

**LUMEN CHRISTI**  
CATHOLIC PARISHES WOLLONGONG

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### 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**

## THE WEEPING OF THE HEART

Dear Parishioners,

Next Wednesday, 17 February, is Ash Wednesday. It is the stark beginning of the season of Lent. This year the ashes, blessed by prayer and holy water, will be sprinkled over our heads as a sign of our repentance. The ashes are a reminder of what we are without a living relationship with God. The blessed water evokes the gift of all that refreshes our souls and makes me flourish as the family of God. Ashes seem so deprived of hydration that the once living palms out of which they were made could never return. But Christ's Resurrection makes us hope that we can rise from the ashes of our selfishness and divisions and be a living image of Christ for the world.

On Ash Wednesday we hear a powerful reading from the prophet Joel. The Lord calls the people to express their genuine change of heart through "fasting, weeping, mourning", trusting in the Lord who is "all tenderness and compassion". Pope Francis spoke of this spirituality in these words: "The call to conversion is thus an incentive to return, as the son in the parable did, to the arms of God, gentle and merciful Father, to weep in that embrace, to trust in Him and entrust ourselves to Him." (Homily for Ash Wednesday, 18 February, 2015). This experience of conversion creates in us a disposition to feel the loss of our relationship with God and our neighbour, the loss of our own true selves, through our wrongful attitudes and actions. It softens our hearts to shed tears of sorrow and resolve with God's help to experience the joy of a renewed life in Christ. We feel, in Pope Francis' words, "the weeping of the heart".

Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence to symbolically express our need to return to the One who is important above all created gifts. Fasting refers to eating simply by having two smaller meals and one full meal. This applies to those who are between eighteen and sixty. Abstinence entails setting aside meat (except for fish). This applies to those who are fourteen and above. Both practices are to be appropriately adapted to our proper health and work requirements.

The Mass timetable for Ash Wednesday is: **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. At Mass let us encourage each other to trust in God's "tenderness and compassion".

Fr Bernard Gordon

## Bulletin

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B | 14 February 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 Stations of the Cross: 6.30pm (during lent)
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](http://livestream.lumenchristi.org.au))
- **Baptisms:** By appointment only. Contact the Office.
- **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](http://www.payments.lumenchristi.org.au)

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

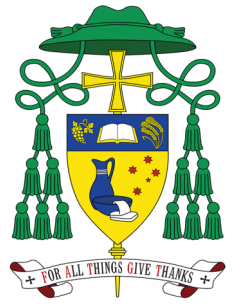
Josephine Bonanno, Viese Matiu Mataele, Giovanni Vellar, Nerino Flego, Archbishop Philip Wilson, Concetta Sebastopoli, Joyce Hubbard, Aldo Tomasiello, Elvira & Vincenzo Sebastopoli, William Dowdell, Rose Mercieca, Leo Boyle, John & Frances Merritt, Jim Bates, Luigi Tollardo, David & Judith Crowe, Maureen Gray, John Hayes, Steve Winder, Deceased members of our parish, Carmel Mowbray, 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 ...

Rita Basti, Angela & Rohan (siblings), 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**,  
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**Mrs Leanne Burlin**,  
Secretary  
**Mrs Patricia Di Leva**,  
Administration Assistant  
**Mrs Karen Borger**,  
Cathedral Housekeeper



## LUMEN CHRISTI CALENDAR 2021

**Wed, 17 Feb:** Ash Wednesday Masses: 7am, 12:10 & 6pm, SFX; 9:30am, SJV; 11:00am, SBG  
**Fri, 19 Feb:** Stations of the Cross, 6:30pm, SFX  
**Sun, 21 Feb:** Diocesan Rite of Election, 2pm, SJV  
**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  
**Sun, 7 Mar:** Young Adults BBQ, Mgr Rigney Room  
**Tue, 16 Mar:** Dedication of the Cathedral (2010)

## SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB

Wollongong Spirituality in the Pub invites you to a conversation on Tuesday, 23rd February at the Woonona Bulli RSL Club, from 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm. The guest speaker is **Capt. Robyn Black, Corps Officer of the Tarrawanna Salvos**. She will speak on **The Beginnings and Mission of the Salvation Army**. Enquiries : Ann 0427 235 955 or [wollsip@gmail.com](mailto:wollsip@gmail.com).—ALL WELCOME

## WOLLONGONG DIOCESAN RESOURCE CENTRE

Access to teaching and faith formation resources from the Diocesan Resource Centre can be made by contacting Anne Russell on 0427 072 363. The selected resources will then be collated and available to be collected from the collection point: Catholic Education Office 86-88, Market Street, Wollongong 2500. This will also be where resources are returned at the end of their borrowing period.

## CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG FIRE HYDRANT WORK UNTIL 23 FEBRUARY 2021

Please enter the main driveway, following the signs to the rear carpark.



## PROJECT COMPASSION 2021

Project Compassion envelopes and boxes are available at the church doors this weekend. This year's theme is "Aspire not to have more, but to **BE more.**" *St Oscar Romero*  
If you wish to donate online go to the Caritas website: [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au)

For the latest diocesan directives updates visit: [www.dow.org.au/covid-19](http://www.dow.org.au/covid-19)

## SUMMARY OF POWER POINT PRESENTATION

### Parent's Reconciliation Meeting 10/11 February St John Vianney Church

1. Reasons for coming? For your own reflection: where are you in your faith life and why are you here tonight to enrol your child in the Sacramental Programme
2. Baptised but disengaged? E.g., economic pressures, coldness of community
3. The place you alone can fill in our community
4. What is a Sacrament? Efficacious sign of God's grace
5. Sacramental encounter involves ... Connecting us to Christ and each other
6. For example, Baptism: Jesus was baptized and commanded the Church to baptize
7. What happened at your Baptism? Blessed with the Cross, sacred oil and water
8. Your child's Baptism: Responsibility: you help your child grow in the practise of the faith
9. Your child's Baptism: Entrusted: a light was entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly
10. The Compassionate Father: he ran and embraced his son
11. The Sacrament of Reconciliation: a Sacrament of Healing
12. Essential Acts of Reconciliation: examine our conscience, contrition, confession, satisfaction, absolution
13. The Effects of Reconciliation: peace, increase of strength to live a Christian life

**PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AS WE PREPARE FOR THE FIRST RECONCILIATION OF OUR CHILD**  
As we prepare to celebrate the First Reconciliation of our son/daughter (name of child), let us pray together ....

Almighty and eternal God, your fatherly goodness never ceases to provide for our needs. We ask you to bestow on our family and our home the riches of your blessing. With the gift of your grace make holy those who live here, so that faithful to your commandments, they will care for each other, ennoble this world by their lives, and reach the home you have prepared for them in heaven. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



**PLEASE ANSWER THE CALL!  
WE NEED GROUP LEADERS!!**

The Lumen Christi Reconciliation Sacramental Programme for 2021 commences on 24th & 25th February.

All sessions will be held in St John Vianney Co-Cathedral on a Wednesday or Thursday evening commencing at 6.30 pm. Please join a team to present on one of the evenings. Contact Cathy Zamroz: 4211 0506 or [Catherine.Zamroz@dow.org.au](mailto:Catherine.Zamroz@dow.org.au)

## BIBLE STUDY

CYMW Bible Study every Tuesday night, 6:30pm to 8pm at Mater Dolorosa Catholic Church, Balgownie (47 Balmoral St, Balgownie NSW 2519). Bring your bible – we are going to be studying the Gospel of Mark. Young Adults 18+, we look forward to seeing you there!

## 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. Please make a donation to the shrine please by going online at [lumenchristi.org.au](http://lumenchristi.org.au) or by leaving a donation in the collection boxes in an envelope marked, "Shrine to St Joseph". St Joseph, pray for us.

