



**LUMEN CHRISTI**  
CATHOLIC PARISHES WOLLONGONG

# Bulletin

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## 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A | 25 October 2020

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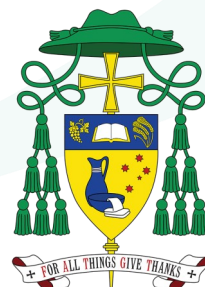
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## MASS TIMETABLE

### WOLLONGONG

Friday Mass: 12.10pm  
Sunday Mass: 10.30am & 5pm

### GWYNNEVILLE

Saturday Mass: 5.30pm  
Sunday Mass: 9.00am

### FAIRY MEADOW

Tuesday Mass: 9.30am  
Wednesday Mass: 9.30am  
Thursday Mass: 9.30am  
Friday Mass: 9.30am  
Sunday Mass: 8.30am  
Mass: 4.30pm (Vietnamese)

- Pre-registration required for Vigil/Sunday Mass only. (Go to [lumenchristi.org.au](http://lumenchristi.org.au) to register)
- Reconciliation available on request. Please phone or email the parish office for an appointment.
- Live Mass Sundays at 10.30am (Go to: [livestream.lumenchristi.org.au](http://livestream.lumenchristi.org.au))

### BALGOWNIE

Closed until further notice



St Thomas Aquinas Confounding Averroes, by Giovanni di Paolo, Wikimedia Commons (*Feeling Sleepy?*)

### TALK SERIES FOR YOUNG ADULTS

#### St Thomas Aquinas on the Emotional Life

Join Fr Bernard and the Wollongong Catholic Young Adults (18-35) for the next talk and Q&A session in the series! Spaces are limited so registration is necessary. Please register via the following link: <https://forms.gle/eLhti4Mgsk7eGjGJ6>

**When:** Monday fortnightly from 6pm (next session: 26<sup>th</sup> October)

**Where:** Monsignor Rigney Meeting Room, SFX Cathedral Grounds

**Zoom Link to Join Online:** See WCYA Facebook Group

**See you there!**

## CONTACT US AT THE PARISH OFFICE

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Hospital Chaplain: **0475 815 506**

**Baptisms:** By appointment only. Contact the parish office for details.

**Marriages:** A preliminary appointment needs to be made at least 6 months prior to Wedding Date. No Sunday weddings

**Online Payments and Donations:** [www.payments.lumenchristi.org.au](http://www.payments.lumenchristi.org.au)

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*WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE DHARAWAL PEOPLES, THEIR COUNTRY AND THEIR ELDERS, PAST AND PRESENT*

# In our parishes & around the diocese

LUMEN CHRISTI CATHOLIC PARISHES

## IN THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST WE PRAY FOR ALL OUR DEPARTED RELATIVES, FRIENDS AND BENEFACTORS ...

Fr Emmanuel Gatt, Salvacion Sarte, Rosendo Bolante, Patrick, Clare & William (Bill) McCormack, Theresa CA TRAN, John the Baptist HUYNH TRAN, Maria VU, John the Baptist HUYNH TRAN, Therese LA TRAN, Theresa CA TRAN & all the souls, John the Baptist HUNG TRAN, Maria VAN TRAN, Maria TRINH, Dominico DINH, ancestors of TRAN & DING families, Leo Boyle, Jim Bates, Luigi Tollardo, David & Judith Crowe, Maureen Gray, John Hayes, Steve Winder, Deceased members of our parish, John B Davis, Francis Joseph O'Donnell, Rhonda Reynolds, Frances Clifford, Joshua Pead, John & Frances Merritt, Brian Tuxworth, Catherine Tuxworth, Tom Mackie, Doris Hogan, Isabel Marques, Manuel Rebelo, Mary Greco, Paula Dingli, Lisa Galea.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SICK ...

