



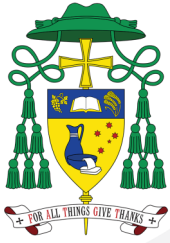
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Cathedral of St Francis Xavier (Est.1838), Co-Cathedral of St John Vianney (Est.1947), Mater Dolorosa (Est.1908), St Brigid's (Est.1948)

## 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year C | 27th October 2019 | Issue 47

### CLERGY STAFF

**Most Reverend Brian G Mascord**, Diocesan Bishop & Parish Priest  
**Very Reverend Bernard L Gordon**, Vicar General & Acting Administrator  
**Reverend Victor Vincent**, Assistant Priest  
**Reverend Anthony Ha**, Vietnamese Chaplain & Assistant Priest  
**Reverend George Mankuzhikary**, Priest for Syro-Malabar & Assistant Priest



### PARISH STAFF

**Mr Kevin Galea**, Business & Operations Manager  
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**Mrs Leanne Burlin**, Secretary  
**Mrs Patricia Di Leva**, Administration Assistant  
**Mrs Karen Borger**, Cathedral Housekeeper

### MASS TIMES AT WOLLONGONG

**Mondays:** Morning Prayer: 6.45am  
Mass: 7am

**Tuesdays:** Morning Prayer: 6.45am  
Mass: 7am

**Wednesdays** Morning Prayer: 6.45am,  
Mass: 7am  
Rosary: 11.40am  
Mass: 12.10pm#

**Thursdays:** Morning Prayer: 6.45am  
Mass: 7am

**Fridays:** Morning Prayer: 6.45am  
Mass: 7am  
Exposition: 11am  
Reconciliation: 11.30am  
Mass: 12.10pm

**Saturdays** Morning Prayer: 6.45am  
Mass: 7am  
Reconciliation: 12pm-1pm

**Sundays:** **Mass: 7am, 10.30am, 5pm**  
#School children may attend this mass

### MASS TIMES AT FAIRY MEADOW

*Morning Prayer: Weekdays 15mins prior mass*

**Tuesdays:** Mass: 9.30am#

**Wednesdays:** Mass: 8am

**Thursdays:** Mass: 8am; Exposition,  
9.30am (Italian)

**Saturdays:** Divine Mercy & Rosary: 8.10am  
Mass: 9am  
Reconciliation: 5pm  
**Vigil Mass: 6pm**

**Sundays:** **Mass: 8.30am; 10am (Italian)**  
Prayer at 4pm  
**4.30pm (Vietnamese)**

### MASS TIMES AT BALGOWNIE

**Sundays:** Rosary 9.40am; **Mass: 10am**  
**Syro-Malabar Rite: Mass 11.30am**

### MASS TIMES AT GWYNNEVILLE

**Thursdays:** Mass: 9.30am#

**Saturdays:** Reconciliation: 5pm  
**Vigil Mass: 5.30pm**

**Sundays:** **9am Mass, 11.30am (Spanish)**

### WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS AND MASSES

**Please pray for:** the repose of the souls of the faithful - our recently deceased; Peter Taylor, David Hodgson.

**For William (Bill) McCormack and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.**

**Also for:** Clare McCormack, Patrick McCormack, Maureen Gray, John Hayes, Steve Winder, Deceased members of our parish, John B Davis, Francis Joseph O'Donnell, Rhonda Reynolds, Frances Clifford, Joshua Pead, David & Judith Crowe, Jim Bates, John & Frances Merritt, Rose Mercieca, Charles Bastany, Catherine Tuxworth, Tom Mackie, Doris Hogan, Isabel Marques, Manuel Rebelo.

**Please pray for our sick:** Mary Ann Zacarias, Mark Magennis, Jo Clark, Edna Wilson, Marie Joyce, Alexis Subotic, Myln Cieves, Grace Glinski, Michael Barrett, Tom Keevers, Margaret Scabissi, June Bourke, Brian Brennan, Margaret Cooke, Betty Bloye, Bill Keirse, Lyn Gilbert, Jessica Sparks, Ava Degiorgio, Carol Herben, Pat Carr, Fr Doug Rheinberger, Bruce Creenaune, Tri Vu's mum (Vietnam), Joseph Scalia, Johny Dimise, Catherine Cox, Frances McMahan, Roxanne Toskovski, Joan O'Dowd, Margaret Bartley, Kath McGuinness, Veronica Bowman, Jan Newman, Jean Turnbull, Lucy Caruana.