## SPIRITUAL AND PASTORAL CARE TRAINING

Introductory Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) course in Campbelltown. This 40-hour course will commence on Monday 22 February 2021 and comprise of 5 face to face (or 6 online) sessions each Monday. Applications now invited. For information and application form, contact Carmen Karauda at [ckarauda@gmail.com](mailto:ckarauda@gmail.com) or phone: 0419 430 676.

## A WORKING FATHER



'Saint Joseph was a carpenter who earned an honest living to provide for his family. From him, Jesus learned the value, the dignity and the joy of what it means to eat bread that is the fruit of one's own labour. ...

Work is a means of participating in the work of salvation, an opportunity to hasten the coming of the Kingdom, to develop our talents and abilities, and to put them at the service of society and fraternal communion. It becomes an opportunity for the fulfilment not only of oneself, but also of that primary cell of society which is the family. A family without work is particularly vulnerable to difficulties, tensions, estrangement and even break-up. How can we speak of human dignity without working to ensure that everyone is able to earn a decent living?

Working persons, whatever their job may be, are cooperating with God himself, and in some way become creators of the world around us. The crisis of our time, which is economic, social, cultural and spiritual, can serve as a summons for all of us to rediscover the value, the importance and necessity of work for bringing about a new "normal" from which no one is excluded. Saint Joseph's work reminds us that God himself, in becoming man, did not disdain work. ... Let us implore Saint Joseph the Worker to help us find ways to express our firm conviction that no young person, no person at all, no family should be without work!' (Pope Francis, Apostolic Letter: *With a Father's Heart*).



### Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 30:3-4

Be my protector, O God,  
a mighty stronghold to save me.  
For you are my rock, my stronghold!  
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

### First Reading

Lv 13:1-2. 44-46

A reading from the book of Leviticus

*As long as he is unclean, he must live alone,  
outside the camp.*

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean". As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.'

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 31:1-2. 5. 11. R. v.7

(R.) I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

1. Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,  
whose sin is remitted.  
O happy the man to whom the Lord  
imputes no guilt,  
in whose spirit is no guile. (R.)
2. But now I have acknowledged my sins;  
my guilt I did not hide.  
I said: 'I will confess  
my offence to the Lord.'  
And you, Lord, have forgiven  
the guilt of my sin. (R.)
3. Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,  
exult, you just!  
O come, ring out your joy,  
all you upright of heart. (R.)

### Second Reading

1 Cor 10:31 – 11:1

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

*Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.*

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

### Gospel Acclamation

Lk 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;  
God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

Mk 1:40-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*The leprosy left him and he was cured.*

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

### Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 77:29-30

They ate and had their fill,  
and what they craved the Lord gave them;  
they were not disappointed in what they craved.

### REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

We know that we will all have to face some kind of suffering, and so we try to prepare ourselves for it. Yet when it comes, as prepared as we try to be, it can overtake us with such fury that we fall back defenceless. We look to others for support and assistance, and if we are fortunate, we find it. However, even in the most supportive of communities, suffering tends to alienate us from those who are healthy and secure. Suffering reminds us of our own finitude and the contingent nature of all of life. It threatens our sense of order.

Jesus is not deterred by human suffering. He welcomes all who approach him; his healing touch reincorporates those who have been ostracised; his loving embrace reassociates those who have been alienated. In the reign of God, there are no outsiders. All belong to Jesus, and, therefore, all belong to each other. When the one afflicted is embraced by the community, the community is an authentic manifestation of the inclusive reign of God.

In suffering we witness human vulnerability and our desperate need of each other and of God. There, at the edge of life and on the fringes of the community, we may experience the tenderness and compassion of God. The loving touch of Christ that can heal our souls, if not our bodies. It is there that we may most authentically participate in the cross of Christ. Joined to him we are anything but unproductive or worthless.