Sue Freestone, Linda Dargham, Joseph Scalia, Lilia Pelino, Don Alanis, Jackie Brady, Lyn Griffin, Edna Wilson, Brian Brennan, Margaret Cooke, Betty Bloye, Bill Keirse, Lyn Gilbert, Jessica Sparks, Pat Carr, Bruce Creenaune, Tri Vu's mum (Vietnam), Catherine Cox, Frances McMahon, Joan O'Dowd, Margaret Bartley, Kath McGuinness, Jan Newman, Lucy Caruana.

## HOLY SOULS' MASS | MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER

< 9:30AM AT ST JOHN VIANNEY'S >

At every offering of the Holy Eucharist we intercede for those who have died. For example, in Eucharistic Prayer III we pray: "To our departed brothers and sisters and to all who were pleasing to you at their passing from this life, give kind admittance to your kingdom."

Each person who dies in God's grace and friendship may still need to be made complete in charity through God's mercy. This is the final purification of our hearts that enables us to truly enter into union with God and the Communion of Saints in heavenly glory. (See *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, nn.1030-1032).

Praying for the Dead, practised by the Church since the earliest times, is witnessed to in Sacred Scripture. Judas Maccabeus made atonement for his fallen soldiers who had sinned by keeping amulets associated with false gods. With a view to their resurrection from the dead Judas ensured that sacrifices were offered for the forgiveness of their sins. This is noted as "an action altogether fine and noble" (2 Maccabees 12.38-45).

In the Church's liturgical calendar, November 2nd is set aside as a day to especially pray for our deceased loved ones. You are very welcome to attend Mass for the Holy Souls on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at St John Vianney Co-Cathedral, Fairy Meadow, at 9.30am.



"Grant we pray, O Lord, that your departed servants, for whom we have celebrated this paschal Sacrament, may pass over to a dwelling place of light and peace." (Prayer After Communion, First Mass for The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed).

Saint Francis (of Assisi) Rescuing Souls from Purgatory, Molleno, (c.1805-1850), Wikimedia Commons

## JOY AT WORK

Dear Parishioners,

In *Joy at Work* Marie Kondo and Scott Sonenshein give us their vision of how tidying our work life can help us to experience more joy in what we do. They witness to the beneficial effects of simplifying our procedures, relationships and resources to find work more fulfilling.



Jesus as a Carpenter behind Mary and Joseph, Sagrada Família, Portal de la Fe, Barcelona, Wikimedia Commons

They recommend carefully reflecting on each of the personal effects we use in work and asking whether it is still helpful. They encourage us to look at each item, picture, book, etc. and take time to be grateful for the good it may have done us. Then, when it is realised that it is not of help any more we let it go.

The same principle of decluttering one's work life extends to ordering digital files, reducing the number of professional networks, streamlining meetings, and forming smaller but more effective work teams. For example, we ought spend less of our concern on smaller decisions and so have "the time and energy to focus on the more important ones" (p.124).

The fundamental principle is to recognise what really gives us joy. It is true there are many things we need to do and we do not experience an immediate joy in them. However, in simplifying our life we allow our sense of achieving truly worthwhile goals to guide our decisions.

As Christians, the deepest source of meaning for us is found in the life and example of Jesus. He was well known as a craftsman (Mark 6.3). He worked with human hands and so affirmed the dignity of human work as a development of our gifts in the service of others. I imagine Jesus at work, gratefully aware of how the materials he worked with were a gift from his Father, how the lives of the people he served through his skills were made better. To emulate Jesus in his understanding and love of work is a deep source of joy and fulfilment.

Fr Bernard Gordon

For the latest updated Mass times and bookings visit: [lumenchristi.org.au/masstimes](http://lumenchristi.org.au/masstimes)



# In our parishes & around the diocese

LUMEN CHRISTI CATHOLIC PARISHES

## Eternal Rest Grant Them, O Lord

During November we especially remember our relatives, friends and benefactors who have died. We commend all those we have loved us in this life to God's mercy, praying that they will be renewed and fulfilled in the glory of Christ.

If you desire to have your deceased loved ones included in the offering of the Holy Eucharist please print their names clearly on the envelopes provided. This will enable us to accurately record their names in the **Book of the Deceased** to be placed in our parish churches. The envelopes are available at each of our church doors or at the Office.

