



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

"With a father's heart."



LUMEN CHRISTI
CATHOLIC PARISHES WOLLONGONG

"COME AND SEE"
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

"JOHN STARED HARD AT HIM"

Why does someone stare at someone else? To communicate love, perhaps, or anger, or hatred? In John's Gospel (1.36, 42), John the Baptist looks at Jesus to indicate him and Jesus looks at Simon to call him to a new life.

As the Gospel informs us, Jesus passed by and "John stared hard at him", directing his own followers to look at Jesus, "the Lamb of God" (John 1.36). Two of John's followers went after Jesus and Jesus invited them to spend the day with him.



Then, one of these new disciples of Jesus — Andrew — spoke about Jesus to his brother, Simon. Andrew took Simon to Jesus, who "looked hard at him" (John 1.42). At that moment Jesus spoke Simon's former name and his new name: "Rock" (Peter). Jesus acknowledged Simon's past as the son of John and opened up a new future for him as Peter.

What would have happened if John had not spoken to his followers and pointed them to Jesus? There would have been no Apostles called Andrew or Simon Peter. John and Jesus both knew how to recognise and invite someone to share the life and the work of God.

Who needs our help to recognise and follow the Lamb of God?

Fr Bernard Gordon

Bulletin

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B | 17 January 2021

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In our parishes & around the diocese

LUMEN CHRISTI CATHOLIC PARISHES

MASS TIMETABLE

WOLLONGONG

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| 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

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

FAIRY MEADOW

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

BALGOWNIE

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| 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.
- **Pastoral Care to the Sick:** Contact the parish office.
- **Sacramental Program:** Contact Cathy Zamroz
- **Catechist Coordinator:** Contact Cathy Zamroz
- **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 ...

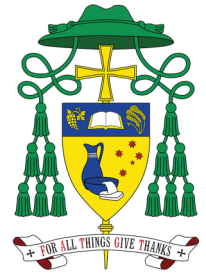
Christopher Viswasam, Glicerio de los Santos, Frank & Mary Gray, Bishop Geoffrey Robinson (Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Sydney), Mary Dent, Rose Mercieca, Leo Boyle, John & Frances Merritt, Jim Bates, Luigi Tollardo, David & Judith Crowe, Maureen Gray, John Hayes, Steve Winder, Deceased members of our 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), Ruby Ryan, Eunice Alanis, Augusto Nieves, Mary Ann Zacarias, Rodrigo Lindog, 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, Jessica Sparks, Pat Carr, Bruce Creanaune, Tri Vu's mum (Vietnam), Catherine Cox, Frances McMahon, Joan O'Dowd, Margaret Bartley, Kath McGuinness, Jan Newman, Lucy Caruana.

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SACRAMENTAL STATISTICS FOR 2020

St Francis Xavier Cathedral

- 44** Baptisms, including 2 RCIA candidates
- 53** Confirmations, including 2 RCIA candidates
- 29** Children received First Holy Communion
- 10** Marriages
- 20** Funerals.

St John Vianney and Mater Dolorosa

- 29** Baptisms
- 63** Confirmations
- 39** Children received First Holy Communion
- 6** Marriages
- 28** Funerals.

St Brigid's

- 2** Baptisms
- 24** Children received First Holy Communion
- 2** Marriages
- 8** Funerals

PARISH CALENDAR 2021

- Thu 21 Jan:** Catechist Mtg, 10am—12pm Rigney Rm
- Tue 26 Jan:** Australia Day Mass SFX 8am
- Mon 1 Feb:** Feast of St Brigid, Patroness of Gwynneville
- Wed 10 Feb:** Reconciliation Parent Night, SJV 6.30pm
- Thu 11 Feb:** Mass of our Lady of Lourdes
- Thu 11 Feb:** Reconciliation Parent Night, SJV 6.30pm
- Wed 17 Feb:** Ash Wednesday Masses (see page 3)
- Fri 19 Feb:** SFX, Stations of the Cross, 6:30pm
- Mon 22 Feb:** Episcopal Anniversary, Bishop Brian (2018)
- Tue 23 Feb:** Finance Council Mtg #1, Mgr Rigney Room
- Fri 26 Feb:** SFX, Stations of the Cross, 6:30pm
- Fri 26 Feb:** Pastoral Council Mtg #1, Mgr Rigney Room
- Fri, 19 March:** Parish St Joseph Retreat, SFX 6:30-9pm

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In our parishes & around the diocese

LUMEN CHRISTI CATHOLIC PARISHES

ASH WEDNESDAY 17th February 2021

This year Ash Wednesday is celebrated on 17 February. It marks the beginning of the season of Lent. During Lent we prepare by prayer, fasting and almsgiving, for the joys of Easter.

