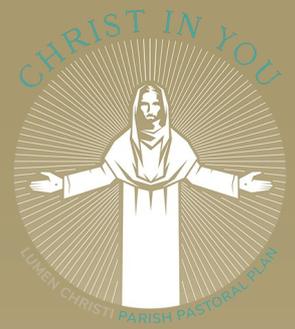


5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, B

28 APRIL 2024

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 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



LUMEN CHRISTI CATHOLIC PARISH

MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE ...

Marika La Riva, Dennis Brown, deceased members of the Gray family, Armando Dellapina, Ziggy Laba.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS ...

Bishop Peter Ingham, Joan O'Dowd, Matthew Johnson, Pat Carr, John Parkinson, Bill Sharpe, Ron Cooper, John Gauci.



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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.



WELCOME TO LUMEN CHRISTI PARISH

PARISH CALENDAR: MAY 2024

- Wed, 01 May:** St Joseph the Worker
Thu, 02 May: Parish Lunch, The Builders Club 12pm
Sun, 05 May: Hospitality weekend
Tue, 07 May: Finance Council Meeting, Rigney Room 5pm
Wed, 08 May: CWL Wollongong Branch Mtg, Xavier Ctr 10am
Wed, 08 May: Pastoral Council Meeting, Rigney Room 5pm
Sat, 11 May: Come and See, Go and Make, MDB 10am
Sun, 12 May: Mother's Day
Wed, 15 May: Baptism Class, SFX 7pm
Fri, 17 May: Confirmation, SFX, 7pm
Fri, 17 May: Reconciliation & Eucharist Enrolments close
Sat, 18 May: Confirmation, SBG 2pm
Sat, 18 May: Confirmation, SJV 4.30pm
Sun, 19 May: Pentecost 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

- ♦ **Parish Councils:** lumenchristi.org.au/parishcouncils
- ♦ **Mass for you at Home:** youtube.com/massforyouathome
- ♦ **Mass/Prayer Intentions:** lumenchristi.org.au/intentions
- ♦ **Light a Votive Candle:** lumenchristi.org.au/votive
- ♦ **Register in our Parish:** 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
- ♦ **Young Adults:** lumenchristi.org.au/YoungAdults
- ♦ **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

The Month of May for Mary and World Children's Day

Dear Parishioners,

During May we especially think of Mary the Mother of Jesus, the Son of God. In Mary we admire the work of God's love and joyfully contemplate the fullness of grace to which we are all called.

During this month of devotion to Mary we will also celebrate the Church's first World Children's Day (25-26 May) when thousands of boys and girls will meet the Pope in Rome. Let us ask Mary our Mother to pray for children and a deepening of our acceptance and love of children.

In his message to children for this Day, Pope Francis reminds all children they are precious in God's eyes and they "are a source of joy" for their parents, families and the Church.

The theme Pope Francis has chosen for the World Day for Children is "Behold, I make all things new" (Rev 21:5). We make things new, the Pope explains, by taking little steps "like saying hello to others, asking permission, begging pardon, and saying thank you."

In reminding children that God "looks upon us with the eyes of a loving father and a gentle mother" who never forgets us, Pope Francis gives us a tender prayer we can say for all children as we look forward to the Church's first World Children's Day:

*Come, Holy Spirit,
show us your beauty,
reflected in the faces
of children all over the world.
Come, Jesus,
you who make all things new,
who are the way that leads us to the
Father,
come and remain with us always.
Amen.*

We are all beloved children of God. Therefore let us pray with Pope Francis and ask the Holy Spirit to help us see how we can more deeply accept and love children in our families and in parish community.

Dear children, you are delightful to the Heart of Jesus, and all of us pray that all your beautiful gifts of mind and heart will shine in our world.

Fr Bernard

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

NEWS IN BRIEF

MOTHER'S DAY—12 MAY 2024

All parishioners are invited to place a flower at the statue of our Lady in honour of their own mother for Mother's Day. In the Cathedral some flowers will be placed in front of the statue of the Mary for you to present while praying for your mother. Or, you may wish to bring your own flower and present it to Mary for your mother.

If you would like to include an Intention on our list for Mother's Day, please visit:

lumenchristi.org.au/mothersday

Or collect a Mother's Day envelope from the doors of the church or at the parish office.

The names of the mothers given to us will be published in the parish bulletin on the weekend of **Mother's Day Sunday 12 May**.

Please note: the Intention list will close **Sunday 5th May**.

THE NEWLY BAPTISED

Congratulations to the newly baptised in our parish! Romeo Joseph Wray, Emmeline Mariola Draper, Cohen Pingnam, Callie Pingnam, Harvey John Soper & Lyla Michele Reutens.

