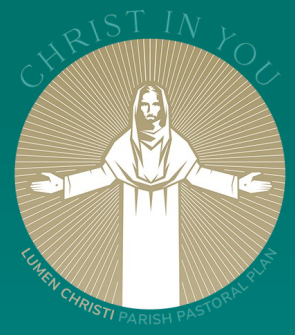


24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, A

17 SEPTEMBER 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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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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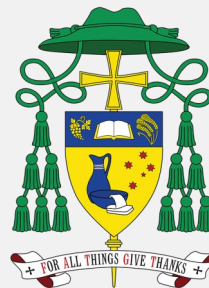
CATHOLIC PARISH

MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE ...

Roger Doyle, May Garrety, Lucio Fernandes, Azarea Linsey Soriano, Eduardo Sagge, Glenice McDonald, Paul Gray, Christopher & Bridget Armitage.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS ...

Bishop Peter Ingham, Fr David Catterall, Jan Coulson, Nelson Salinas, Margaret Gray, Joan O'Dowd, Alan Curtis, Matthew Johnson, Suzy May Gellel, Pat Carr, John Parkinson, Joseph Scalia, Bill Sharpe, Therese & Noel Rouse.



In our parish & around the diocese

PARISH CALENDAR: SEP—DEC 2023

- Wed, 27 Sep: St Vincent de Paul
Wed, 20 Sep: Baptism Class, SFX 7pm
Sun 1 Oct: Hospitality weekend
Wed, 4 Oct: St Francis of Assisi
Sun, 22 Oct: World Mission Sunday & Catholic Mission Appeal
Tue, 31 Oct: +BM, Priestly Ordination Anniversary (1992)
Wed, 1 Nov: All Saints, SFX 7am & 12.10pm
Thu, 2 Nov: All Souls, SFX 7am & 12.10pm & SBG 9.30am
Thu, 2 Nov: Parish Lunch, Frat Club Fairy Meadow 12pm
Sun, 5 Nov: Hospitality weekend
Sat, 11 Nov: Diocesan Catechist Mass, SFX 10am
Sat, 11 Nov: No Reconciliation at 11am
Wed, 15 Nov: Baptism Class, SFX 7pm
Sun, 26 Nov: Feast of Christ the King
Sun, 3 Dec: First Sunday of Advent - Year B
Sun, 3 Dec: Blessing of St Francis Xavier Statue, SFX 10.30am
Sun, 3 Dec: St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal 2023
Sun, 3 Dec: Hospitality weekend

SACRAMENTS

- ♦ **Baptisms:** By appointment only. Baptism preparation session must be completed. Contact the parish office or book online 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
- ♦ **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
- ♦ **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



BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

“Our faith calls us to help one another through prayer and action. Offering dignified support and care for our retired and retiring clergy, who have always cared for us; and a sound and holistic formation of our young seminarians, our future priests, are my responsibilities as your Bishop.

I seek your prayers and practical support to help me ensure that I can do this. Your donation to this appeal is very much appreciated.”

A leaving collection at the doors of the church will be taken up after the Masses this weekend.

To donate online please visit: dow.org.au/giving or phone 4222 2446.

+ Bishop Brian Mascord

CONGRATULATIONS!

Bishop Brian Mascord will be celebrating the annual Significant Marriage Anniversaries Mass this Sunday, 17th September 2023 at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong at 2pm.

*My personal congratulations to Chris and Susan Field from our parish for celebrating **Thirty Years** of marriage!*

Pope Francis has specifically encouraged celebration of wedding anniversaries: “We need these moments of cherishing God’s gifts and renewing our zest for life.” Let us renew our joy in the gift of marriage and family life. May God give us the grace to see the good in others and encourage them to share their gifts in love and gratitude.

God bless you all,

Fr Bernard Gordon (all the way from sunny Ireland!)

WELCOME FR BILL MILSTED

This weekend we welcome Fr Bill Misted to Lumen Christi Parish. Fr Bill has kindly accepted our invitation to assist with our Reconciliation and Mass time table in Lumen Christi.

Please give Fr Bill a very warm welcome!

PUBLIC HOLIDAY LABOUR DAY

Mass will be offered at **8am Monday 2nd October** on Labour Day Public Holiday at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong. The parish office will be closed and reopen on Monday 3rd October at 8.30am

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

In our parish & around the diocese

RIDE WOLLONGONG—23 & 24 SEPT

Ride Wollongong is celebrating the legacy of the 2022 UCI Road World Championships. Elite Energy has engaged with the parish for the use of the toilets for this time. Road closures: Endeavour Drive, **Saturday 9am to 5pm** and **Sunday 7am to 5pm**; Marine Drive, Cliff Rd closed to Crown St, **7am to 5pm** both days. Please follow the detour signage in place.

