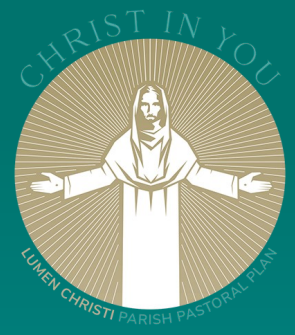


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15 OCTOBER 2023

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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PARISH CENTRE

Office Hours: Monday to Friday 8.30am —2.00pm
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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.



LUMEN CHRISTI

CATHOLIC PARISH

MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE ...

Jason Muscat, Gillen Family, Margaret Gray.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS ...

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

DAILY ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS REFLECTIONS

The Sign: Daily Advent and Christmas Reflections 2023—a captivating 80-page book containing spiritually rich, yet accessible, daily reflections from the beginning of Advent through to the Baptism of the Lord. Purchase your Advent Book for only \$2.50 each.



Go to: lumenchristi.org.au/shop

In our parish & around the diocese

PARISH CALENDAR: OCT—DEC 2023

Fri, 20 Oct: Rosary Prayed at Mater Dolorosa Church, 2pm
Sun, 22 Oct: World Mission Sunday & Catholic Mission Appeal
Fri, 27 Oct: Rosary Prayed at Mater Dolorosa Church, 2pm
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
Sat, 2 Dec: Hark concert, SFX 2pm
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
Fri, 8 Dec: Immaculate Conception

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

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT CATHEDRAL SACRISTAN

I am delighted to share some wonderful news with our parish community. It is with great pleasure that I announce the appointment of **Joe Bonanno** as the Assistant Cathedral Sacristan of St Francis Xavier Cathedral. Joe has been an invaluable member of our parish for many years, consistently demonstrating his dedication to our faith and commitment to serving our community.



We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Joe Bonanno on his appointment where he will work closely with our Cathedral Sacristan, Denis Bristow.
Kevin Galea, GM

BLESSING FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS

You are warmly invited to Mass at St John Vianney Co-Cathedral this **Tuesday 17 October at 9:30am** to pray for all mothers, especially those who are preparing to give birth or are experiencing difficulties in their pregnancy. The blessing for expectant mothers will be given as an expression of our prayerful affection and support.

NOVEMBER MASSES

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

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES TRAINING

A new date has been set for the formation and training for Readers, Ministers of Communion, Acolytes, and Servers at the Xavier Centre on Saturday 25th November 2023, 9am to 12pm.



To register go to: lumenchristi.org.au/refresh2023
Registration closes on Friday 15th November 2023.

CATHEDRAL STATUES

The Cathedral statues of Our Lady, St Joseph, and St Anthony have now returned. Thank you to the parishioners who donated towards the cost of the restoration. Their contributions will undoubtedly help preserve these important religious icons for future generations to enjoy and find inspiration from. Your dedication and support help maintain the spiritual and historical significance.

Fr Bernard

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

In our parish & around the diocese

CALLED BY NAME:

MACARTHUR YOUNG ADULTS GATHERING CAMPBELLTOWN CATHOLIC CLUB, SATURDAY 28 OCTOBER 6:45PM - 9PM

We live in a chaotic world that often leaves us struggling to understand who we truly are, our purpose, and our calling in life. If you've found yourself contemplating these questions, you're not alone! We all crave a profound sense of purpose in our lives, and an understanding of "whose" we are and what we were created for.

We extend to you this personal invitation to engage with fellow young adults from 17—35 years old, guided by a panel who will openly share the stories and learnings from their own journeys, with an opportunity for Q&A throughout the discussion.

This event is the beginning of a regional initiative connecting young adults in the Macarthur, though young adults from all throughout the Diocese are most welcome. Register now: dow.sh/cbn23 If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au

TRIBE SUPPORT

Tribe Support has engaged with Lumen Christi Parish to create awareness for those in need of support. Their support consists of, personal activities, community access, assistance with household tasks, meal improvements and skills. To find out about more information contact Jennifer on **0411 624 690** or email jennifer@tribesupport.com.au or tribesupport.com.au



FREE TECHNOLOGY TRAINING FOR SENIORS

CatholicCare are very proud to be partnering with Catholic Education Office and Holy Spirit College for the second year offering free technology training to seniors within our diocese.

The Cross + Generational training program is a unique opportunity for an 'exchange of gifts' between both students and seniors. With overwhelming positive feedback from past programs in the Macarthur, Shellharbour and Nowra areas this year, we highly recommend this program not only to update your skills, but to enjoy the social interaction.

There are only 4 Wednesday sessions this term 9.30am to 11am on 25 October, 8 November, 22 November & 6 December. To secure your place, please call Jane Hollier, Parish Liaison Officer at CatholicCare on **0417 018 152** or email: janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au

prospect of sharing in the life of the Lord of the Feast, and they are welcomed, whether good or evil.

What about the king's (God's) question to the wedding guest? 'My friend, how come you are here without a wedding garment?' The guest might have replied: 'Because of dire poverty', or 'Lack of time', but the story goes on, 'But the guest was silent'. The guest was tongue-tied because he was caught out having decided not to enter into the spirit of the occasion.

That is why, at every baptism, we look for a signal of commitment to respond to the spirit of the occasion, by the wearing of a white garment. This anticipates the later receiving of Holy Communion which is a foretaste of the Feast of Heaven.

We could pause for a moment at this Mass to enter into the Spirit of the occasion wearing the garment of our baptismal commitment.

"HEARTS ON FIRE, FEET ON THE MOVE"

- WORLD MISSION SUNDAY APPEAL -

This year's World Mission Sunday theme is inspired by the story of the disciples on the way to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35): "Hearts on fire, feet on the move". Pope Francis' message for Mission Day encourages us all to renew our commitment to proclaim the Good News and support missionary work.

Please give to the World Mission Sunday Appeal by using the envelopes provided next **weekend of 21/22 October** for cash or credit card donations.

Catholic Mission thanks you for your great support!



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

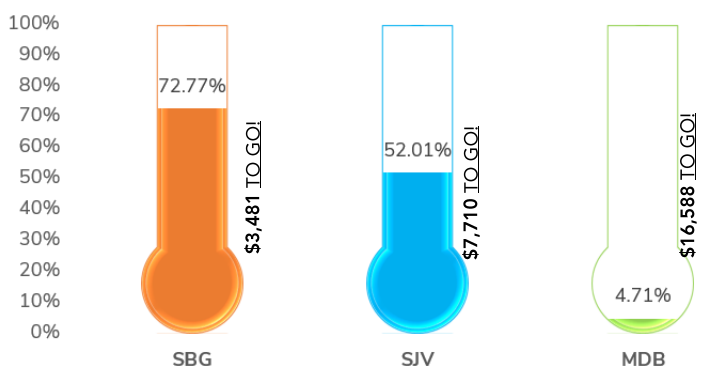
- ◆ completing a pledge form online at: www.lumenchristi.org.au/kneelers

- ◆ **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.



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

Entrance Antiphon

Psalm 129:3-4

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.

First Reading

Isaiah 25:6-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears
from every cheek.*

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines,
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.
On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.
The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us;
for the hand of the Lord
rests on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22. R. v.6

(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.

1. 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,
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading

Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

See Ephesians 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf Psalm 33:11

The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Wedding Garments at Baptisms!

The servants of the king went out and gathered in 'all whom they found, good and evil alike'. They respond, drawn by the attractive

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