



**LUMEN CHRISTI**  
CATHOLIC PARISHES WOLLONGONG

# Bulletin

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## All Saints—Year A | 1 November 2020

### CLERGY STAFF

**Most Reverend Brian G Mascord**, Diocesan Bishop & Parish Priest

**Very Reverend Bernard L Gordon**, Vicar General & Administrator

**Reverend Victor Vincent**, Assistant Priest

**Reverend Anthony Ha**, Vietnamese Chaplain & Assistant Priest

### PARISH STAFF

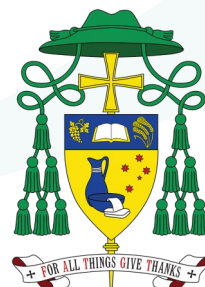
**Mr Kevin Galea**, Business & Operations Manager

**Mrs Cathy Zamroz**, Pastoral Associate

**Mrs Leanne Burlin**, Secretary

**Mrs Patricia Di Leva**, Administration Assistant

**Mrs Karen Borger**, Cathedral Housekeeper



## 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)

### BALGOWNIE

Closed until further notice

- 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))



### THE SAINTS ENCOURAGE US TO GO FORWARD

"Let us ask the Lord for the grace to be simple and humble people, the grace to be able to weep, the grace to be meek, the grace to work for justice and peace, and above all the grace to let ourselves be forgiven by God so as to become instruments of his mercy. This is what the Saints did, those who have preceded us to our heavenly home. They accompany us on our earthly pilgrimage, they encourage us to go forward." (Pope Francis, Holy Mass on the Solemnity of All Saints, Sunday, 1 November 2015)

### 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

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

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

Joseph Carvalho, Gerard McMahon, Fr Emmanuel Gatt, 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

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

Sue Freestone, Linda Dargham, Joseph Scalia, Lilia Pelino, Don Alanis, Jacquie 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).

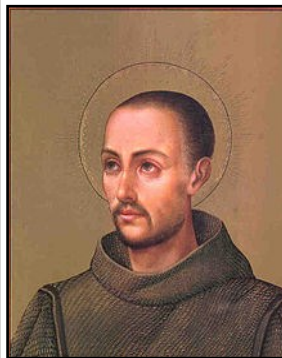
In the Church's liturgical calendar, November 2nd is set aside as a day to especially pray for our deceased loved ones. You are very welcome to attend Mass for the Holy Souls on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at St John Vianney Co-Cathedral, Fairy Meadow, at 9.30am.



"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

### REDISCOVERING THE CREATIVITY OF LOVE



St John of God  
(1495-1550)

Dear Parishioners,

The life of our minds, wills and emotions is a wonderful gift we can share with others. How often do we feel better when we have received the inner thoughts and feelings of those we love and when we have communicated something of our experiences to them?

What happens, however, when we feel incapable of sharing our ourselves in conversation? We would feel, perhaps, that we are isolated, unfulfilled, and empty. The reason for this feeling could be that we are not confident that we would be accepted with love. Another reason could be that we feel so much in the dark, so low, that we do not have the energy to even try to reach out to another.

In the Social Justice Statement of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference for 2020-2021, we read about the issue of mental health in contemporary Australia. The Statement is entitled, *To Live Life to the Full: Mental Health in Australia Today*. The statement recognises the disruptive social and personal consequences of Covid-19 restrictions due to such factors as job loss, domestic violence, not being able to see family members, and homelessness. The Bishops' Statement also refers to deeply disturbing statistics, such as the rise of suicide and, in particular, the vulnerability of those who are 15-24 years old to suicide.

The Bishops "encourage faith communities, governments and each one of us, to make mental health a priority". Praising the great love and devotion of many carers and health workers, the Bishops remind us that anyone can be afflicted by psychological distress, as Jesus was (Luke 22.44). For this reason — out of a sense of common humanity and kindness - we need to give our support to those who suffer mental anguish.

One comment in the Statement particularly attracted my attention: "We are rediscovering the creativity of love in new ways." For example, we have sometimes made good use of digital media to keep contact with those we love. However, the comment reminds me of those who have suffered and yet found a way to love others. One such person was St John of God who had a massive mental breakdown and was treated appallingly. Yet, he rediscovered himself both in God's love and in his ability to help others. He discovered the creativity of love, providing shelter and personal care for those who felt desperate, lonely and distant from human relationships.

Fr Bernard Gordon



# 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* will be available from October 31. 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)



## Welcome Home and Enjoy your Holiday!

This week we welcome back Bishop Brian from his annual leave. We hope that Bishop Brian had a restful break. **Fr Victor** will be on annual leave during the month of November and Fr John Stork will assist Lumen Christi with Mass during Fr Victor's absence.

