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CATHOLIC PARISHES WOLLONGONG

Bulletin

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Cathedral of St Francis Xavier (Est.1838) • Co-Cathedral of St John Vianney (Est.1947) • Mater Dolorosa (Est.1908) • St Brigid's (Est.1948)

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A | 8 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

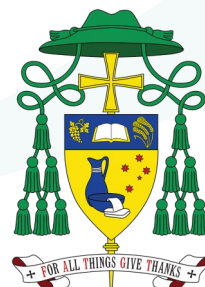
Mr Kevin Galea, Business & Operations Manager

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: 7am (15 Nov), 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

Sunday Mass: 10am (15 Nov)

- Pre-registration required for Vigil/Sunday Mass only.
(Go to 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)

CONFIRMATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to all our children who will be receiving the sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion over the next few weeks. May God bless these children and their families with a deep experience of faith and joy in Christ.

On behalf of the children, parents and parishioners, we offer our heartfelt thanks to Cathy Zamroz and all those who helped in the preparation of the children.

Please keep the children and their families in prayer during this blessed time in the development of their Christian lives.



SCAN TO REGISTER FOR MASS

CONTACT US AT THE PARISH OFFICE

36 Harbour St, Wollongong NSW 2500

Monday to Friday 9.00am—1.00pm

Parish Office: 02 4211 0500 | wollongong@dow.org.au | lumenchristi.org.au

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

Our Privacy policy details can be found on our website: www.privacy.lumenchristi.org.au

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 ...

Donato Di Bono, Tom McKearney, Emilio Fogliati, William Hedley, 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, Ardell Sharpe, 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.

Annual Collection for the Holy Land

The Annual Holy Land Collection usually taken up on Good Friday, will be held this year in the Diocese as an online collection on 15 November 2020 (World Day of the Poor).

HOPE DRAWS US TOWARDS LIFE



Hope does not disappoint" (Rom 5 : 5), Paul told us. Hope attracts us and gives meaning to our life. I do not see the afterlife, but hope is the gift of God that draws us towards life, towards eternal joy. Hope is an anchor that we have on the other side, and we, clinging to the rope, support each other (cf. Heb 6 : 18-20). "I know that

my Redeemer is alive and I will see him". And this, to repeat it in moments of joy and in bad moments, in moments of death, so to speak.

And then, the Lord confirms this, this hope that does not disappoint: "All that the Father gives me will come to me" (Jn 6:37). This is the goal of hope: to go to Jesus. And "he who comes to me, I will not cast out because I came down from heaven not to do my will, but the will of him who sent me" (Jn 6, 37-38). The Lord who receives us there, where the anchor is. Life in hope is living like this: hold on, rope in hand, strong, knowing that the anchor is over there. And this anchor does not disappoint, it does not disappoint.

And this is the strength that gives us hope, this free gift which is the virtue of hope. May the Lord give it to all of us.

(Pope Francis, *Church of the Pontifical Teutonic College of Santa Maria in Camposanto, Monday, 2 November 2020*)

APPOINTMENT OF NEW PASTORAL COUNCIL

Dear Parishioners,

At the beginning of the year it was planned to appoint a new Parish Pastoral Council. Unfortunately, the Covid-19 lockdown interfered with this plan. We need to move forward on a positive note into the new year. So, it is best to appoint a new Pastoral Council now. The Council will be blessed by Bishop Brian (our parish priest) on Sunday 13th December 2020, 10.30am at St Francis Xavier Cathedral.

The members of the newly appointed Pastoral Council are Fr Bernard Gordon (Vicar General/Administrator), Fr Victor Vincent (Assistant Priest), Kevin Galea (Business and Operations Manager), Cathy Zamroz (Pastoral Associate), Sergio Ambrosi (St John Vianney's, Fairy Meadow), Louise Macdonald (St Brigid's, Gwynneville), Alice O'Conner (Mater Dolorosa, Balgownie) and Lisa de Paiva (St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, Wollongong), and Linda Zamuner (Fairy Meadow). The appointment is for a period of 2 years commencing on 1st January 2021.

What is the purpose of the Pastoral Council? Recently, the Congregation for Clergy published *The Pastoral Conversion of the Parish Community*. In Chapter X (nn.108-114) the Congregation reflects on the major groups of the faithful that can help the Parish Priest. These groups are described in the document as "Bodies of Ecclesial Co-Responsibility". Their purpose is to develop the life and mission of the parish.

As a body of co-responsibility the Pastoral Council assists the Parish Priest in his pastoral care of the faith community. It is appointed to help in coordinating the parish members to be builders of the parish and missionaries to everyone. As a consultative body for the Parish Priest, it is to investigate pastoral activities and propose practical resolutions. In considering these matters it needs to keep in mind the actual life, resources and problems of the parish community.

In the setting of the Pastoral Council the faithful can express their thoughts about the good of the Parish. It is a channel of communication between the wider parish community and the Parish Priest.

If the parish priest has the care of a number of parishes, such as in the Lumen Christi region, a single Pastoral Council can be established for those parishes.

