



LUMEN CHRISTI
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)

Christ the King Year A | 22 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

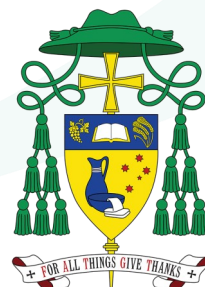
Mr Kevin Galea, Business & Operations Manager

Mrs Cathy Zamroz, Pastoral Associate

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Mrs Karen Borger, Cathedral Housekeeper



MASS TIMETABLE

WOLLONGONG

Friday Mass: 12.10pm
Sunday Mass: 7am, 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

- 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)

THANK YOU CASSANDRA AND FAREWELL!

This weekend we say a very big "Thank you and Farewell" to Cassandra Cordero who has been our Organist at St Francis Xavier Cathedral for the past fifteen years, providing us with truly beautiful music to lift our hearts to God in praise and worship!

Cassandra was featured at the first Australian Pastoral Musicians Network conference in January 2014. She used her skills in notation software to prepare the typesetting for the various liturgy books as well as her skills as an accompanist for many of the liturgies during the conference. Cassandra was involved in a recital on an Allen Organ and has been a key musician in Diocesan and Parish celebrations of the Eucharist.

Cassandra, thank you for the wonderful gift of your musical excellence over so many years. We wish you well in your future endeavours in Victoria. May God bless you always!



CONTACT US AT THE PARISH OFFICE

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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 ...

Rose Mercieca, 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.

CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE

On-line registrations for Christmas Masses have now opened. This year, across the Lumen Christi Pastoral Region, there will be 14 Christmas celebrations of the Holy Eucharist in English, allowing for 960 parishioners to attend, according to current government regulations. In addition, Mass will be offered by the Syro-Malabar, Italian and Vietnamese peoples. In total, across the faith communities of the Cathedral, Gwynneville, Fairy Meadow and Balgownie, **17 Masses will be celebrated** with a total number of **1440 possible registrations**.

If you intend to attend the Syro-Malabar, Italian or Vietnamese Masses, please contact the respective Priest or Chaplain to register.

Usually, far greater numbers of people attend at Christmas time. To give everyone a fair chance to attend one of the the Vigil and Christmas Day Masses, please only register for one of the Masses. Thank you for your cooperation.

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass: Thursday 24th December

St Francis Xavier Cathedral

5pm, 7pm, & Midnight

St John Vianney Co-Cathedral

6pm & 8pm (Vietnamese)

St Brigid's Church

5pm & 7pm

Mater Dolorosa Church

7pm (Syro-Malabar)

Christmas Day Mass: Friday 25th December

St Francis Xavier Cathedral

7am, 9am & 10.30am

St John Vianney Co-Cathedral

8.30am & 10am (Italian)

Mater Dolorosa Church

Mass 10am & 11.30am (Syro-Malabar)

WEEKDAY MASS TIME CHANGES

Dear Parishioners,

We have lived through a year that has been unusual and unsettling. The Covid-19 crisis forced many adjustments to both our lives and our parish worship. In addition, the work to renew the interior of the Cathedral required an interim Mass timetable. A very special thank you to the sacristans, cleaners and congregation of St John Vianney's, who accommodated us during this time.

As we approach the season of Advent, the beginning of the new liturgical year, it is time to move to a more complete Cathedral timetable. The renewal work on the Cathedral has been completed. As the church which holds the Bishop's cathedra (seat) it has a central role in the Diocese. The Cathedral has a prime position in the city of Wollongong by which it is identified as a place of worship and evangelization.

Unfortunately, without a resident priest at Fairy Meadow we can only offer a limited weekday Mass timetable. It is a present fact of life that we have a shortage of priests. Moreover, the time of our Bishop and the Vicar General/Administrator is often absorbed by Diocesan work. A special note of gratitude is due to Fr John Stork who generously helps in Lumen Christi parishes. However, he is a supply priest for other parishes in the Diocese, which takes much of his time.

To ensure that St John Vianney's has two weekday Masses, we have introduced an evening Mass at 5.30pm. This will also serve to provide an opportunity for those who cannot attend a morning Mass. So, the Mass timetable for Lumen Christi, effective from Monday 30 November 2020, will be:

St Francis Xavier's Cathedral

Monday	7.00am
Tuesday	7.00am
Wednesday	7.00am & 12.10pm & 6.30pm Holy Hour
Thursday	7.00am
Friday	7.00am & 12.10pm
Sunday	7.00am, 10.30am & 5pm

St Brigid's Church

Thursday	9.30am
Saturday	5.30pm Vigil
Sunday	9.00am

St John Vianney's Co-Cathedral

Tuesday	9.30am
Thursday	5.30pm
Sunday	8.30am, 10.00am (Italian), & 4.30pm (Viet)

Mater Dolorosa

Sunday	10am, 11.30am (Syro-Malabar)
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Remember, you need only register for weekend Mass (lumenchristi.org.au or phone the office). Thank you for your patient support during this year of disruptive grace.