### CONTACT US AT THE PARISH OFFICE

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Hospital Chaplain: **0475 815 506**

Our Privacy policy details can be found on our website: [www.privacy.lumenchristi.org.au](http://www.privacy.lumenchristi.org.au)

**Baptisms:** By appointment only. Contact the parish office for details.

**Marriages:** A preliminary appointment needs to be made at least 6 months prior to Wedding Date! no Sunday weddings.

**Events and Meetings in our Parishes:** [www.lumenchristi.org.au/events](http://www.lumenchristi.org.au/events)

**Online Payments and Donations:** [www.payments.lumenchristi.org.au](http://www.payments.lumenchristi.org.au)

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# In our parishes & around the diocese

[www.lumenchristi.org.au/events](http://www.lumenchristi.org.au/events)

## Calendar of Events 2019

Wed 30 Oct	Plenary 2020, Rigney Rm, 7pm
Fri 1 Nov	Plenary 2020, Cathedral Veranda, 10am
Thu 31 Oct	Priestly Anniversary, Bp Brian Mascord
Fri 1 Nov	All Saints, SFX 7am & 12.10pm
Sat 2 Nov	All Souls, SFX 7am & 9am SJV
2/3 Nov	Catholic Mission Appeal, All Masses
2/3 Nov	SJV Hospitality after Mass
Sun 3 Nov	Young Adults, BBQ, SFX 5pm
Tue 12 Nov	Finance Council, Mgr Rigney Rm, 5.30pm
Wed 20 Nov	Baptism Class, Mgr Rigney Rm, 7pm
Wed 20 Nov	Aid to the Church in Need, SFX 6pm

## The Way—Daily Advent and Christmas Reflections 2019

The Way—Daily Advent and Christmas Reflections 2019 will be available from late October; cost \$3. If you wish to purchase your book, **payment will need to be made in full** and will only have a certain amount of copies.

## Eternal Peace Grotto—North Stage II Now available

**134 new niches** are now available for purchase. Two new double sided columbarium walls have been added in our existing **Eternal Peace Grotto North side**.

If you wish to purchase a nice the sale price is **\$1870.00** including the plaque and GST. For more info contact the parish office on 4211 0500 (Tuesday– Friday).  
*Appointment Necessary*

## November Month of the Holy Souls

November Masses is a time we remember our deceased loved ones. Remember to print the names clearly on the envelopes so the names can be entered accurately into the **Books of the Deceased**. Envelopes are available at each of our church doors or at the Office.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen. And may the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*



## CWL Wollongong Branch Spring Raffle

Raffle tickets will be on sale after each Mass at SFX on 20 October and 27 October. First prize a throw rug; second prize \$50.00 gift voucher for Blu Emporium, Keiraville; third prize a pot plant. Tickets are **\$2.00** each or three for **\$5.00**. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday, 30 October and winners notified. Funds raised will go towards the Cathedral Restoration Project.  
*Thank you for your generous support.*

## Carer Needed for an Elderly Lady

A carer is needed to assist with an elderly lady who requires some basic assistance at home for approximately 15 hours a week in the local area. If you have an expression of interest please contact Anna 0409 057 999 for further information.


## St Francis Xavier Cathedral—Hospitality

Wollongong Branch CWL will be hosting a cup of tea/coffee after the **7am** and **10.30am** Mass at St Francis Xavier Cathedral in the Mgr John Rigney Room on **Sunday 27th October 2019**. All are welcome!

## Bishop Brian Mascord

This Thursday 31st October marks 34 years of Bishop Brian's priestly ordination. We give this to God to see this day, as he celebrates this anniversary it is a time when you look back and thank the Lord for His goodness and it is our sincere prayer that Bishop Brian continue to minister the people of our Diocese.  
God bless you and those you are serving.

