



LUMEN CHRISTI
CATHOLIC PARISHES WOLLONGONG

HAPPY CHRISTMAS
PLEASE TAKE THE BULLETIN HOME

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



YEAR OF
St Joseph
8 DEC 2020 – 8 DEC 2021
DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG

"With a father's heart."

A JOY TO BE SHARED BY THE WHOLE PEOPLE



May the same joy and peace that overflowed in the hearts of Mary and Joseph, the Shepherds and the Wise Men, fill your hearts. We pray for all our Faithful Departed, the recently deceased, those whose anniversaries occur at this time, and especially those we dearly miss during this Holy Season of Christmas, and all the sick in our Lumen Christi Pastoral Region. May the birth of Jesus be a sign of hope and joy for all our families and friends. God bless you all.

CHRISTMAS PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Parish Office closed Friday, 25th December until Monday, 4th January 2021

CHRISTMAS MASSES LIVESTREAMED
livestream.lumenchristi.org.au

Christmas Vigil: 7pm
Christmas Night: Midnight
Christmas Day: 10.30am

Bulletin

Christmas Day
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25 December 2020

In our parishes & around the diocese

LUMEN CHRISTI CATHOLIC PARISHES



Help Support Your Parish

What does your planned giving do?

FIRST COLLECTION Support Our Clergy



SECOND COLLECTION Support Our Parish



SLOT 1
Please insert into the slot below to
support our clergy



SLOT 2
Please insert into the slot below to
support our parish



PARISH CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS

Parishes provide spiritual and emotional meaning in our lives year-round, and they have persevered despite incredible challenges due to the COVID-19 crisis.

In this season of giving, please consider making a Christmas Collection gift to your parish during this holiday season. Parishes need this support now more than ever. Your support will help the vitality of your parish to continue serving the community and administer to the spiritual needs of its members.

The First Collection – for the clergy (SLOT 1)

The first collection provides for a priest's monthly stipend, food and drinks, private health insurance and superannuation contribution – as well as a contribution towards priests who have retired. The collection is centralised – after a living allowance has been withdrawn, the remaining balance each month is swept into the Clergy Remuneration Fund.

The Second Collection – for the parish (SLOT 2)

Planned Giving envelopes and any loose cash donated at this collection are banked into a parish account which is overseen by the Parish Priest/Administrator and Parish Finance Council. Direct debits and direct donations through BPOINT, Tap Donations are also deposited into this Parish Account. The very many costs of running a parish are deducted from this account. (parish operating expenses, parish staff salaries, car expenses for the priest, parish pastoral programs, such as Scripture in state schools.

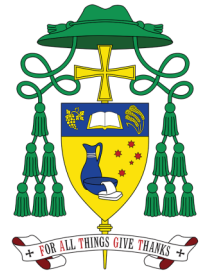
If wish to join our envelopes or electronic debit planned giving or even wish to increase your gift please contact the parish office email wollongong@dow.org.au 4211 0500. Thank you for your ongoing support!

MASS REGISTRATION CHANGES

As of next **Friday 1st January 2021** there will no-longer be pre-registration bookings for Masses. Parishioners will be asked to scan the QR code upon entry using their smart phone. Or see the door monitor for help.

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
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 TIMES FROM 26 DECEMBER TO 1ST JANUARY

Saturday 26th December, St Stephen

St Francis Xavier Cathedral: Mass 8am

Saturday 26th December, Holy Family

St Brigid's: Mass 5.30pm Vigil

Sunday 26th December, The Holy Family

St Francis Xavier Cathedral: Mass 7am, 10.30am & 5pm

St John Vianney Co-Cathedral: Mass 8.30am

St Brigid's: Mass 9am

Mater Dolorosa: Mass 10am

Monday 28th December, The Holy Innocents

St Francis Xavier Cathedral: Mass 8am

Tuesday 29th December, Octave of Christmas

St Francis Xavier Cathedral: Mass 7am

St John Vianney Co-Cathedral: Mass 9.30am

Wednesday 30th December, Octave of Christmas

St Francis Xavier Cathedral: Mass 7am

Confessions: 11.30am

Mass: 12.10pm

Thursday 31st December, Octave of Christmas

St Francis Xavier Cathedral: Mass 7am

St Brigid's: Mass 9.30am

Friday 1st January 2021, Mary Mother of God

St Francis Xavier Cathedral: Mass 9am

Normal Mass schedule then resumes

PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH RECITED DAILY BY POPE FRANCIS

"Glorious Patriarch Saint Joseph, whose power makes the impossible possible, come to my aid in these times of anguish and difficulty. Take under your protection the serious and troubling situations that I commend to you, that they may have a happy outcome. My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power. Amen."

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In our parishes & around the diocese

LUMEN CHRISTI CATHOLIC PARISHES

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First Reading

Is 52:7-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

All the ends of the earth shall see the saving power of our God.

