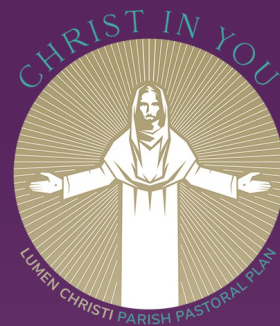


3RD SUNDAY OF LENT, B

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MISSION

It is Christ whom we preach



MASS TIMETABLE

St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong

Monday	Mass: 7am
Tuesday	Mass: 7am
Wednesday	Mass: 7am
	Confessions: 11:00am
	Mass: 12.10pm
Thursday	Mass: 7am
Friday	Mass: 7am
	Adoration: 11:30am
	Confessions: 11:00am
	Mass: 12.10pm
Saturday	Confessions: 11am—12pm
Sunday	Mass: 7am, 10.30am & 5pm

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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St Brigid's Church, Gwynneville

Thursday	Mass: 9.30am
Saturday Vigil	Mass: 5.30pm
Sunday	Mass: 9am

PARISH CENTRE

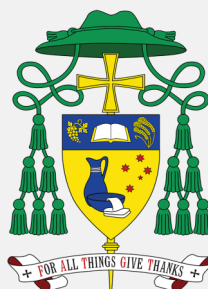
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Lisa Tyson, Acting Principal, Good Samaritan Fairy Meadow

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 ...

Robert Nielsen, Paul & Margaret Gray, Peter Ruhl.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS ...

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

In our parish & around the diocese

PARISH CALENDAR: MAR 2024

Mon, 04 Mar: CWL Fairy Meadow Branch Mtg, MDB 2pm
Tue, 05 Mar: Education Mass, SJV 6pm
Tue, 05 Mar: Finance Council Mtg
Wed, 06 Mar: Pastoral Council Mtg
Thu, 07 Mar: Parish Lunch, Master Builders Club, 12pm
Sun, 10 Mar: Fourth Sunday of Lent (Rose Sunday)
Tue, 12 Mar: Lenten Reconciliation after SJV, 9.30am Mass
Wed, 13 Mar: CWL Wollongong Branch Mtg, Xavier Ctr 10am
Thu, 14 Mar: Lenten Reconciliation after SBG, 9.30am Mass
Fri, 15 Mar: Reconciliation & Stations of the Cross SFX 5.30pm
Fri, 15 Mar: Second Rite of Reconciliation, SFX 11am
Sat, 16 Mar: Anniversary of the Dedication of SFX (2010)
Sun, 17 Mar: Fifth Sunday of Lent
Mon, 18 Mar: Feast of St Patrick (Transferred from Sunday)

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
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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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Reconciliation and Stations of the Cross will be offered at St Francis Xavier Cathedral every Friday of Lent. Reconciliation at 5.30pm followed by the Stations of the Cross at 6.30pm

RECONCILIATION TIMES DURING LENT

- ♦ Wollongong, **Wednesday & Friday 11am to 12pm**
- ♦ Fairy Meadow, **Tue 12 Mar after 9.30am Mass**
- ♦ Gwynneville, **Thu 14 Mar after 9.30am Mass**
- ♦ Wollongong, **Fri 15 Mar 11am (Second Rite)**
- ♦ Balgownie, **Sun 17 Mar after 10am Mass**



MON 25 MAR: MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Wollongong 7am Mass

TUE 26 MAR: TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Wollongong 7am Mass

Fairy Meadow 9.30am Mass

TUE 26 MAR: THE CHRISM MASS

Wollongong 7pm

WED 27 MAR: WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Wollongong 7am Mass

Wollongong 11.00am Reconciliation & 12.10pm Mass

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

THU 28 MAR: THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

No Morning Masses

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:

Fairy Meadow 6pm

Wollongong 7pm

FRI 29 MAR: GOOD FRIDAY

Wollongong (Grassed Area) 10am, Stations of the Cross
(Reconciliation available after the Stations of the Cross)

Wollongong 3pm, The Passion of the Lord
(Reconciliation available after the Passion)

Fairy Meadow 3pm, The Passion of the Lord
(Reconciliation available after the Passion)

SAT MORNING, 30 MAR: HOLY SATURDAY

Wollongong 11am—12pm Reconciliation

SAT EVENING, 30 MAR: EASTER VIGIL

Fairy Meadow 6pm Easter Vigil

Wollongong 7pm Easter Vigil

SUN 31 MAR: EASTER SUNDAY

Wollongong 7am, 10.30am & 5pm

Gwynneville 9am

Fairy Meadow 8.30am

Balgownie 10am

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

In our parish & around the diocese



CHRIST IN YOU
LUMEN CHRISTI PARISH PASTORAL PLAN

"To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in You, the hope of glory"

Colossians 1:27

As bearers of Christ's love called to Come and See, Go and Make disciples, our Lumen Christi Parish seeks to reveal the Light of Christ to the world through ...

