



INCORPORATING THE PARISHES OF

- Cathedral of St Francis Xavier, Wollongong • Co-Cathedral of St John Vianney, Fairy Meadow
- Mater Dolorosa, Balgownie • St Brigid's, Gwynneville

THE HOPE OF THE WORLD



**Beloved Jesus, Hope of the world.
Help us to see your light and let it shine for all to
see. Shed your light on the path that leads us to
enjoy your Presence.
Let the peace and the joy of Christmas remain with
us always.
Amen.**

Dear Parishioners,

The Third Sunday of Advent anticipates the glorious joy of Christmas. It emphasizes the joy we feel as we look forward in hope to the fulfilment of our salvation.

Joy is the experience we have when we are fulfilled by the good we have loved and desired. Joy is the delightful expansion of our hearts in the presence of the person we have longed so much to see and hold. So we long to see the face of God and be embraced by the Divine love. This face we see in the face of Christ, we are held close by God's Son.

To share this joy I invite you to receive a Christmas Card from Bishop Brian, Fr Victor and myself, and the Lumen Christi staff. Please offer the prayer on the inside of the Christmas card for your family and friends. Perhaps, you could offer the prayer before the Christmas dinner or pray it with those who are in need of consolation.

May Christ bless you and your families with his joy.

Fr Bernard Gordon

Third Sunday of Advent Blessing of the Advent Wreath

Presider

On this Third Sunday of Advent, we light the rose coloured candle, the candle of rejoicing, on our Advent Wreath. Let us pray that God will fill us with joy at the coming of Christ ...
pause...

Presider: Come, Lord Jesus. Bring Good News to our world.

All: For you are our hope.

Presider: Come, Lord Jesus. Heal the hearts of all who are broken and afraid.

All: For you are our peace.

Presider: Come Lord Jesus. Proclaim a year of favour for all peoples.

All: For you are our Saviour.



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Bulletin

Third Sunday of Advent
Year B

13 December 2020

In our parishes & around the diocese

LUMEN CHRISTI CATHOLIC PARISHES

MASS TIMETABLE

WOLLONGONG

Monday	Mass: 7am
Tuesday	Mass: 7am
Wednesday	Mass: 7am Confessions: 11:30am Mass: 12.10pm Holy Hour: 6:30pm
Thursday	Mass: 7am
Friday	Mass: 7am Confessions: 11:30am Mass: 12.10pm
Sunday	Mass: 7am, 10.30am & 5pm

GWYNNEVILLE

Thursday	Mass: 9.30am
Saturday	Mass: 5.30pm
Sunday	Mass: 9am

FAIRY MEADOW

Tuesday	Mass: 9.30am
Thursday	Mass: 9.30am (Italian) Mass: 5.30pm
Sunday	Mass: 8.30am Mass: 10am (Italian) Mass: 4.30pm (Vietnamese)

BALGOWNIE

Sunday	Mass: 10am Mass: 11.30am (Syro-Malabar)
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- **Live Mass Sundays at 10.30am**
(Go to: livestream.lumenchristi.org.au)
- **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

SVdP Wollongong & Fairy Meadow

Christmas Cards and Calendars are on sale after Mass. Please see a member of the SVdP if you wish to purchase a card or calendar, or both.

Food and gifts can be left in marked SVdP baskets provided in the churches. The final date is 20 December.

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

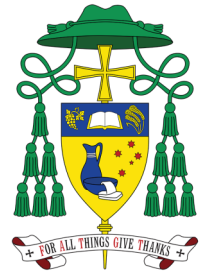
Madeleine Smith, Peter Estreich, Rose Mercieca, Leo Boyle, John & Frances Merritt, Jim Bates, Luigi Tollardo, David & Judith Crowe, Maureen Gray, John Hayes, Steve Winder, Deceased members of our parish, John B Davis, Francis Joseph O'Donnell, Tom & Joan Mackie, Rhonda Reynolds, Frances Clifford, Joshua Pead, Brian Tuxworth, Catherine Tuxworth, Doris Hogan, Isabel Marques, Manuel Rebelo, Mary Greco, Paula Dingli.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SICK ...

Fr David Catterall (Oran Park PP), Amelia Wilkinson, 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.

STAFF

Most Reverend Brian G Mascord,
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Secretary
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CATECHIST SUNDAY

13 December 2020

A very heartfelt thank you to all our Catechists in what has been a very unusual and unsettling year. You are true evangelisers by your witness to God's truth and love to the children of our parish in Public Schools.

Yet, we need more of our parishioners to join in this beautiful ministry of teaching. This weekend in our parishes we celebrate Catechist Sunday. Catechists come from all walks of life and ensure that the children of our Parish hear of God's great love for them. There are still more children we could reach!

Can you give around an hour of your time a week to teach or help out in a classroom?

Celebrate with us this weekend the gift of the Catechist ministry. Please speak to our Pastoral Associate Cathy Zamroz (Fridays) on 4211 0506 or one of the Catechists if you would like to get involved. You can also email: cathy.zamroz@dow.org.au

"No one learns to hope alone"

POPE FRANCIS



CATECHIST
SUNDAY 2020

Go to www.ccdwollongong.com to find out more.

