



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

“With a father’s heart.”



LUMEN CHRISTI
CATHOLIC PARISHES WOLLONGONG

MERRY 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**

WHAT CAN BE MORE BEAUTIFUL?

“How important it is for our families *to journey together towards a single goal!* We know that we have a road to travel together; a road along which we encounter difficulties but also enjoy moments of joy and consolation. And on this pilgrimage of life we also share in moments of prayer. What can be more beautiful than for a father and mother *to bless their children* at the beginning and end of each day, *to trace on their forehead the sign of the cross*, as they did on the day of their baptism? Is this not the simplest prayer which parents can offer for their children? To bless them, that is, to entrust them to the Lord, just like Joseph and Mary, so that he can be their protection and support throughout the day. In the same way, it is important for families to join in a brief *prayer before meals*, in order to thank the Lord for these gifts and to learn how to share what we have received with those in greater need.” (Pope Francis, Homily: *Feast of the Holy Family*, Sunday 27 December, 2015)



MASS TIMES: CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR

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 & 12.10pm
Confessions: 11.30am

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

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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 (including confessions)
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

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

Anders Nilsson, Madeleine Smith, 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 ...

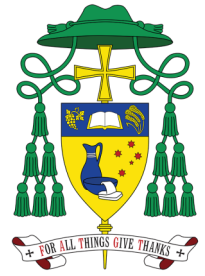
Mary Dent, Fr David Catterall (Oran Park PP), Amelia Wilkinson, Sue Freestone, Ardell Sharpe, Linda Dargham, Joseph Scalia, Lilia Pelino, Don Alanis, Jacquie Brady, Lyn Griffin, Edna Wilson, Brian Brennan, Margaret Cooke, Betty Bloye, Bill Keirse, Lyn Gilbert, Jessica Sparks, Pat Carr, Bruce Creenaune, Tri Vu's mum (Vietnam), Catherine Cox, Frances McMahon, Joan O'Dowd, Margaret Bartley, Kath McGuinness, Jan Newman, Lucy Caruana.

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. Alternatively, see the door monitor.

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



LUMEN CHRISTI PARISH BANQUET, FEAST OF ST JOSEPH THE WORKER, SATURDAY, 1 MAY 2021

Are you lonesome tonight? Is your heart filled with pain? Will you come back again?

Wallow in despondency and darkness no longer! Turn the mud of your tragic emptiness into the diamonds of sparkling hilarity!! Feel human again by helping us to fill *our* night with song, inspire *our* feet with dancing, and make *our* bellies full with quality cuisine!!!

Don't hesitate! Be part of the **Team of 5** and organize a hurricane of happiness to blow our sadness to kingdom-come. If you are up to the task, if you are wild enough, contact Revn' BG or Rockin' KG at the Parish Office: where parties thrive and the music never stops.

*** LIVE AGAIN ***
JOIN THE LC REVOLUTION

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

In our parishes & around the diocese

LUMEN CHRISTI CATHOLIC PARISHES

ADORATION ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHEDRAL

"Falling to their knees
they did him homage"
(Luke 2.11)

Every Wednesday
6:30PM to 7:30PM



CYMW invites you to Adoration every
Wednesday evening from 6:30pm to 7:30pm at St
Francis Xavier Cathedral.

There will be time for silence and reflection
before the Lord. It is a great time to quiet our hearts to
listen to Him more closely.

There will also be time for the healing Sacrament of
Confession.

All parishioners are welcome!

We hope to see to you there!

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office is currently closed for Christmas and
New Year break until Monday, 4th January 2021.

JOSEPH NGUYEN SEMINARIAN FOR THE DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG

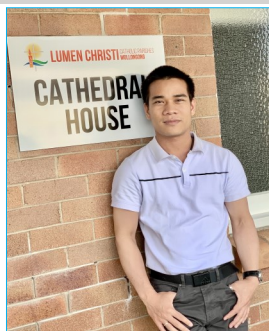
Dear Parishioners,

On 14 October 2020, I was very
delighted and honoured to receive
a letter from Bishop Brian Mascord
congratulating me on my
acceptance to The Good Shepherd
Seminary at Homebush. And I want to share this great
news with you.

I am deeply grateful to you all for your great care,
support, prayers and everything you have done for me.

Kindly offer your prayers to God for me as I am about to
begin this new stage of my life and the journey to the
priesthood. May the peace of the Little King be with you
on this Christmas and always.

Joseph Nguyen



tain cultural codes of conduct, are asked to consider new and
ever more balanced ways of relating. In view of their lives as
Christians, parents and children, husbands and wives, brothers
and sisters must all be embraced as equal members of
the household of God.

SUMMER NIGHTS FOR 18-35'S AT VARROVILLE JANUARY 2021

Register now for *Summer Nights* at Mount Carmel
Retreat Centre with the Missionaries of God's Love
(MGL's). An outdoor experience featuring quality talks
and teaching, night sessions with praise and worship,
drama, preaching, testimonies, and prayer. Mass,
adoration and reconciliation will be available each day
with COVID safe dinner provided.

There are two options to register, with the retreat
running twice during the week:

- Monday 11 January – Wednesday 13 January (3pm to 9pm)
- Thursday 14 January – Saturday 16 January (3pm to 9pm)

To register go to www.summerschool.org.au

Pastoral Care Course - CPE Introductory Course: February - March 2021 Full Course: April-November

Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) is a program of
professional development designed to prepare a
person for pastoral and spiritual care practice and/or
chaplaincy ministry.

CPE provides opportunities for you to:

- * grow in knowledge and understanding of the
pastoral role,
- * develop skills that will enable you to offer effective
pastoral and spiritual care,
- * deepen your awareness of peoples' needs, hopes,
and concerns during times of illness,
- * become more aware of your own values,
attitudes and assumptions.
- * Further information can be found by contacting
ckarauda@gmail.com

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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THIS WEEK'S READINGS & COMMENTARY

Entrance Antiphon

Lk 2:16

The shepherds went in haste,
and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

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

First Reading

Sir 3:2-6. 12-14

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Whoever fears the Lord honours his parents.

The Lord honours the father in his children,
and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons.
Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins,
he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune.
Whoever respects his father will be happy with children of his own,
he shall be heard on the day when he prays.
Long life comes to him who honours his father,
he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the Lord.
My son, support your father in his old age,
do not grieve him during his life.
Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy,
do not despise him in your health and strength;
for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten
but will serve as reparation for your sins.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 127:1-5. R. see v.1

(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. (R.)
2. Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. (R.)
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
all the days of your life! (R.)

Second Reading

Col 3:12-21

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Concerning the Christian life in the world.

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with gentleness.

Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.

Gospel Acclamation

Col 3:15. 16

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
and the fullness of his message live within you.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 2:22-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom.

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said:

'Now, Master,
you can let your servant go in peace,
just as you promised;
because my eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared for all the nations to see,
a light to enlighten the pagans
and the glory of your people Israel.'

As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.'

There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

Communion Antiphon

Bar 3:38

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

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In an era when so much talk is devoted to the discussion of family values, the readings for this feast offer significant challenge. Those who believe in Christ, while still adhering to cer-

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