MISSION

"It is Christ whom we preach"

Colossians 1:28

Actively witnessing to Christ in generous service of others, responding wholeheartedly to the needs of the wider community, making known the heart of Christ to those we meet.

Action Plan - Establish a Mission Leadership Group.

Suggested Strategies to take us forward:

- Acknowledge and promote quality practices that currently build mission.
- Reflect upon and draw practical goals from Bishop Mascord's Pastoral Vision and Mission statement in the document "Come and See, Go and Make".
- Offer educational initiatives that provide a concrete understanding of our mission and how we live it.
- Promote, build and strengthen the connections between our school communities, families and parish communities.
- Recognise, promote and advertise all groups within the parish providing awareness of their ministry (ministry under the microscope).
- Create a culture of formation in faith and practice to enable parishioners to live in a missionary key according to their gifts, circumstances and season of life.
- Helping our young people to be effectively involved in our parish ministries of liturgy, mission, and service to those in need.

The Christ in You Pastoral Plan will set our direction and goals for the growth of our life together as a people who share in Christ's Mission to radiate the Light of Christ's truth and love.

There are other possible strategies that can be discussed as the Pastoral Plan is discussed and developed. Please provide your response to the abovementioned strategies or recommend any further strategies to our pastoral plan group by email: lc.pastoralplan@dow.org.au

Communion Antiphon

John 4:13-14

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Where does God really dwell?

The Ten Commandments are badly named. Rather, they are the Ten Responses which should characterise a liberated people, freed from slavery by 'the Lord, your God'.

By the time Jesus came on the scene, the Temple in Jerusalem was no longer a fit dwelling place for a God who desires to free people from oppression and exploitation. To the contrary, Jesus saw the Temple ideology as placing undue burdens and shackles on people. His anger at this erupted in dramatic street theatre. His overturning of the tables of the money-changers signalled the overturning of the Temple system.

What Our Lord revealed to uncomprehending authorities was that His body was the true sanctuary. The body of Jesus of Nazareth is the dwelling place of God, the habitation of the Lord God who liberates people. In short, God's sanctuary is not a place, but a person. We could take a moment to pray, using the Ten Responses to review and guide our reflection and practice as we move towards Easter. This will help us to celebrate the enigmatic saying: 'Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it again.'



PALMS & OLIVE BRANCHES REQUIRED

Palm Sunday is when we celebrate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. It is also a time to remember Jesus' suffering and entry into the glory of the Father. We are calling for Olive branches or palms to be delivered to the Cathedral sacristy by **Friday 22nd March** to be distributed in our four churches. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

HEALTH UPDATE—BISHOP PETER INGHAM

Bishop Brian would appreciate our prayers for him. Sadly, Bishop Peter's lung condition is deteriorating further, with increased energy required to breathe effectively. If you wish to write a message offering your prayers and support to Bishop Ingham please email:

prayers@lumenchristi.org.au

All messages will be forwarded to Bishop Ingham next week.

THANK YOU—DOW CWL

A special thank you to the Diocesan Catholic Women's League for hosting Fr Bernard's Sabbatical talk on Tuesday. The Xavier Centre was very well attended and I appreciate the support you have given me. Fr Bernard

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

THIS WEEK'S READINGS & COMMENTARY

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 24:15-16

My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest)
is not said.

First Reading

Exodus 20:1-17

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Law was given through Moses.

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall have no gods except me.

'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work on that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, not your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 18:8-11. R. Jn 6:68

(R.) Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. **(R.)**
2. The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes. **(R.)**

3. The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. **(R.)**

4. They are more to be desired than gold,
than the purest of gold
and sweeter are they than honey,
than honey from the comb. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

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

We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to many, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God.

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Gospel Acclamation

John 3:16

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

John 2:13-25

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

The Creed is said.

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