



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

"With a father's heart."



LUMEN CHRISTI
CATHOLIC PARISHES WOLLONGONG

HEAR GOD'S VOICE
PLEASE TAKE THIS 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

FATHER, SCIENTIST, BELIEVER

Dear Parishioners,

For some people, there is an abiding contradiction or perpetual distrust between reason and faith. Reason and science involve the application of our minds to understanding the world. We gather evidence, discuss it, test our theories and do our best to give an accurate account of reality and how best to shape it to our good.

Faith is our capacity to be open to what God has made known to us, most of all in Christ. We experience faith as a gift from God that enables us to receive the sources of Divine Revelation and commit ourselves to living in accordance with our friendship with God. Faith connects us to God's view of who we are and how we can reflect God's attitudes of right living and care for others.

It is encouraging to know there are eminent scientists who have found a unity in their reasoning and believing. For example, Pope Francis has authorized the cause for the canonization of the Servant of God Jérôme Lejeune (1926-1994), a husband and father of five children. As a French pediatrician and geneticist, Lejeune was confronted with the struggles experienced by children with Down Syndrome. Dedicating himself to understanding this condition, Lejeune discovered its genetic cause and helped reduce its social stigma.

Jérôme Lejeune loved his family, placed his scientific gifts at the service of others, and lived his faith in God. Love, science and faith belong together in our thinking and living.

Fr Bernard Gordon



Bulletin

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B | 31 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 ...

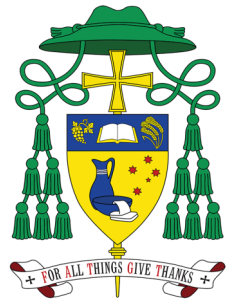
Archbishop Philip Wilson, Christopher Viswasam, Rose Mercieca, Leo Boyle, John & Frances Merritt, Jim Bates, Luigi Tollardo, David & Judith Crowe, Maureen Gray, John Hayes, Steve Winder, Deceased members of our parish, Carmel Mowbray, George & Assunta Petrou, Domenica & Con Vardreff Aurellio & Caterina Caruso, & Giovanna 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
Very Reverend Bernard L Gordon,
Vicar General & Administrator
Reverend Victor Vincent,
Assistant Priest
Reverend Anthony Ha,
Vietnamese Chaplain
Mr Kevin Galea,
Business & Operations Manager
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Pastoral Associate
Mrs Leanne Burlin,
Secretary
Mrs Patricia Di Leva,
Administration Assistant
Mrs Karen Borger,
Cathedral Housekeeper



LUMEN CHRISTI CALENDAR 2021

Mon, 1 Feb: Feast of St Brigid, Patroness of Gwynneville
Wed, 10 Feb: Reconciliation Parent Night, SJV 6.30pm
Tues, 2 Feb: The Presentation of the Lord, SFX 7am
Thu 11, Feb: Mass of our Lady of Lourdes, SFX, SBG, 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
Sun 7, Mar: Blessing of St Joseph Shrine, 10:30am, SFX

LUMEN CHRISTI PASTORAL AND FINANCE COUNCILS 2021-2022

Our Parish and Finance councils will begin their work in the next few weeks of 2021.

A very special welcome to our incoming members. May God bless them as they give their time and talent for the good of our local Church.

MEMBERS OF THE PASTORAL COUNCIL: Kevin Galea, Cathy Zamroz, Sergio Ambrosi, Alice O'Conner, Louise Macdonald, Lisa de Paiva Chris Johnathon, Linda Zamuner.

MEMBERS OF THE FINANCE COUNCIL: Kevin Galea, Gabi Tobin (chair), Lisa de Paiva (deputy chair), Lynne Hudson, Riccardo Biondini, Dunstan Saverimuttu, Linda Zamuner.