Thank you very much to all our priests for their hard-work in ministering in our diocese.

## Anniversary of Priestly Ordination



### Bishop Brian Mascord

This Saturday 31st October, 28 years ago, Bishop Brian was ordained a priest. We give thanks to God as Bishop Brian celebrates this anniversary. It is a time, we are sure, when he can look back and thank the Lord for his goodness.

Our sincere prayer is that Bishop Brian will continue his ministry among us, the people of God in the Diocese of Wollongong. God bless you, Bishop Brian, and all those you serve as a priest and pastor.

## REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we celebrate the memory of all the baptised who have gone before us and whose lives were virtuous. The saints of God are all those who have been baptised into Christ, who have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb. We all know people whose lives were steeped in genuine holiness. The life of every one of us has been blessed by their goodness. This is a day for us to remember and to celebrate their holiness. We celebrate the lives of all those who have been marked with the sign of faith, those who have been canonised by the church, those whom we have known personally as well as those whose names we do not know.

In the beatitudes listed in today's gospel we are given examples of what it means to live lives of holiness. This gospel really does not present a blueprint for holiness. Rather, it offers a series of snapshots that demonstrate the holiness that is ours by virtue of our baptism. Those who have gone before us lived such lives. Today, as we remember them, we hold up their lives as examples of holiness and models for our imitation. The sentiments that are expressed and the commitment that it illustrated in the beatitudes clearly stand in opposition to the standards of the world. Their radicality may be more than some can understand, but they are traits that are recognisable by those who belong to the family of God, for they are genuine godly traits.

## SANITISATION OF PEWS BY CONGREGATION

Starting next weekend, we need your help to ensure that our churches are well-cleaned after each celebration of Mass, in accord with government requirements to control the transmission of Covid-19.

Everyone who is able, please use the anti-bacterial wipes provided on the pews to sanitise the church after each Mass.

If you are unable to do this please make sure to advise the monitor so that the pew can be properly sanitised.

After you finish cleaning, please dispose the anti-bacterial wipe in the waste bin provided as you leave the church.

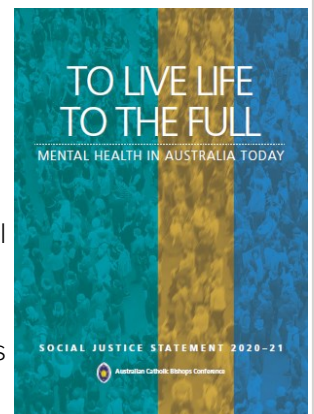
Thank you for your help. A very special thank you to those who have volunteered their time for many months to ensure that our churches are clean for everyone else.

## To Live Life to the Full

In the Social Justice Statement - To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia - our Bishops welcome the deinstitutionalisation of mental health care in Australia.

To download a copy of the full statement please visit:

[https://bit.ly/SocialJustice\\_2020](https://bit.ly/SocialJustice_2020)  
or collect a copy from the doors of our churches.



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

### Entrance Antiphon

Let us all rejoice in the Lord,  
as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints,  
at whose festival the Angels rejoice  
and praise the Son of God.

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

### First Reading

Rv 7:2-4. 9-14

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

*I saw an immense crowd, beyond hope of counting, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language.*

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 23:1-6. R. see v.6

(R.) Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,  
the world and all its peoples.  
It is he who set it on the seas;  
on the waters he made it firm. (R.)
2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?  
Who shall stand in his holy place?  
The man with clean hands and pure heart,  
who desires not worthless things. (R.)
3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord  
and reward from the God who saves him.  
Such are the men who seek him,  
seek the face of the God of Jacob. (R.)

### Second Reading

1 Jn 3:1-3

A reading from the first letter of St John

*We shall see God as he really is.*

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,  
by letting us be called God's children;  
and that is what we are.  
Because the world refused to acknowledge him,  
therefore it does not acknowledge us.  
My dear people, we are already the children of God  
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;  
all we know is, that when it is revealed  
we shall be like him  
because we shall see him as he really is.  
Surely everyone who entertains this hope  
must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

### Gospel Acclamation

Mt 11:28

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened,  
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

Mt 5:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.*

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit:  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Happy the gentle:  
they shall have the earth for their heritage.  
Happy those who mourn:  
they shall be comforted.  
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:  
they shall be satisfied.  
Happy the merciful:  
they shall have mercy shown them.  
Happy the pure in heart:  
they shall see God.  
Happy the peacemakers:  
they shall be called sons of God.  
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

The Creed is said.

### Communion Antiphon

Mt 5:8-10

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.  
Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they shall be called children of God.  
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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