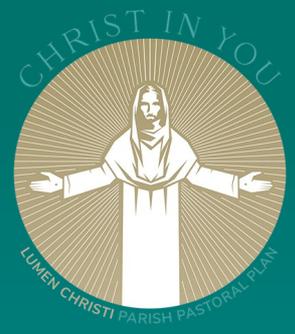


23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, A

10 SEPTEMBER 2023

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

Work for Justice and Healing



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.



LUMEN CHRISTI

CATHOLIC PARISH

MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE ...

Roger Doyle, Paul Gray, Isobel Therese Joseph, Emmanuel Lionel Joseph.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS ...

Bishop Peter Ingham, 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—NOV 2023

- Thu, 14 Sep:** The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Thu, 14 Sep: Anniversary of GSFM School (2011)
Thu, 14 Sep: Anniversary of Bishop McCabe's death (1983)
Fri, 15 Sep: OL of Sorrows & Consoling Mass, MDB 11am
Sun, 17 Sep: Bishop's Annual Appeal
Sun, 17 Sep: Marriage Anniversaries Mass, SFX 2pm
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

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
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- ♦ **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

GOD THE NOURISHER

PASTORAL PLAN UPDATE

Dear Parishioners,

Our Pastoral and Finance Councils recently had a joint meeting to discern the next steps in developing the Parish Pastoral Plan.

Having read the contributions of parishioners on the community, liturgical, mission, staff, and property aspects of our parish life, we entered a time of reflection on the parish logos about the Light of Christ and Christ's Presence among us.

During our joint meeting we discussed some key words and insights to act as a basis to forming our pastoral goals. The word that struck me as I listened to the discussion was "nourish". This is a word that reaches deep into the psyche of our Church. In Sacred Scripture God is a nourisher and we are called to nourish others.

For example, in the Psalms we have a rich presentation of God's service of nourishing. God entrusts us for nourishment to our mother's breast (Psalm 22.9). God prepares a table for us (Psalm 24.5). We are invited to taste and see that God is good (Psalm 35.8). The children of Adam and Eve feast on the bounty of God's house and drink from the delightful streams of the Divine goodness (Psalm 36.8).

Jesus, the Son of the Living God, takes time and care to nourish others. He provides plentiful wine for the Wedding Feast at Cana (John 2.1-12). Out of compassion for the crowd of thousands Jesus multiplies the loaves and fishes to feed and strengthen them for their journey (Matthew 14.13-21; 15.32-38). Jesus, the living bread, gives himself as food and drink to us in the Eucharist to sustain us as we journey to the Banquet of Heaven (John 6.51; Matthew 26.26-29).

As members of God's People, hoping to one day enter eternal life, we feel the call to give water to the thirsty and feed the hungry (Matthew 25.35). We are very conscious that what we do to those in need we do to Jesus (Matthew 25.40). Such is the importance of each person in his or her need to be fed.

How can we nourish others in our community and those who are welcomed into our community? How do we help them to grow, nourishing them with the Word of God's Love, supporting them in times of trial, making them feel connected in conversation, raising their hearts in beautiful liturgical celebrations?

The discussion of the Pastoral and Finance Councils will continue over the next few months. When I return from my sabbatical we will take the next step in articulating our parish goals and communicate them for your reflection and comment in the new year.

Fr Bernard



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

In our parish & around the diocese

CURSILLO 3 DAY WEEKEND

A Woman's opportunity to live a Cursillo 3 day weekend. Join fellow Catholic women as we explore our faith and discuss where this faith is taking us. Father Chris Roberts will offer Mass daily for us. Our next weekend is at Carmel House, Varroville, the evening of Thursday 5th October until Sunday afternoon, 8th October. Please phone Geraldine on **0421 329 365** or scan the QR code.



RIDE WOLLONGONG—23/24 SEPT

Ride Wollongong is celebrating the legacy of the 2022 UCI Road World Championships on Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th September 2023. The event organiser Elite Energy has engaged with the parish for the use of the toilets during this time. **Endeavour Drive** will be closed **Saturday 9am to 5pm** and **Sunday 7am to 5pm**. **Marine Drive** and **Cliff Rd to Crown St** will be closed between **7am to 5pm on Saturday and Sunday**. Please follow the detour signage in place.

