



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

"With a father's heart."



LUMEN CHRISTI
CATHOLIC PARISHES WOLLONGONG

"FOLLOW ME"
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**



GOD SENT AN ANGEL

Dear Parishioners,

Reading is a wonderful gift. Our eyes and mind work in harmony as we meet the mind of the author. Sometimes we read something that touches our hearts. Sometimes our view of life or other people, even ourselves, even the way we feel, is transformed.

When we give ourselves time to read about what God has done for us in Jesus, we open our hearts to the experience of God's grace. The life and words of God's Son touch our own experience. Christ in Bethlehem reminds us of the beauty of a new born child. Christ reaching out in tenderness to forgive and heal opens us to God's mercy and peace. In a very potent way, Jesus' experiences of pain and sorrow reach down into the wounds of our hearts. Jesus has shared our vulnerability to sorrow and he looks with kindness on us in our struggles.

In the midst of Jesus' sorrow God sent an angel to comfort him. In our troubles we trust that God will send us comfort too — this is the beautiful overarching theme of *Comfort*, the Wollongong Diocesan Lenten Programme for 2021. Having carefully read *Comfort*, I am confident you will find in its daily reflections and in its beautiful presentations of sacred art, that God will comfort and strengthen you.

Fr Bernard Gordon

Lenten Program for 2021: COMFORT: \$6.00
per Book & **\$8.00** per CD. Orders will arrive in late January 2021. Contact the parish office.

Bulletin

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B | 24 January 2021

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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.
- **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 ...

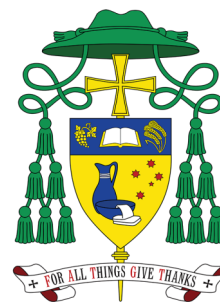
Archbishop Philip Wilson, Christopher Viswasam, Rose Mercieca, Leo Boyle, John & Frances Merritt, Jim Bates, Luigi Tollardo, David & Judith Crowe, Maureen Gray, John Hayes, Steve Winder, Deceased members of our parish, George & Assunta Petrou, Domenica & Con Vardreff Aurellio & Caterina Caruso, & Giovanina Caruso, 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 Creenaune, Tri Vu's mum (Vietnam), Catherine Cox, Frances McMahon, Joan O'Dowd, Margaret Bartley, Kath McGuinness, Jan Newman.

STAFF

Most Reverend Brian G Mascord,
Diocesan Bishop & Parish Priest
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ARCHBISHOP PHILIP WILSON, RIP

Bishop Brian Mascord is saddened to advise that Archbishop Philip Wilson, who served as bishop of Wollongong and Archbishop of Adelaide, has died in Adelaide this last Sunday afternoon at the age of 70.

Born in the Hunter region of New South Wales, a young Philip Wilson studied at St Columba's College, Springwood, and St Patrick's College, Manly, before being ordained a priest of the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle on 23 August 1975.

In 1987, he was appointed Vicar General to Bishop Leo Clarke in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle. He studied Canon Law in Washington DC, obtaining his licentiate in Canon Law in May 1992. He returned to Washington in 1995 to complete his doctorate, but had his studies interrupted on being appointed bishop of Wollongong on 12 April 1996.

He was ordained third bishop of Wollongong on 10 July 1996. Bishop Wilson was appointed coadjutor Archbishop of Adelaide on 30 November 2000 and was installed as Archbishop of Adelaide on 3 December 2001, a post he held until his resignation in 2018. He served as president of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference for two terms, from 2006 to 2010.

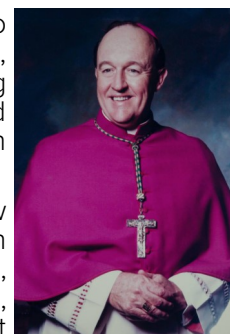
Archbishop Wilson had suffered a series of health problems in recent years, including cancer. Even so, his death this Sunday afternoon was unexpected.

We know that Archbishop Philip was much loved by people across the country, but especially in the places he served – in Maitland-Newcastle, in Wollongong and in Adelaide.

Funeral details will be published in due course on our parish website lumenchristi.org.au and on our social media Facebook page facebook.com/lccpwooll.

We pray for Archbishop Philip, the Wilson family and the Archdiocese of Adelaide at this very sad time.

