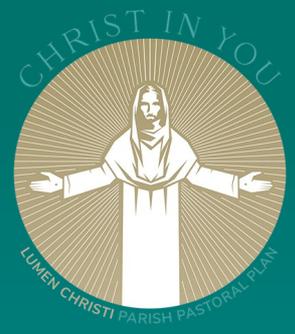


25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, A

24 SEPTEMBER 2023

WORLD REFUGEES & MIGRATION SUNDAY

Offer the possibility of a dignified and fulfilling life



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 ...

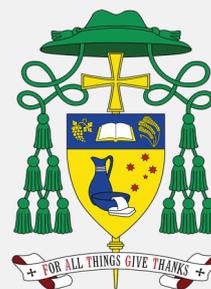
Margaret Gray.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS ...

Bishop Peter Ingham, Fr David Catterall, 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.

PUBLIC HOLIDAY LABOUR DAY

Mass will be offered at **8am Monday 2nd October** on Labour Day Public Holiday at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong.



In our parish & around the diocese

PARISH CALENDAR: SEP—DEC 2023

- Wed, 20 Sep: Baptism Class, SFX 7pm
- Wed, 27 Sep: St Vincent de Paul
- 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
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- ♦ **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

WORLD REFUGEES & MIGRATION SUNDAY

The Church has been celebrating the World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR) since 1914. It is always an occasion to express concern for different vulnerable people on the move; to pray for them as they face many challenges; and to increase awareness about the opportunities that migration offers.

Pope Francis has chosen the title **"Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay"** as the theme for this year. He highlights a reflection on the right to remain in one's own land and not have to migrate:

"The flight of the Holy Family into Egypt was not the result of a free choice, just as many of the migrations that marked the history of the people of Israel were not. Migrating should always be a free choice, but in fact in many cases, even today, it is not. Conflicts, natural disasters, or more simply the impossibility of living a dignified and prosperous life in one's homeland force millions of people to leave."

Read Pope Francis' full message online: Go to: bit.ly/44Htc3e

Prayer for World Refugees Migration Sunday

God, Father Almighty, grant us the grace to work tirelessly for justice, solidarity and peace, so that all your children may enjoy the freedom to choose whether to migrate or to stay.

Grant us the courage to denounce all the horrors of our world, and to combat every injustice that mars the beauty of your children and the harmony of our common home.

Sustain us by the power of your Spirit, so that we can reflect your tender love to every migrant whom you place in our path, and to spread in hearts and in every situation the culture of encounter and of care.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL—THANK YOU!

Thank you for your generous support of the Bishop's appeal for seminarians and retired priests last weekend.

In addition to your donations made ONLINE, a gift of \$2,777.75 has been forwarded to Catholic Diocese of Wollongong as our Lumen Christi parish response to the annual appeal.



Donations are still being gratefully received online via the Diocese of Wollongong's website: www.dow.org.au/giving

As Bishop Mascord has written:

"I am very grateful for your support in helping me to ensure that we can provide for the retirement and health of our clergy, and the sound and holistic formation of our young seminarians. God bless you." Thank you very much for your generosity!

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

In our parish & around the diocese

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.**

SONGS FROM A STRANGE LAND

The Song Company are back for another concert on Saturday 7th October 3pm at St Francis Xavier Cathedral. In the 400th anniversary year of the death of renowned English Renaissance composer William Byrd. The Song Company celebrates Byrd's own music and his legacy that continues to influence contemporary composers such as David Lang, Jeremy Cull, and Pelle Gudmunsen-Holmgreen.

To purchase your tickets please visit the Song Company online: songcompany.com.au

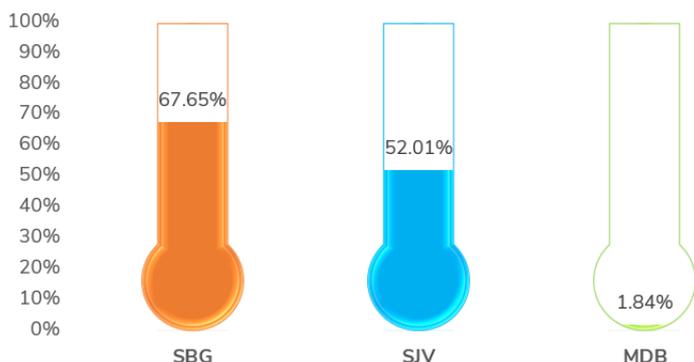


SAVE OUR KNEES APPEAL

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 19 SEPTEMBER 2023



HELLO FROM DUBLIN!

Apart from my visits to Trinity College Dublin, where the Book of Kells is housed and revered, one of the many joys of living in Dublin is to visit the exhibitions of famous Irish people.

Two current exhibitions in Dublin celebrate Irish poets who received the Noble Prize in Literature: W.B. Yeats (1865-1939) and Seamus Heaney (1939-2013). Yeats is famous for many poems, among them **Easter, 1916**, which speaks of "A terrible beauty is born" from the Irish rebels dying for the freedom of the Irish nation.

Heaney's poetry is also attentive to the travails of the world around him. He reflects on the impact of the Troubles in Northern Ireland in the second half of the 20th century and expresses hope that the Peace process will succeed:

"History says, Don't hope
On this side of the grave,
But then, once in a lifetime
The longed-for tidal wave
Of justice can rise up,
And hope and history rhyme."

But there was a previous double trauma in Ireland's history—the Great Famine of 1845-1849. Scholars estimate that when the potato blight hit the poorest in Ireland and there was insufficient help from the Westminster government of the time, approximately 1 million people died and 1.5 million people emigrated to countries such as the United States. It was that devastating catastrophe that caused the lasting bitterness and resolve that Ireland should be self-governing.

The accounts of those who died are heartrending. The people who were starving did not have the chance for a dignified life and many who emigrated may not have had a truly free choice about staying or leaving. Many died on ships to faraway places such as Canada and New York.

Pope Francis' Message for World Refugees and Migration Sunday 2023 reflects upon the right people have to live in their land with dignity and not be forced to emigrate. He calls for a culture of welcome, protection and integration for those who have sought a better life in another country. He prays that we will be granted the courage to denounce the horrors and injustices that mar the beauty of God's children.

May it be so for us.

Fr Bernard



The campanile in the main Square of Trinity College

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

Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

First Reading

Isaiah 55:6-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
call to him while he is still near.
Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,
to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18. R. v.18

(R.) The Lord is near to all who call him.

1. I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.
the Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured. (R.)
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)
3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. (R.)

Second Reading

Philippians 1:20-24. 27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

For me to live is Christ.

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

See Acts of the Apostles 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Why are you jealous because I am generous?

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a land-owner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the land-owner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

Communion Antiphon

Psalm 118:4-5

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

No Salvation outside the Church?

This is a story of the day labourers of Jesus' time. The 'early birds' contracted for the just wage of one denarius and did the hard work over the course of a long day. They were outraged when latecomers also received a denarius.

This little parable circulated in the Christian community of the first century because there was great antagonism between the Jews who became followers of Jesus and the non-Jews, the 'Gentiles'. Jewish Christians looked at their long history of hardship preparing for the coming of the Messiah. And, now, here were these Gentiles who had done nothing by comparison, and God appeared to be granting them whatever it took to enjoy the 'daily bread' of the Kingdom of God.

Jewish Christians had to be shocked out of their idea that God's grace could not be lavished on those outside the boundaries of the Chosen People.

We could pause to pray to be taken by happy surprise by those billions of people outside the Church who, by the grace of God, will share with us 'the Bread of Life', given for the salvation of all the world.

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