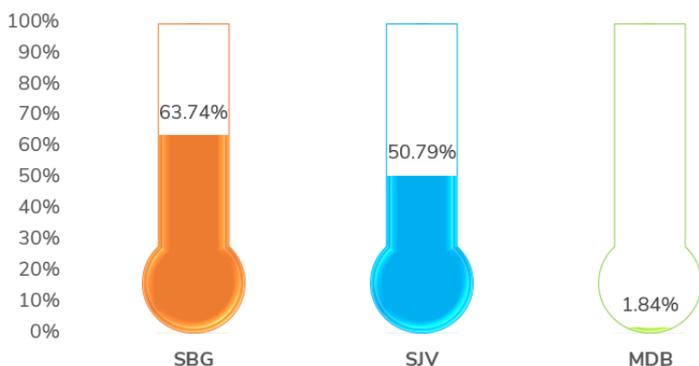


SAVE OUR KNEES APPEAL

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 4 SEPTEMBER 2023



CARE OF THE VULNERABLE

This Sunday we honour Safeguarding Sunday in which we seek to develop a culture of care and protection, especially for children and other vulnerable persons. This is a necessary aspect of our spirituality of welcome and service for those in our parish and Diocesan community. It is an expression of our love for family life and all ages and stages of our parishioners' lives.

In his Apostolic Letter *On the Protection of Minors and Vulnerable Persons* (26 March 2019), Pope Francis wrote:

"The protection of minors and vulnerable persons is an integral part of the Gospel message that the Church and all its members are called to proclaim throughout the world. Christ himself, in fact, has entrusted us with the care and protection of the weakest and defenceless: "whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me" (Mt 18:5). Therefore, we all have the duty to welcome openheartedly minors and vulnerable persons and to create a safe environment for them, with their interests as a priority. This requires a continuous and profound conversion, in which personal holiness and moral commitment come together to promote the credibility of the Gospel proclamation and to renew the educational mission of the Church."

The Catholic Church is deeply committed to do everything possible to keep children and young people secure and supports National Child Protection Week. Jesus taught that in receiving children and those in need we receive and love him. Therefore, it is imperative that we seek to act with respect for them.

For more information go to:

www.catholic.org.au/safeguarding-Sunday

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL NEXT WEEKEND

Our faith calls us to help one another through prayer and action. Offering dignified care for our retired clergy and a healthy formation for 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.

Bishop Brian Mascord

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

Entrance Antiphon

Psalm 118:137, 124

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

First Reading

Ezekiel 33:7-9

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R. v.8

(R.) O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

Second Reading

Romans 13:8-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

Gospel Acclamation

2 Corinthians 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

Matthew 18:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf Psalm 41:2-3

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Boundaries and Juries

Our Lord acknowledged that the community he was establishing had to set boundaries. Who is to decide who is within or outside those boundaries?

In today's Gospel, Our Lord teaches that a nuanced step by step process should be invoked. First, there is private conversation, then slightly extended to bring in two or three others, then a sort of church community jury before a person is put beyond the pale. Our Lord promises to be with them to help guide their decision.

We all know of marriages which are fractured and where one partner has found intimacy and security in a second (civil) marriage. Pope Francis has not suggested that the second marriage be regarded as valid. But he has suggested a process of discernment to allow a divorced person to receive 'the Eucharist . . . a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak.'

Could a jury of ordinary Catholic lay people help make that discerning judgement, and then advise the Bishop as to the next step?

We could pause for a moment to ponder the promise: 'Where two or three are gathered into my name, I am there with them.'

ANNUAL CONSOLING MASS @ MDB

The Diocesan Catholic Women's League invites you to the Mass of Consoling at Mater Dolorosa Church Balgownie on **Friday 15th September at 11am to be followed by light refreshments in the Mater Dolorosa Meeting Room.** In this Mass we pray for our loved ones who have died in tragic circumstances and we ask God to strengthen our families who grieve such loss. Everyone is welcome!

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