NEW DONATION POINT DEVICE

Quest Payment Solutions has launched a new Donation Point Device. The Donation Point Tap device allows you to select a nominated amount on the screen or select custom donation.

This donation device will be trialed in the Cathedral foyer over the next few months.

Thank you for your support by donating!



here's the catch: it is that sort of forgiveness which we must practise towards others.

When we don't, we are like the principal debtor in Jesus' story. In harshly dealing with a minor debtor, he refused to share his king's quality of forgiveness. If we don't pass on this aspect of God's life to others, then we are warned that we will end up in a hellish situation unable to share in the fullness of Divine life.

It is easy to talk 'Big Picture' forgiveness. It is much harder within the family or circle of acquaintances. It seems impossible to simply will it. But we have to ask for the grace to do it.

We could pause for a moment to pray:

'Our Father who art in Heaven . . . forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.'

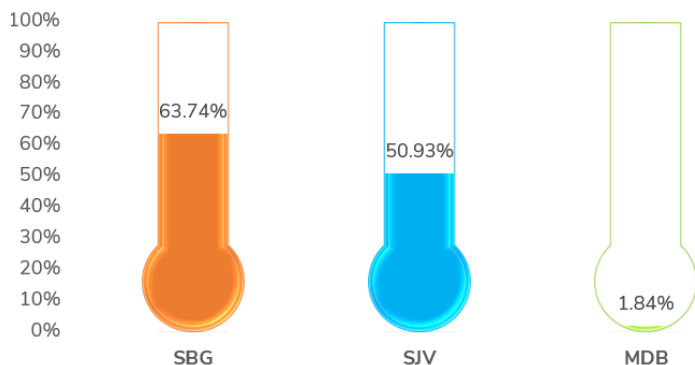


SAVE OUR KNEES APPEAL

Please donate for new padding on the kneelers at St John Vianney's Co-Cathedral, St Brigid's and Mater Dolorosa by:

- ◆ completing a pledge form online at: www.lumenchristi.org.au/kneelers
- ◆ **Direct Deposit**
BSB: **066 711** Account #: **008056** Ref: **Your Name-SOK**
Cheques Payable to: **Lumen Christi Parish**
- ◆ Or by collecting an envelope from the church door (mark it "Kneelers Donation") and place it inside the collection bag, collection boxes, or hand it in at the parish office.

DONATIONS AS OF 11 SEPTEMBER 2023



MONTH OF THE ROSARY

October is especially dedicated to praying the Rosary, a most beautiful way of gently contemplating the saving Life, Light, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus. During the month of October you are warmly invited to pray the Rosary at **Mater Dolorosa Church Balgownie, 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th of October at 2pm.**



HELLO FROM SUNNY DUBLIN!

There is so much to tell! Dublin is filled with beautiful sights, music and culture. St Stephen's Green is a vast garden of delightful lawns, trees and colourful plants where people lie down in the delightful sunlight, relax and happily talk. The National Gallery of Ireland has the most gorgeous collection of religious art, like Caravaggio's *The Taking of Christ* and Murillo's truly heartwarming *The Holy Family*. But I will tell you more as the weeks progress ...

Fr Bernard

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

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Sirach 36:18

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant,
and of your people Israel.

First Reading

Sirach 27:30 – 28:7

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

*Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray, your
sins will be forgiven.*

Resentment and anger, these are foul things,
and both are found with the sinner.
He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the
Lord,
who keeps strict account of sin.
Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you,
and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.
If a man nurses anger against another,
can he then demand compassion from the Lord?
Showing no pity for a man like himself,
can he then plead for his own sins?
Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment;
who will forgive him his sins?
Remember the last things, and stop hating,
remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments.
Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-
will;
remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 102:1-4. 9-12. R. v.8

*(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful;
slow to anger and rich in compassion.*

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. *(R.)*
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. *(R.)*
3. His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults *(R.)*
4. For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins. *(R.)*

Second Reading

Romans 14:7-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Gospel Acclamation

John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!
I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy
times seven.*

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.
'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said. "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf Psalm 35:8

How precious is your mercy, O God!
The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Forgiveness

I don't like the phrase: 'Forgive and forget'. Remembering can be an important part of healing. Forgiving is about giving up the desire 'to get even', making sure that the 'punishment fits the crime'. It is that sort of forgiveness which we dare to ask of God for ourselves. But

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