May the Sacrament of baptism bring joy, peace, and blessings to their Parents, Godparents, family and friends. May God's grace guide them, protect them, and shower you with endless blessings. May they embrace this new journey of faith with hope and love.

Due to privacy reasons not all names are published in the parish bulletin.

COME AND SEE, GO AND MAKE—SESSION 2

Session two will be held at Mater Dolorosa Meeting Room on Saturday 11th May at 10am.

BEAUTIFUL CONCERTS IN THE CATHEDRAL

Exciting news for music fans in Wollongong! Join us this May for two beautiful concerts at St Francis Xavier Cathedral. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details. Don't miss out on this unforgettable musical experience!

Australian Brandenburg: Berlin to Bologna: Regional Tour

Thursday 23rd May 2024 at 7pm

To purchase tickets: Go to: brandenburg.com.au

Illawarra Choral Society: Brahms Requiem

Saturday 25th May 2024 at 2pm

To purchase tickets Go to: illawarrachoralsociety.com

Communion Antiphon

Cf John 15:1,5

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Spiritual Drink

We are too familiar with today's gospel. Christ is the vine and we are the branches, sometimes in need of a good pruning. But God's purpose is not to produce a perfect vineyard. It is to produce a full-bodied wine at the end of history.

There is a foretaste of this at every Mass. The wine we offer – 'fruit of the earth and work of human hands' – becomes the spiritual drink which best serves the purpose of our Heavenly Father. How does this happen?

For the Jewish people observing an animal whose throat is cut, it is obvious that the life drains out with the blood. 'Life' and 'blood' became synonyms. So, when the Jewish Jesus says of the wine in the chalice at the Last Supper: 'This is my blood', amongst other things he is saying: 'This is my life force, this is my very life given unreservedly for you.'

So, when we drink from the chalice at Holy Communion, the life of the Risen Lord courses through our bodies just as the sap of the vine courses through its branches. We share the same ultimate vitality so that our bodily existence builds into the Body of Christ. He becomes truly 'full-bodied' as the Divine Vignerone desires.

We could take a moment to pray that we respond to the pruning and the tending and the pressing by our Heavenly Father so as to contribute our distinctive character to the vintage at the end of history, the spiritual drink of the Kingdom of Heaven.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2024/2025

The present Planned Giving Program envelopes are due to finish in June. The new set of envelopes will be issued in the coming weeks. A new envelope number will be issued with the merger of one parish. If you would like to be a planned giver please fill in the form below and insert it into the parish collection bag, email wollongong@dow.org.au or see Leanne at the office. Thank you for your ongoing vital support of our parish.

PLANNED GIVING REQUEST:

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Please tick your preference of giving:

- Envelopes
- Direct Debit/Credit Card
- Direct Deposit
- Once-Off donation: lumenchristi.org.au/support

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

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 97:1-2

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey.

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus. The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 21:26-28. 30-32. R. v.26

(R.) I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.
May their hearts live for ever and ever! *(R.)*
2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,
all families of the nations worship before him.
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. *(R.)*
3. And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:
'These things the Lord has done.' *(R.)*

Second Reading

1 John 3:18-24

A reading from the first letter of St John

His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another.

My children,
our love is not to be just words or mere talk,
but something real and active;
only by this can we be certain
that we are the children of the truth
and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence,
whatever accusations it may raise against us,
because God is greater than our conscience and he knows every-
thing.
My dear people,
if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience,

we need not be afraid in God's presence,
and whatever we ask him,
we shall receive,
because we keep his commandments
and live the kind of life that he wants.
His commandments are these:
that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ
and that we love one another
as he told us to.
Whoever keeps his commandments
lives in God and God lives in him.
We know that he lives in us
by the Spirit that he has given us.

Gospel Acclamation

John 15:4-5

Alleluia, alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 15:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine,
and my Father is the vinedresser.
Every branch in me that bears no fruit
he cuts away,
and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes
to make it bear even more.
You are pruned already,
by means of the word that I have spoken to you.
Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.
As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself,
but must remain part of the vine,
neither can you unless you remain in me.
I am the vine,
you are the branches.
Whoever remains in me, with me in him,
bears fruit in plenty;
for cut off from me you can do nothing.
Anyone who does not remain in me
is like a branch that has been thrown away
– he withers;
these branches are collected and thrown on the fire,
and they are burnt.
If you remain in me
and my words remain in you,
you may ask what you will
and you shall get it.
It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit,
and then you will be my disciples.'

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