## Catholic Mission Collection

Our annual Catholic Mission Collection  **catholic mission** will be held in each of our four churches next weekend **2/3 November**. *Reach out. Give life.*  
Your generosity in the support of Catholic Mission is greatly appreciated.

## Vocations: Invitation to Young Men 18+

Are you a young man discerning your vocation? Bishop Brian, the Vocations team and our two Wollongong seminarians James Arblaster and Sinh Le invite all young men considering their vocation to come together for a shared meal on **Friday 8 November 6:30pm, Xavier Centre, Wollongong**.  
RSVP Fr Duane Fernandez at [vocations@dow.org.au](mailto:vocations@dow.org.au) for catering purposes.

## Lunch Club

The next Lunch Club is **Wednesday 4 December** after 12.10pm mass. Everyone is most welcome!

## Year 5 Students. Try Year 7 for a Day

At St Mary's or Edmund Rice College. Thursday 7 or Friday 8 November 2019. For more information, visit [www.edmundricecollege.nsw.edu.au](http://www.edmundricecollege.nsw.edu.au) or [www.stmarys.nsw.edu.au](http://www.stmarys.nsw.edu.au)

## Missionary Leadership Formation Opportunity— Exciting New Course

*Foundation for Missionary Leadership* is designed to empower and equip participants to develop the skills necessary to be a missionary leader in the Church today.

For information please contact Darren at [darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au](mailto:darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au) or 4222 2463.

Information can also be found at [www.aretecentre.org](http://www.aretecentre.org)

## Annual Leave—Fr Victor Vincent

Fr Victor Vincent will be on annual leave during the month of November. Fr John Stork will continue to assist Lumen Christi with Masses during Fr Victor's absence. Fr John Stork will be taking leave in January. We give thanks to all our priests for their hard-work in ministering in our diocese. We pray that, Fr Victor has a restful time away.

Listen to what the Spirit is saying | [plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

## Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF)

This year the festival will be held in Perth from 8-10 December 2019 and the Diocese of Wollongong will be organising a group of young adults (18-30) to attend.

**Note:** applications to attend with the diocese will close **8 Nov.** Contact: Georgia on 4222 2427 or at [youth@dow.org.au](mailto:youth@dow.org.au)

## Spirituality in the Pub

Wollongong Spirituality in the Pub invites you to a conversation on Tuesday, 29th October at the Woonona Bulli RSL Club, from 7.30pm to 9.00pm. The guest speaker is **Dr Annette Tzavaras**. She will speak on *an insight to the complexity of issues in the decades of conflict in Afghanistan and the complicity of the west*. Enquiries : Ann 0427 235 955 or [wollsip@gmail.com](mailto:wollsip@gmail.com)

## Plenary Council 2020—Session #3 Prayer and Eucharistic Discernment Session

This week we will discern actions on how to treasure the Eucharist, sacramental and liturgical life of the Church; have more engaging preaching, emphasising the Word of God in connection to daily life; seek a uniquely Australian expression of prayer and Eucharistic celebration; encountering God through prayer, music and liturgy; and catechesis, training and formation for those in ministries.

**Come join us for these discernment and action sessions, Monsignor Rigney meeting room, 7.00pm Wednesday night or 10.00am Friday morning.**

## Liturgy of Remembrance for the Deceased

You are invited to a Liturgy of Remembrance for those deceased family, friends and relatives.

The Liturgy of the Word will be held **10.30am at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong** on Thursday 14th November. followed by refreshments in the Mgr John Rigney Meeting room. All Welcome!



Aid to the  
Church in Need

ACN AUSTRALIA

### Aid to the Church in Need

Fr Bernard Gordon, VG invites the Diocese of Wollongong to an evening of devotional prayers and Mass on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019 commencing 6pm at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, 36 Harbour St Wollongong.**

In support of the Christian faithful wherever they are persecuted, oppressed or in pastoral need. Australian Church in Need (ACN) is a Catholic charity helping to bring Christ to the world through Prayer, Information and Action.

In support of the ACN the Cathedral will be lit up in red from 7.30pm – 10pm—All welcome!

## Wrapped With Love

The warehouse closes at the start of December, therefore I will take any wraps, squares to Sydney at the end of November. If you have any you can either drop to my home or ring me and I will pick them up. Donated wool is always welcome. Karen 0431 304 580.