Or go online: [lumenchristi.org.au/NovemberMass](http://lumenchristi.org.au/NovemberMass)

## ADVENT BOOKS—ADORE!

Limited copies of the Advent reflections book *Adore* are now available from the parish office. The cost will be **\$3 each**. You can also order booklets from the Diocese of Wollongong website:

[www.dow.org.au/shop](http://www.dow.org.au/shop)



## CCD Faith Education Officer Catholic Diocese of Wollongong

Suitably experienced and qualified persons are encouraged to apply for the role of CCD Faith Education Officer in the Diocese of Wollongong, to commence in December 2020. Applications close on Friday 13 November. For information and a detailed role description, please go to [dow.sh/ccdjob](http://dow.sh/ccdjob) or for enquiries contact [helen.bennett@dow.org.au](mailto:helen.bennett@dow.org.au)

## MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND

*Learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love!* **November 20 - 22, 2020 at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW.** Book online at [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au)

## Cathedral Books & Gifts Wollongong

The opening hours for the shop are by appointment only. Please contact Wendy Giles 0457 023 556. Cathedral Books & Gifts shop has a wide range of gifts for Baptism, Communion, Confirmation, Missals, Books, Rosaries, medals, statues, plaques, cards etc.

## Divine Renovation Australasia Launch Webinar October 24th, 9:30-11am Sydney time (AEDT)

You are encouraged to register for this exciting event that will cast a vision for what is possible for parish renewal in Australia and New Zealand with the launch the DR Australasia office Speakers, including Fr James Mallon, Dan O'Rourke, Fiona O'Reilly and Kevin Bailey AM.

For registration: <https://www.tfaforms.com/4857335>

## REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Our religious tradition is founded on love. Actually, life itself is grounded in love. We may not always feel this love, but if we allow ourselves to reflect on life, we will realise this truth. We have been called into being by God's love; and we will only be happy if we live in that love. Thus, when we are directed to love God and love one another, we are not being asked to do something contrary to our nature. Rather, we are being told to live in accord with that nature. We come from God who is love, and so it is in our very nature to love and to be loved.

We may sometimes think that it is easier to love God than to love others. It may actually be just the opposite. Other people are tangible. We can see and hear them, interact with them. Their influence in our lives can permeate our consciousness. That is not the way it is with God. Like Moses on the mountain, we can only see the traces of divinity as God passes by (see Ex 33:23). However, we show that we love God in the way we love our neighbour.

Love, the foundation of the reign of God, is contagious. When we love others, the reign of God spreads throughout the world. The compassion that we show toward others is a form of evangelisation. It proclaims much louder than any words that the reign of God has been established.

## Financial Support for our Parish

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### Parish of St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong

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## St Vincent de Paul Fairy Meadow Shop

The SVDP Fairy Meadow shop has a large book section of many interests including a large religious and childrens range of books. Prices are reasonable and money raised goes to support the charitable work of the SVDP. The shop is open all week. Address: 138-140 Princes Highway, Fairy Meadow. Ph: 4283 110.

## Confirmation and First Communion



Please keep our Confirmation and First Communion candidates in your prayers. **They will receive the Sacraments over the coming weeks.**

**For the latest diocesan directives updates visit: [www.dow.org.au/covid-19](http://www.dow.org.au/covid-19)**

## Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 104:3-4

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;  
turn to the Lord and his strength;  
constantly seek his face.

## First Reading

Ex 22:20-26

A reading from the book of Exodus

*If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.*

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R. v.2

(R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,  
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.  
My God is the rock where I take refuge;  
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.  
The Lord is worthy of all praise:  
when I call I am saved from my foes. (R.)
2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!  
Praised be the God who saves me.  
He has given great victories to his king  
and shown his love for his anointed. (R.)

## Second Reading

1 Thes 1:5-10

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

*You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.*

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us,

and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

## Gospel Acclamation

Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

## Gospel

Mt 22:34-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.*

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

## Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 19:6

We will ring out our joy at your saving help  
and exult in the name of our God.

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