Fr Bernard Gordon

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

In our parishes & around the diocese

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FINANCE COUNCIL UPDATE

The past year has been a year like no-other! COVID-19 certainly changed us all. We moved to a digital format to connect to our parishioners and visitors, bringing Mass to the people of God online.

With our churches closed it was an opportunity for the Cathedral renewal project to be brought forward and to support our local contractors and tradesmen. The total cost of the Cathedral renewal was \$570,061. Our thanks to the Wollongong Diocese who paid 50% of the cost. A special thank you to all those who gave donations to the renewal work to the amount of \$44,250! Your generosity was and remains a sign of great encouragement.

Here are some key points discussed at our recent Finance Council meeting, held on 27th October 2020:

1. A unanimous recommendation was given that the three parishes of Lumen Christi need to be made **ONE PARISH** to reduce the triplication of the administrative workload.
2. There needs to be a review of the current Diocesan accounting structure for parishes.
3. We need to creatively generate income given the loss of sources of income, such as Cathedral Housie, due to Covid-19 restrictions.

I gratefully acknowledge the contributions of the Finance Council Members for this past year. I especially thank Denis Frew (SFX) who has stepped down from the Finance Council. Denis is a man of intelligence, candour and dedication.

Thank you Gabi Tobin (Madame Chair, SBG), Lisa de Paiva (SFX), Lynne Hudson (SJV), and Dustan Saverimuttu (MDB) for accepting appointment for the next two years. I warmly welcome Riccardo Biondini (SFX) onto the Finance Council. Thank you, too, to Linda Zamuner (Secretary) for being our Council Secretary.

Fr Bernard Gordon



Priestly Ordination Anniversary Rev Victor Vincent

This weekend (21st November) Fr Victor Vincent celebrates three years since his Priestly Ordination.

We give thanks to Fr Victor for his calling to the priesthood and his willingness to generously serve the people of God.

*"Do not be afraid of what God
asks of you!
It is worth saying YES to God"*

We pray for our seminarians and those entering the Seminary in 2021. May more men respond to God's call to serve our diocese as priests. Amen.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

We have now come to the end of the liturgical year, the point that marks the transition from one period to another. Today we see that the kingdom of God is inclusive. Its embrace is as comprehensive as is the embrace of God. Criteria for membership are not based on obedience to the commandments or on conformity to ritual obligation, but on the bonds of love and concern.

What we do for others, we do for Christ, because Christ is identified with those in need. We very seldom see the face of the glorified Christ in the faces of the needy; it is more often the face of the disfigured Christ that is turned to us. We see his fear and his shame, his brokenness and sense of loss. As difficult as it may be to look into such eyes, it is precisely the needy with whom Christ is identified.

Having entered into the frailty of human nature, identified himself with the needy, and handed himself over to death, in the end Christ will have conquered all. It is a curious kingdom that he has won, a kingdom of the weak rather than the strong. He has turned the standards of the world upside down. He has shown that it does not take strength to ignore or to exploit the needy, but it does take strength to overcome our own selfishness in order to serve them. The kingdom that Christ hands over to God is a kingdom of love and care.

ADVENT RETREAT

"The Lord is my Light and my Salvation"

You are
invited to a
night of
reflection
and
adoration
as we
prepare to
celebrate
the coming
of our
Saviour at



CHRISTMAS

Friday, 4 December 2020
St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong
6:30pm – 9pm
(Registrations open at 6:20pm)

VOLUNTEER MONITORS NEEDED

We really do need more volunteer monitors to assist with Masses, Baptisms and Weddings in the churches of our four faith communities of the Cathedral, Fairy Meadow, Balgownie and Gwynneville.

Please help us, we need your assistance!

To enrol as a monitor either go to:

forms.glerbnpwdnXCh7rysDNA

or contact the parish office on 4211 0500

Thank you for helping us to help you.

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

Entrance Antiphon

Rv 5:12; 1:6

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and divinity,
and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

First Reading

Ez 34:11-12. 15-17

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22:1-3. 5-6. R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose. (R.)
2. Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Cor 15:20-26. 28

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

He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereign-

ty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

Gospel Acclamation

Mk 11:9-10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 25:31-46

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

The Creed is said.

Communion Antiphon

Ps 28:10-11

The Lord sits as King for ever.

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

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