A very big thank you to all the members of the Pastoral Council for generously accepting this new responsibility. I look forward to working with them to develop the life and mission of our Lumen Christi parishes. Once again, we need to come together in hearing God's Word, the celebration of the Sacraments, and serving others.

Fr Bernard Gordon

For the latest updated Mass times and bookings visit: lumenchristi.org.au/masstimes

In our parishes & around the diocese

LUMEN CHRISTI CATHOLIC PARISHES

SANITISATION OF PEWS BY CONGREGATION

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 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.

INTERIM MASS TIME CHANGES 15TH NOVEMBER

From next Sunday, 15th November 2020, the **Cathedral Sunday 7am Mass** and **Sunday 10am Balgownie Mass** will resume.

The weekend Mass schedule will be as follows:

St Francis Xavier Cathedral

Sunday: 7am, 10.30am & 5pm

St Brigid's Church

Saturday: 5.30pm Vigil

Sunday: 9am

St John Vianney Co-Cathedral

Sunday 8.30am

Mater Dolorosa

Sunday 10am

Parishioners and Visitor's will still need to register online (lumenchristi.org.au) or phone the parish office.



**Catholic
Business
Connections**
DIocese of Wollongong

CALLING ALL BUSINESS PEOPLE & FRIENDS

Catholic Business Connections (CBC) provides an opportunity for business women and men in our diocese (active and retired) who share common values, to network and engage over lunch with each other and leaders representing the diocese. After a long break between luncheons, we are delighted to announce that our next luncheon will be held on Thursday 19 November at City Beach Function Room, 1 Marine Drive Wollongong (11.45am-2pm).

Bishop Brian invites you to attend what promises to be an enjoyable lunch at one of Wollongong's most picturesque venues. Our guest speaker is Vince Sorrenti, one of Australia's most loved and leading comic entertainers. Vince's topic is "2020. Who knew?"

Tickets for non-members are \$132 (incl. gst). To attend visit dow.sh/CBCNov20

RSVP Thursday 12 November. Covid-19 Safety Plans apply. For more information contact Debbie Gates on (02) 4222 2446.

COMMENTARY by Dianne Bergant CSA

In the tradition of Israel wisdom (Wis 6:12-16) is personified as a woman. Wisdom in this feminine personification is not exactly a divine characteristic, but she is very close to it (see Wis 7:25-26). Wisdom is perceived by those who love her; she is found by those who search for her. Actually, the love of Wisdom and the search for Wisdom are evidence that one is already wise. Wisdom is always available to them, waiting for them, calling to them. Although she permeates all of reality, she resides at its deepest level, and so only those who venture into the deepest realms of experience will find her. Those who find Wisdom find peace and security, meaning and fulfilment.

The psalm of confidence begins with expressions of longing, followed by a short hymn of praise, concluding with words of confidence. The metaphor 'arid land' not only makes the psalmist's longing concrete, but it also suggests that an experience of God is as essential for a human being as water is essential for natural life itself. The arid life without God is contrasted with the sumptuous life with God. The psalmist insists that the covenant bond of lovingkindness is more precious than life itself. Several concepts or images characterise the psalmist's trust in God: help; protective wings; the power of God's right hand. The psalmist has turned to God for life and security, and God has responded with the requested protection.

The subject of Paul's instruction is the final coming of the Lord. It seems that some Christians believed that living the new life in Christ would exempt them from physical death. Therefore, they were troubled by the death of some of their members, questioned either the authenticity of the faith of the deceased or the trustworthiness of their new life. Paul argues that those joined to Christ share in his victory over death. He draws on elements from the apocalyptic tradition of Israel to describe the events that will take place at the end of time when all will be finally joined to Christ. Paul testifies to the truth of this on the strength of the word of the Lord.

Several features of the parable of the Ten Virgins mark its eschatological character. First, banquet is a symbol of eschatological fulfilment (see Is 25:6). Second is the idea of waiting in darkness for an event to occur without knowing exactly when it will come to pass. Finally, there is an ultimate separation that cannot be altered. Jesus may be recounting a parable that describes circumstances surrounding a wedding, but he is teaching a lesson about the end-time. The point of the parable is preparedness, the kind of preparedness that cannot be loaned or given by another. One must prepare oneself. Jesus concludes the parable with the admonition: Be alert! You do not know when the end will come!

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 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

Volunteer Monitors Required

We are looking for volunteer monitors to assist with masses, Baptisms and weddings in our 4 churches. If you are able to assist us please Go to: forms.gle/rbpnwdnXCh7rysda or contact the parish office. Thank you very much for your help.

For the latest diocesan directives updates visit: www.dow.org.au/covid-19

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 87:3

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

First Reading

Wis 6:12-16

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Wisdom is found by those who look for it.

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.
By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.
Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes
herself known to them.
Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;
you will find her sitting at your gates.
Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;
be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.
She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her
and graciously shows herself to them as they go,
in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 62:2-8. R. v.2

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary.
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. (R.)
3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)
4. On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Thes 4:13-18

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

Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together

with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

or

Shorter form

1 Thes 4:13-14

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

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Gospel Acclamation

Mt 24:42. 44

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready:
you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 25:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 22:1-2

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me
repose,
near restful waters he leads me.

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