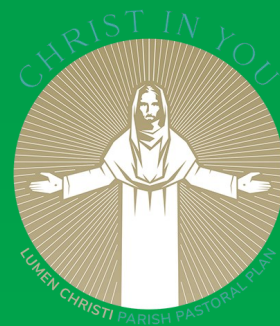


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PARISH VISION

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

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Elders past, present, and emerging,
and extend that respect to all other
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.



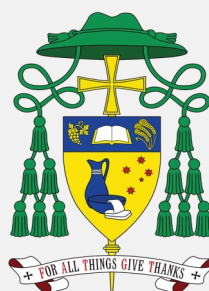
LUMEN CHRISTI
CATHOLIC PARISH

MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE ...

Yan Xianqing, Noel Rouse, Paul & Margaret Gray.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS ...

Bishop Peter Ingham, Fr David Catterall, Nelson Salinas, Joan O'Dowd, Alan Curtis, Matthew Johnson, Suzy May Gellel, Pat Carr, John Parkinson, Joseph Scalia, Bill Sharpe, Therese Rouse, Ron Cooper.



In our parish & around the diocese

PARISH CALENDAR: JAN—MAR 2024

Tue, 16 Jan: Anniversary of Dedication of St Brigid's Church
Wed, 17 Jan: Baptism Class, SFX 7pm
Thu, 25 Jan: The Conversion of Saint Paul
Thu, 25 Jan: Catechists Meeting, Rigney Room 10.30am
Fri, 26 Jan: Australia Day Mass, SFX 8am
Thu, 1 Feb: Feast of St Brigid, Patroness of Gwynneville;
Parish Lunch, Master Builders Club 12pm
Fri, 2 Feb: Presentation of the Lord, SFX 7am & 12.10pm
Sun, 4 Feb: Hospitality weekend resumes
Tue, 6 Feb: Mass of Anointing, SJV 9.30am
Fri, 9 Feb: Our Lady of Lourdes
Sun, 11 Feb: Caritas launch (Project Compassion 2024)
Wed, 14 Feb: Ash Wednesday
Fri, 16 Feb: Reconciliation & Stations of the Cross SFX 5.30pm
Sat, 24 Feb: Mental Health, Xavier Centre 9.30am
Fri, 23 Feb: Reconciliation & Stations of the Cross SFX 5.30pm
Thu, 29 Feb: Staff Development Day, Parish Office Closed

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



ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES 2024

Ash Wednesday commences Lent, a sacred time for our hearts to be renewed and purified. This year Ash Wednesday will be celebrated on **14th February**. Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence and the blessed ashes are sprinkled over our heads as a sign of repentance.

A greater simplicity in the Lenten liturgy draws us into the grace of repentance, a deeper understanding of how we can grow in likeness to Christ. The grace of repentance is a light by which we see our moral frailty and seek both God's forgiveness and help to set aside our sinful attitudes. It enables us to move forward in confidence to acquire a more generous and compassionate heart.

Please note this year's Ash Wednesday Mass timetable:

St Francis Xavier Cathedral

7am, 12.10pm & 6pm

St John Vianney Co-Cathedral

10.30am (includes Good Samaritan Parish School)

St Brigid's Church

9.30am (includes St Brigid's Parish School)

RECONCILIATION & STATIONS OF THE CROSS

One of the great themes of Lent is the call to reconciliation. The grace of repentance inclines us to seek a renewed way of regarding our neighbour and leaving aside all forms of injustice and hardness of heart. A channel of healing is to confess our sinfulness and receive God's tenderness in return. Therefore, I invite you to a renewed celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I also invite you to the contemplation of Christ's Way of the Cross: by sensitizing our hearts to the sufferings of Jesus our hearts are softened as we look at the sorrows of others, empowering us to help them.

Reconciliation and Stations of the Cross will be offered at St Francis Xavier Cathedral every Friday during Lent.

Reconciliation 5.30pm

Stations of the Cross 6.30pm

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

In our parish & around the diocese



MY SABBATICAL IN IRELAND!

Join us for a captivating talk on Fr Bernard Gordon's sabbatical experience in Ireland. Fr Bernard will take us on a journey through the wild and wonderful landscapes, beautiful churches, and rich but sometimes troubled history of Ireland.

