)  
Sun, 6 Aug: Transfiguration  
Sun, 6 Aug: Hospitality weekend  
Tue, 8 Aug: Feast of St Mary of the Cross Mackillop  
Masses SFX 7am, SJV 9.30am & SFX 12.10pm  
Thu, 10 Aug: Reconciliation First Holy Communion Program  
Mon, 14 Aug: Vigil, Solemnity of the Assumption, Holy Day of Obligation: SFX 6pm  
Tue, 15 Aug: Solemnity of the Assumption, Holy Day of Obligation: SFX 7am, SJV 9.30am, SFX 12.10pm

## SACRAMENTS

- ♦ **Baptisms:** By appointment only. Baptism preparation session must be completed. Contact the parish office or book online [lumenchristi.org.au/baptism](https://lumenchristi.org.au/baptism)
- ♦ **Marriages:** A preliminary appointment needs to be made at least 6 months prior to Wedding Date (**No Sunday weddings in our parish**)
- ♦ 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)
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- ♦ **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



World Day  
for Grandparents  
and the Elderly  
2023

## World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

**"His mercy is from age to age."**  
LUKE 1:50

*This Sunday we celebrate with Pope Francis the third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.*

*Caring for grandparents and the elderly is not only a duty of gratitude and affection, but a necessity for building a more humane and fraternal society.*

*Pope Francis invites us to recognize how important grandparents and the elderly are in transmitting faith and hope to the new generations of young people.*

*It is not a matter of celebrating our elderly loved ones once a year, but of making them feel an integral part of our Christian family and our common history.*

*The third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which will be celebrated on July 23, 2023, has the theme, "His mercy is from age to age" (Lk 1: 50). This verse reminds us that God's mercy is manifested in history through the testimonies of those who have experienced it and passed it on to their children and grandchildren.*

*Grandparents and the elderly are called to carry this mercy, to tell through words and life how God has been faithful to His promises and how He continues to love His people. They are also called to receive God's mercy, and to allow themselves to be comforted by His fatherly love that never abandons them.*

*The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is an occasion to once again express with joy that the Church wants to celebrate together with those whom the Lord – as the Bible says – has given "a full life".*

*This year's Grandparents Day is closely connected with the World Youth Day, which will be held in Lisbon from 1 to 6 August. This relationship is evident in Pope Francis' message to elders, inviting them to pray for and bless the youth who will participate in the WYD.*

*Pope Francis also asks young people attending the World Youth Day to visit and listen to the grandparents and the elderly in their community. The Pope emphasises that between the two generations there is a communion of life and faith, a mutual giving and gratitude, a witness of hope and charity.*

*This weekend a prayer card for Grandparents and the Elderly will be given to you. Please take one home with our love and blessing.*

*A very special thank you to all our grandparents and elders for their witness of wisdom won by long experience and their faith purified in the fires of many challenges.*

*May God bless you all.*

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# WHO WE ARE



*Bearers of Christ's love*



**9** Local Government Areas: Wollongong, Shellharbour, Kiama, Shoalhaven, Wingecarribee, Wollondilly, Camden, Campbelltown and Liverpool and **29** parishes.



**400** volunteer catechists teaching Special Religious Education (SRE) to around **7,500** students in **130** government schools each week.



Nearly **24%** of this region's population are Catholic which means that we offer ministry to over **197,000** people. **8th** largest diocese in Australia.



Celebrating Mass in over **55** churches, in **20** languages for over **12,500** people every weekend.



Over **50** active and retired clergy in our diocese, and **7** seminarians, the highest intake in many years.



We produce *Mass for You at Home*, a free-to-air televised ministry viewed by over **40,000** people around Australia each week.



**46** schools, educating over **25,000** students every year. 1 in 5 students in the region are educated in our Catholic schools.



Over **15** chaplains working alongside our people living with disability, our youth, aged, non-english speaking, prison, juvenile justice, hospital, *Mass for You at Home* and university communities.



One of the largest and most extensive volunteer networks in the region including over **2,500** volunteers in our parishes.



**6** CatholicCare sites offering social services to over **17,500** people every year.



One of the biggest employers in this region, with a workforce of nearly **3,400** people.



**We are present at most of the important milestones in the life of a Catholic person ... at times of great sadness and at times of great celebration.**

AS AT 1 JUNE 2023

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### Entrance Antiphon

Ps 53:6,8

See, I have God for my help.  
The Lord sustains my soul.  
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,  
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

### First Reading

Wis 12:13.16-19

A reading from the book of Wisdom

*In the place of sin, you give repentance.*

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything,  
to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.  
Your justice has its source in strength,  
your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.  
You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned  
and you expose the insolence of those who know it;  
but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement,  
you govern us with great lenience,  
for you have only to will, and your power is there.  
By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people  
how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men,  
and you have given your sons the good hope  
that after sin you will grant repentance.

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 85:5-6. 9-10. 15-16. R. v.5

(R.) Lord, you are good and forgiving.

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving,  
full of love to all who call.  
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer  
and attend to the sound of my voice. (R.)
2. All the nations shall come to adore you  
and glorify your name, O Lord:  
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,  
you who alone are God. (R.)
3. But you, God of mercy and compassion,  
slow to anger, O Lord,  
abounding in love and truth,  
turn and take pity on me. (R.)

### Second Reading

Rom 8:26-27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never  
be put into words.*

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot  
choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses  
our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who  
knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he  
means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are  
according to the mind of God.

### Gospel Acclamation

See Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;  
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

Mt 13:24-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*Let them grow together until the harvest.*

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may  
be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While  
everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the  
wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened,  
the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and  
said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so,  
where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he  
answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed  
it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel  
you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the har-  
vest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the  
darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into  
my barn."

He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like  
a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the  
smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest  
shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and  
shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the  
yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it  
was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would  
never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfill the  
prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables

and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples  
came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the  
field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son  
of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the  
kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who  
sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reap-  
ers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and  
burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will  
send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things  
that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the  
blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.  
Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Fa-  
ther. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

### Communion Antiphon

Ps 110:4-5

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,  
has made a memorial of his wonders;  
he gives food to those who fear him.

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