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

In our parishes & around the diocese

LUMEN CHRISTI CATHOLIC PARISHES

CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE

On-line registrations for Christmas Masses have now opened.

If you want to attend the Syro-Malabar, Italian or Vietnamese Christmas Masses, please contact the Priest or Chaplain directly to register.

To give everyone a fair chance to attend one of 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)

St Brigid's Church
9am

Mater Dolorosa Church
Mass 10am & 11.30am (Syro-Malabar)

THANK YOU TO OUR TEACHERS

Thank you to the Principals, teachers and administrative helpers of our Parish Schools, The Good Samaritan, Fairy Meadow, and St Brigid's, Gwynneville.

Likewise, thank you to our Catechists for the ways in which you have enriched the children in our Public Schools. All of you share in the work of Christ the Teacher. Jesus often explained the mysteries of the Kingdom. He illuminated the minds and hearts of his disciples with truth and love. Jesus is the Good News.

Thank you for bringing the light of Christ's teaching to the children of our parishes.

Fr Bernard Gordon



REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Traditionally, the third Sunday of Advent is called *Gaudete* Sunday, the Sunday of Joy. The joy of this Sunday comes both from the message of the readings and from the anticipation that Christmas is nearing. As described in the Isaian passage, the Messiah is the one imbued with the spirit and with the power of the prophet, the one who will fulfill the promises of God. It becomes obvious in the Gospel that the Messiah is the one proclaimed by the Baptist. John cleared a path for the coming of the anointed one, and from that time on the lives of believers have been the pathway through which the Messiah has entered the world.

YOUNG ADULTS BBQ

Sunday 13th December



WOLLONGONG CATHEDRAL

MGR JOHN RIGNEY ROOM

After the 5pm Mass

All Welcome!

YOU ARE THE FLAME

MASS REGISTRATION CHANGES

As of **Friday 1st January 2021** there will no-longer be pre-registration bookings for Masses. NSW Health now requires all parishes to keep a record of name, contact number and entry time for all staff, volunteers, visitors and contractors for a period of at least 28 days, using electronic collection (e.g. using a QR code). Parishioners will be asked to scan the QR code upon entry using their smart phone. Alternatively, see the door monitor for your details to be entered through an iPad.

A very big thank you to our monitors who have so generously offered their time to help their fellow parishioners. You are doing a sterling job and enabling us to have Mass while remaining compliant with the law. If anyone complains to you, feel free to hand them the iPad so they can do the work.

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

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS &
COMMENTARY**

Entrance Antiphon

Phil 4:4-5

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.
Indeed, the Lord is near.

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in
the highest) is not said.

First Reading

Is 61:1-2. 10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I exult for joy in the Lord.

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me,
for the Lord has anointed me.
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor,
to bind up hearts that are broken;

to proclaim liberty to captives,
freedom to those in prison;
to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord.

'I exult for joy in the Lord,
my soul rejoices in my God,
for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation,
he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity,
like a bridegroom wearing his wreath,
like a bride adorned in her jewels.

'For as the earth makes fresh things grow,
as a garden makes seeds spring up,
so will the Lord make both integrity and praise
spring up in the sight of the nations.'

Responsorial Psalm

Lk 1:46-50. 53-54. R. Is 61:10

(R.) My soul rejoices in my God.

1. My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.
He looks on his servant in her nothingness;
henceforth all ages will call me blessed. (R.)
2. The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy his name!
His mercy is from age to age,
on those who fear him. (R.)
3. He fills the starving with good things,
sends the rich away empty.
He protects Israel, his servant,
remembering his mercy. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Thes 5:16-24

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessa-
lonians

*May you all be kept blameless, spirit, soul and
body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all
things give thanks to God, because this is what God
expects you to do in Christ Jesus.

Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of
prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything
— hold on to what is good and avoid every form of
evil.

May the God of peace make you perfect and holy;
and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit,
soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus
Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

Gospel Acclamation

Is 61:1 (Lk 4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 1:6-8. 19-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*There stands among you, unknown to you, the
one who is coming after me.*

A man came, sent by God.

His name was John.

He came as a witness,

as a witness to speak for the light,
so that everyone might believe through him.

He was not the light,

only a witness to speak for the light.

This is how John appeared as a witness. When the
Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask
him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he de-
clared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,'
they asked, 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not,' he said. 'Are
you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to
him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to
those who sent us. What have you to say about your-
self?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied:

a voice that cries in the wilderness:

Make a straight way for the Lord.'

Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and
they put this further question to him, 'Why are you
baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and
not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water;
but there stands among you — unknown to you — the
one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo
his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far
side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

The Creed is said.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Is 35:4

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.
Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

CHRISTMAS PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday 21st December to Wednesday 23rd December:
9am to 1pm

Parish Office closed 1pm Wednesday, 23rd December
until Monday, 4th January 2021

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