Hosted by the Diocesan Catholic Women's League Wollongong.

Come along for a stimulating and reflective experience about a truly significant and great people in the history of Europe. It's an event you won't want to miss!

WHEN: 11am on Tuesday 27th February 2024

WHERE: Xavier Centre, 38 Harbour St, Wollongong

RSVP: Go to: lumenchristi.org.au/rsvp



AUSTRALIA DAY MASS

Mass will offered on Australia Day at **St Francis Xavier Cathedral, 8am Friday 26th January 2024** followed by a cuppa and lamington after Mass.

All are welcome!

Please note that there will be no 7am & 12.10pm Mass at the Cathedral on Australia Day.

PIETÀ – LENTEN PROGRAM

Pietà is the new Lenten Program for 2024. It contains short daily reflections (from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday) for individual devotional reading and includes reflections on the Sunday Scripture readings and prayers and questions that customarily form part of Lenten group gatherings.

To pre-order your copy of the Pietà Lenten Booklet or CD visit the parish online shop at: lumenchristi.org.au/shop

Lenten Books and CD's are \$4.50 each.

Each one of us has a divinely ordained name (Rev 2:17) which we may not be aware of, but the Holy Spirit is always prompting us to live up to that name.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we might so live as to reach Heaven to find that name which God has loved from and for all eternity.

GOOD SAMARITAN SCHOOL FAIRY MEADOW

Lisa Tyson has been appointed as Acting Principal at our parish Good Samaritan Catholic Primary School, Fairy Meadow. Lisa is an experienced leader with over 30 years of service to Catholic Education in the Diocese of Wollongong and is an active parishioner of St Therese Catholic Parish, West Wollongong.



The permanent position of Principal at Good Samaritan Catholic Primary School, Fairy Meadow will be advertised at some point this year.

I warmly welcome Lisa and wish her every success in her new role at Good Samaritan Primary School.

Fr Bernard

CATECHIST MEETING — 25 JANUARY

The first 2024 Lumen Christi Parish Catechist Meeting will be held on **Thursday 25th January 2024 at 10.30am** in the Mgr John Rigney Room. Catechists are required to attend to receive their resources for the year. Please RSVP your attendance via email to our Coordinator Patricia Calabro by email: patricia.calabro@dow.org.au.

KNEELER APPEAL

As a parish we have contributed wonderfully to providing comfort for worshippers' knees at Gwynneville and Fairy Meadow. It would be great to finish this work for the parishioners of Mater Dolorosa as we move into the New Year. You can donate 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.

Mater Dolorosa — \$14, 578 to Go!

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

THIS WEEK'S READINGS & COMMENTARY

Entrance Antiphon

Psalm 65:4

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
and shall sing to you,
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

First Reading

1 Samuel 3:3-10.19

A reading from the first book of Samuel

Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening.

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am'. Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'

Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv. 8.9

(R.) Here am I, Lord;

I come to do your will.

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord.
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. **(R.)**
2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I. **(R.)**
3. In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart. **(R.)**
4. Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 6:13-15. 17-20

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Your bodies are members of the body of Christ.

The body is not meant for fornication; it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, which is in you since you have received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 1:41. 17

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have found the Messiah:

Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 1:35-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

They saw where Jesus lived and they stayed with him.

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' – which means Teacher – 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour. One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' – meaning Rock.

Communion Antiphon

Cf Psalm 22:5

You have prepared a table before me,
and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

What's in a Name?

What's in a name? A Lot, if it is God who confers the name. Jesus of Nazareth, the embodiment of God-for-us, knew the power of naming in relation to calling and destiny.

So, when Andrew brought his brother to Jesus, Jesus exercised the divine prerogative of changing Simon's name to 'Cephas' which in English is 'Peter'. Jesus gave Simon a nickname, 'rock-solid' which was the exact opposite of his character! Nevertheless, he did become the rock on which Jesus built his Church.

The tradition continues with the successor of Peter. So, Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio took the name 'Francis' which indicates that he believes that the Holy Spirit inspired the Cardinals to choose him to be Pope to follow in the footsteps of St Francis of Assisi.

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