+ Requiescat In Pace



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

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

Please carefully note this year's Ash Wednesday timetable:

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BISHOP BRIAN MASCORD

Next Saturday 30th January we wish our beloved Bishop Brian Mascord a Happy 62nd Birthday from all the Clergy, Staff and Parishioners in Lumen Christi. We wish you every blessing Bishop Brian!!

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE—WOLLONGONG

Due to COVID-19 restrictions the CWL Wollongong Branch Meeting on Wednesday 10th February, 2021 will now be held at the Balgownie Church Parish meeting room at 10am.

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 prerequisite for enrolling children into the Sacramental Programme for First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion. For more information go to:

lumenchristi.org.au/Sacraments

AUSTRALIA DAY MASS ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHEDRAL TUESDAY, 26 JANUARY: 8AM

THERE WILL BE **NO** OTHER MASS IN LUMEN CHRISTI PARISHES THIS DAY.

LUMEN CHRISTI CALENDAR 2021

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, SFX, SFG, SJV

Thu 11 Feb: Reconciliation Parent Night, SJV 6.30pm

Wed 17 Feb: Ash Wednesday Masses (see page 3)

Fri 19 Feb: Stations of the Cross, 6:30pm, SFX

Mon 22 Feb: Episcopal Anniversary, Bishop Brian (2018)

Tue 23 Feb: Finance Council Mtg #1, Mgr Rigney Room

Fri 26 Feb: Stations of the Cross, 6:30pm, SFX

Fri 26 Feb: Pastoral Council Mtg #1, Mgr Rigney Room

Tue 16 Mar: Dedication of the Cathedral (2010)

Fri, 19 March: Parish St Joseph Retreat, 6:30-9pm, SFX

AN OBEDIENT FATHER



'In the first dream, an angel helps him resolve his grave dilemma: "Do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins" (*Mt 1:20-21*). Joseph's response was immediate: "When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him" (*Mt 1:24*). Obedience made it possible for him to surmount his difficulties and spare Mary.

In every situation, Joseph declared his own "fiat", like those of Mary at the Annunciation and Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane.

In his role as the head of a family, Joseph taught Jesus to be obedient to his parents (cf. *Lk 2:51*), in accordance with God's command (cf. *Ex 20:12*).

During the hidden years in Nazareth, Jesus learned at the school of Joseph to do the will of the Father. That will was to be his daily food (cf. *Jn 4:34*). Even at the most difficult moment of his life, in Gethsemane, Jesus chose to do the Father's will rather than his own, becoming "obedient unto death, even death on a cross" (*Phil 2:8*). The author of the Letter to the Hebrews thus concludes that Jesus "learned obedience through what he suffered" (5:8). (Pope Francis, Apostolic Letter: *With a Father's Heart*).

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 95:1,6

O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and splendour,
strength and honour in his holy place.

First Reading

Jon 3:1-5. 10

A reading from the prophet Jonah

The Ninevites renounced their evil ways.

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-9. R. v.4

(R.) Teach me your ways, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. (R.)
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. (R.)
3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Cor 7:29-31

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

The world as we know it is passing away.

Brothers, our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

Gospel Acclamation

Mk 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near:
believe the Good News!
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mk 1:14-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Repent, and believe the Good News.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 33:6

Look toward the Lord and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The Eyes Have It

When Jesus says to Simon, Andrew, James and John 'I will make you into fishers of men', then, amongst the many levels of meaning they would have heard the allusion to Ezekiel 29:3-5.

Jesus was telling them that he was creating a society of liberated human beings, called the 'Kingdom of God'. This would involve struggle against powerful elites, the pharaohs of this world, who oppress and enslave people. It would be as dangerous and demand as much energy as required to haul a crocodile out of the Nile.

Yet they did so, 'straightaway'. Because of the call of Jesus? No. At least, not that alone. We read 'He *saw* Simon and his brother Andrew . . . He *saw* James and his brother John.' They were responding not to his voice alone but to his eyes. His is like the attentive gaze of a parent loving a baby into a beautiful future. Jesus looks at you and at me wanting to love us into a barely imaginable future.

We could pause for a moment to remember that when His call comes, demanding an 'aye' or a 'nay', the Eyes have it.

AUSTRALIA DAY MASS
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TUESDAY, 26 JANUARY: 8AM

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