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The responsorial psalm is less a prayer than an instruction. Its content teaches that the righteous will be blessed and the wicked will be punished. The contrast between the just and the wicked is clearly drawn. Besides being identified as servants of the Lord, the righteous are also referred to as the lowly, the broken-hearted, and the crushed in spirit, all indications of great suffering. Their cries for help will be heard and God will provide them with what they need. The fortunes of the wicked will be just the reverse. The face of the Lord will be set against them and they will experience God's hostility in the worst possible way. Remembrance of them will be wiped out.

Paul is aware of the fact that his days are numbered, that his death is imminent. He uses moving imagery to characterise it: He is being poured out like sacrificial blood; His death is a kind of leave-taking associated with sailors who weigh anchor or soldiers who break camp. Paul has completed a demanding tour of service and is now preparing to return home. Finally, as in an athletic competition, he has competed well; he has finished the race; he now awaits the crown of victory. Because God is trustworthy, Paul is confident that God will preserve him from anything that might threaten his spiritual well being and prevent him from being led safely into the kingdom of heaven.

The story of the Pharisee and the tax collector is an example of divine reversal. It shows that judgment is based on self-assessment not on the evaluation of another. The Pharisee is a model of religious observance. His description of himself is probably accurate, and his negative estimation of the tax collector may be accurate as well. The tax collector does not deny possible involvement in offensive practices. In fact, his prayer for mercy seems to be an admission of his guilt. The tax collector prayed for mercy, and his prayer was answered. The Pharisee asked for nothing, and received nothing. The saying at the end is the final judgment. The men's lives may have been the reverse of each other, but the judgment of Jesus exposes the real reversal.

## Staff Announcement— Patricia Di Leva

It gives me great pleasure to announce that, Patricia Di Leva has joined the Lumen Christi parish office team as an Administration Assistant.

Patricia comes to us with a wealth of experience having worked in various Administrative and Accounting roles. She will be assisting our busy parish office with daily administrative tasks. Welcome Patricia to Lumen Christi!

## The Catholic bishops of Australia have announced a National Prayer Campaign for the gift of rain during November

The faithful across the country are encouraged to pray for the gift of rain, for people affected by the drought and to provide practical support, where possible. The bishops note that large parts of the country are directly affected by the drought, but the impact is national—and so should the response be national. For access to prayer resources and links to donate to the Diocese of Bathurst Drought Appeal and the Vinnies NSW Drought Appeal, visit: [www.catholic.org.au/drought](http://www.catholic.org.au/drought)

## Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 104:3-4

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;  
turn to the Lord and his strength;  
constantly seek his face.

## First Reading

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

*The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens.*

The Lord is a judge  
who is no respecter of personages.  
He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of  
a poor man,  
he listens to the plea of the injured party.  
He does not ignore the orphan's supplication,  
nor the widow's as she pours out her story.  
The man who with his whole heart serves God will be  
accepted,  
his petitions will carry to the clouds.  
The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds,  
until it arrives he is inconsolable  
nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him,  
acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement.  
And the Lord will not be slow,  
nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:2-3, 17-19, 23. R. v.7

(R.) The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked  
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.  
The just call and the Lord hears  
and rescues them in all their distress. (R.)
3. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;  
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.  
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.  
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. (R.)

## Second Reading

2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

*All that remains is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.*

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them de-

serted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

## Gospel Acclamation

2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;  
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to  
us.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

Lk 18:9-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*The publican returned to his home justified; the pharisee did not.*

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else, 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

## Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 19:6

We will ring out our joy at your saving help  
and exult in the name of our God.

## SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY by Dianne Bergant CSA

The reading from the Book of Sirach is a discourse on both the impartiality of God and the prayer of those in need. Sirach contends that God hears the cry of the oppressed, those who are the victims of wrongdoing. The oppressed cry out; the orphan wails; the widow complains, and God yields to their requests. These are all people for whom there seems to be little redress. It is almost as if God is bound to respond positively to them. As a covenant partner, God is accountable for them, especially when other covenant partners disregard their own responsibilities. Sirach assures these forlorn people that their entreaties will not go unheeded.

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