On Ash Wednesday the ashes blessed by prayer and holy water are sprinkled over our heads as a sign of repentance. The ashes come from the palms blessed for the previous year's Palm Sunday Mass.

Please take note of this year's Ash Wednesday's liturgies:

St Francis Xavier Cathedral

7am, 12.10pm & 6pm (followed by the Holy Hour and confessions)

St John Vianney Co-Cathedral

9.30am

St Brigid's Church

11am

**ADORATION ST FRANCIS XAVIER
CATHEDRAL Every Wednesday
6:30PM to 7:30PM**

Silence and reflection before the Lord.

Time for the healing Sacrament of Confession.

All are welcome!

"Come and see." (John 1.39)



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME FOR RECONCILIATION 2021

Prior to enrolling your child into the Lumen Christi Sacramental Programme, parents/carers need to attend a prayer and formation meeting.

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** meeting for parents/caregivers, will take place at St John Vianney Co-Cathedral, Fairy Meadow at **6.30pm** on **Wednesday, 10th February** and **Thursday, 11th February**.

Attendance at the meeting on either of these days is an essential requirement for enrolling children into the Sacramental Programme for First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion. For more information go to:

lumenchristi.org.au/Sacraments

CATECHISTS MEETING: 21 JANUARY 2021

The Lumen Christi Catechists' Meeting will be held on Thursday 21st January in the Mgr John Rigney Room from 10am to 12pm. Please go to: lumenchristi.org.au/SRE to update your contact details and confirm your attendance.



HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY

BISHOP EMERITUS PETER INGHAM

A big happy birthday to our beloved Bishop Emeritus Peter Ingham who celebrates his 80th birthday on Tuesday 19th January 2021.

Lord Jesus Christ, for our Bishop Emeritus Peter whose birthday will be celebrated this week, we praise you. We thank you for him and pray that you bless him always in your love. Amen.

Happy Birthday Bishop Peter!



A TENDER AND LOVING FATHER



"Joseph saw Jesus grow daily "in wisdom and in years and in divine and human favour" (Lk 2:52). As the Lord had done with Israel, so Joseph did with Jesus: he taught him to walk, taking him by the hand; he was for him like a father who raises an infant to his cheeks, bending down to him and feeding him (cf. Hos 11:3-4).

In Joseph, Jesus saw the tender love of God: "As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him" (Ps 103:13).

In the synagogue, during the praying of the Psalms, Joseph would surely have heard again and again that the God of Israel is a God of tender love, who is good to all, whose "compassion is over all that he has made" (Ps 145:9).

The history of salvation is worked out "in hope against hope" (Rom 4:18), through our weaknesses. Thus Saint Paul could say: "To keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me: 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness'" (2 Cor 12:7-9).

Since this is part of the entire economy of salvation, we must learn to look upon our weaknesses with tender mercy." (Pope Francis, Apostolic Letter: *With a Father's Heart*).

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS & COMMENTARY

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 65:4

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
and shall sing to you,
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

First Reading

1 Sm 3:3-10.19

A reading from the first book of Samuel

Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening.

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am'. Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'

Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv. 8.9

(R.) Here am I, Lord;
I come to do your will.

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord.
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. (R.)
2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I. (R.)
3. In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart. (R.)
4. Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Cor 6:13-15. 17-20

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

Your bodies are members of the body of Christ.

The body is not meant for fornication; it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, which is in you since you have received him from God. You

are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 1:41. 17

Alleluia, alleluia!
We have found the Messiah:
Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 1:35-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

They saw where Jesus lived and they stayed with him.

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' – which means Teacher – 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' – meaning Rock.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 22:5

You have prepared a table before me,
and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

What's in a Name?

What's in a name? A Lot, if it is God who confers the name. Jesus of Nazareth, the embodiment of God-for-us, knew the power of naming in relation to calling and destiny.

So, when Andrew brought his brother to Jesus, Jesus exercised the divine prerogative of changing Simon's name to 'Cephas' which in English is 'Peter'. Jesus gave Simon a nickname, 'rock-solid' which was the exact opposite of his character! Nevertheless, he did become the rock on which Jesus built his Church.

The tradition continues with the successor of Peter. So, Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio took the name 'Francis' which indicates that he believes that the Holy Spirit inspired the Cardinals to choose him to be Pope to follow in the footsteps of St Francis of Assisi.

Each one of us has a divinely ordained name (Rev 2:17) which we may not be aware of, but the Holy Spirit is always prompting us to live up to that name.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we might so live as to reach Heaven to find that name which God has loved from and for all eternity.

Lenten Program for 2021: COMFORT: \$6.00 per

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