LUMEN CHRISTI PARISHES AUDIT

In early February, as a part of our annual standard practice, Lumen Christi parish finances will be audited. Every parish in Wollongong Diocese conducts an audit by an independent accounting firm which provides a report to the Administrator and Bishop. Kevin Galea, as Business and Operations Manager, ensures that our parish practices for payments and receipts are in-line with diocesan standards. A very big thank you to Kevin and to our Lumen Christi Finance Council for ensuring that our parish finances and records are kept in order.

Fr Bernard Gordon

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

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

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE – WOLLONGONG

CWL Wollongong Branch Meeting Wednesday 10th February, 2021 will now be held at the Balgownie Church Parish meeting room at 10am.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Thank you to all parishioners who have generously supported the Giving Tree and the Christmas Appeal. The Christmas Appeal contributions will allow the SVdP to provide ongoing help for those struggling on the edge of society throughout the year.

Wollongong Conference	\$ 13,178.20
Gwynneville Conference	\$ 2,207
Fairy Meadow Conference	\$ 3,973
Total raised	\$ 19,178.20

SHRINE TO ST JOSEPH

On Sunday 7th March, Bishop Brian Mascord will bless the outdoor shrine to St Joseph at St Francis Xavier Cathedral after the 10.30am Mass.

If you would like to make a donation to the shrine please make a donation online at lumenchristi.org.au or you may want to leave a donation in the collection boxes marked on an envelope "Shrine to St Joseph".

St Joseph, pray for our families.

ARCHBISHOP PHILIP WILSON LIVESTREAMED FUNERAL MASS

The Funeral Mass of Archbishop Philip Wilson will be celebrated in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, Adelaide at 11am on Wednesday, 3 February and livestreamed on www.adelaide.catholic.org.au. Archbishop Patrick O'Regan will celebrate the Mass with bishops and clergy from around Australia.

AN ACCEPTING FATHER



'Joseph accepted Mary unconditionally. He trusted in the angel's words. The nobility of Joseph's heart is such that what he learned from the law he made dependent on charity. Today, in our world where psychological, verbal and physical violence towards women is so evident, Joseph appears as the figure of a respectful and sensitive man. Even though he does not understand the bigger picture, he makes a decision to protect Mary's good name, her dignity and her life...

Often in life, things happen whose meaning we do not understand. Our first reaction is frequently one of disappointment and rebellion. Joseph set aside his own ideas in order to accept the course of events and, mysterious as they seemed, to embrace them, take responsibility for them and make them part of his own history. Unless we are reconciled with our own history, we will be unable to take a single step forward, for we will always remain hostage to our expectations and the disappointments that follow...

Nor should we ever think that believing means finding facile and comforting solutions. The faith Christ taught us is what we see in Saint Joseph. He did not look for shortcuts, but confronted reality with open eyes and accepted personal responsibility for it.' (Pope Francis, Apostolic Letter: *With a Father's Heart*).

FIRE HYDRANT WORK

Monday 8 – 23 February 2021

Major interior renovation has commenced in the Diocesan Office which will be completed by the end of March. Part of this work entails a major updating of the fire hydrant facilities, as required by Local Council safety regulations. This requires digging a trench through the Cathedral carpark between the Cathedral and the Cathedral house. When you drive to Mass, please either park on Harbour St, Market St or enter the main driveway, following the signs to the rear carpark. You will then be able to walk safely to the Cathedral. Access by foot to the parish office and meeting room through the Harbour St front door. The Diocese apologises for any inconvenience.

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 105:47

Save us, O Lord our God!
And gather us from the nations,
to give thanks to your holy name,
and make it our glory to praise you.

First Reading

Dt 18:15-20

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

*I will put my words into the prophet's mouth,
and he will tell them all I command.*

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.9

(R.) If today, you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)
2. Come in, let us kneel and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

Second Reading

1 Cor 7:32-35

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

*The unmarried woman dedicates herself to the
things of the Lord, that she might be holy.*

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs

and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 4:16

Alleluia, alleluia!
A people in darkness have seen a great light:
a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mk 1:21-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*This is a new kind of teaching that speaks with
authority.*

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 30:17-18

Let your face shine on your servant.
Save me in your merciful love.
O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

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

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