How beautiful on the mountains,
are the feet of one who brings good news,
who heralds peace, brings happiness,
proclaims salvation,
and tells Zion,
'Your God is king!'
Listen! Your watchmen raise their voices,
they shout for joy together,
for they see the Lord face to face,
as he returns to Zion.
Break into shouts of joy together,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the Lord is consoling his people,
redeeming Jerusalem.
The Lord bares his holy arm
in the sight of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97:1-6. R. v.3

(R.) All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. (R.)
2. The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. (R.)
3. All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy. (R.)
4. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp,
with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
acclaim the King, the Lord. (R.)

Second Reading

Heb 1:1-6

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

In our own time, God speaks to us through his Son.

At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son, the Son that he has appointed to inherit everything and through whom he made everything there is. He is the radiant light of God's glory and the perfect copy of his nature, sustaining the universe by his powerful command; and now that he has destroyed the defilement of sin, he has gone to take his place in heaven at the right hand of divine Majesty. So he is now as far above the angels as the title which he has inherited is higher than their own name.

God has never said to any angel: You are my Son, today I have become your father, or: I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Again, when he brings the First-born into the world, he says: Let all the angels of God worship him.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

A holy day has dawned upon us.
Come you nations and adore the Lord.
Today a great light has come upon the earth.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 1:1-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us, and we saw his glory.

In the beginning was the Word:
the Word was with God
and the Word was God.
He was with God in the beginning.
Through him all things came to be,
not one thing had its being but through him.
All that came to be had life in him
and that life was the light of men,
a light that shines in the dark,
a light that darkness could not overpower.

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.

The Word was the true light
that enlightens all men;
and he was coming into the world.
He was in the world
that had its being through him,
and the world did not know him.
He came to his own domain
and his own people did not accept him.
But to all who did accept him
he gave power to become children of God,
to all who believe in the name of him
who was born not out of human stock
or urge of the flesh
or will of man
but of God himself.
The Word was made flesh,
he lived among us,
and we saw his glory,
the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father,
full of grace and truth.

John appears as his witness, He proclaims:
'This is the one of whom I said:
He who comes after me
ranks before me
because he existed before me.'

Indeed, from his fullness we have, all of us, received –
yes, grace in return for grace,
since, though the Law was given through Moses,
grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ.
No one has ever seen God;
it is the only Son, who is nearest to the Father's heart,
who has made him known.

The Creed is said. All kneel at the words and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 97:3

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

The Nativity of the Lord (Vigil & Midnight Mass)

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 2:7

The Lord said to me: You are my Son.
It is I who have begotten you this day.

or

Let us all rejoice in the Lord, for our Saviour has been born in
the world.
Today true peace has come down to us from heaven.

First Reading

Is 9:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

A son is given to us.

The people that walked in darkness
has seen a great light;
on those who live in a land of deep shadow
a light has shone.
You have made their gladness greater,
you have made their joy increase;
they rejoice in your presence
as men rejoice at harvest time,
as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.
For the yoke that was weighing on him,
the bar across his shoulders,
the rod of his oppressor,
these you break as on the day of Midian.
For all the footgear of battle,
every cloak rolled in blood,
is burnt
and consumed by fire.
For there is a child born for us,
a son given to us
and dominion is laid on his shoulders;
and this is the name they give him:
Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God,
Eternal-Father, Prince-of-Peace.
Wide is his dominion
in a peace that has no end,
for the throne of David
and for his royal power,
which he establishes and makes secure
in justice and integrity.
From this time onwards and for ever,
the jealous love of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 95:1-3. 11-13 R. Lk 2:11

(R.) Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
O sing to the Lord, bless his name. (R.)
2. Proclaim his help day by day,
tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. (R.)
3. Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad,
let the sea and all within it thunder praise,
let the land and all it bears rejoice,
all the trees of the wood shout for joy
at the presence of the Lord for he comes,
he comes to rule the earth. (R.)
4. With justice he will rule the world,
he will judge the peoples with his truth. (R.)

Second Reading

Ti 2:11-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Titus

God's grace has been revealed to all people.

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

Gospel Acclamation

Lk 2:10-11

Alleluia, alleluia!
Good News and great joy to all the world:
today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 2:1-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Today a saviour has been born for you.

Caesar Augustus issued a decree for a census of the whole world to be taken. This census – the first – took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria, and everyone went to his own town to be registered. So Joseph set out from the town of Nazareth in Galilee and travelled up to Judaea, to the town of David called Bethlehem, since he was of David's House and line, in order to be registered together with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to a son, her first-born. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them at the inn. In the countryside close by there were shepherds who lived in the fields and took it in turns to watch their flocks during the night. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone round them. They were terrified, but the angel said, 'Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the town of David a saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. And here is a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.' And suddenly with the angel there was a great throng of the heavenly host, praising God and singing:

'Glory to God in the highest heaven
and peace to men who enjoy his favour.'

The Creed is said. All kneel at the words and
by the Holy Spirit was incarnate.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 1:14

The Word became flesh, and we have seen his glory.

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Day

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Is 9:5

A child is born for us, and a son is given to us;
his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder,
and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.

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