



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

"With a father's heart."



LUMEN CHRISTI
CATHOLIC PARISHES WOLLONGONG

HE HELPED HER
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

A QUIET PRESENCE

Dear Parishioners,

As families and communities we are bonded together by time spent in conversation, work, and recreation. As a parish family we encourage each other by giving time in discussion, public worship, and service of others. However, in our activistic world, we can overlook one vital way for us to become one in Christ. Drawing closer together in Eucharistic Adoration, a time of quiet presence with the Lord, we can meditate on God's Word and mercifully intercede for our families and friends.

Our world of responsibilities, competing interests, and entertainments can make us feel overwhelmed, divided, and empty. But, in the quiet we share with Christ, we become one as we are attentive to the same listening Lord. This silent presence refreshes us because it is personal and uncluttered. It is an experience of freedom before the Lord who wants to know what we think and feel.

At the heart of this quiet presence is meditation on God's Word. Meditation is like good eating. We take the time to be nourished by good food, allowing it to become our flesh and blood, giving us life and strength. Likewise, we reflect on the Word of God which nourishes us by impressing on our hearts the truth of God's love for us.

Near the life-giving sea, looking to the ancient mountains, every Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 7:30pm we have Eucharistic Adoration in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, Wollongong. Come and be with us before the Lord.

Fr Bernard Gordon



Bulletin

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B | 7 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
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 ...

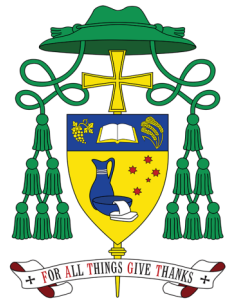
Archbishop Philip Wilson, Stefaniya and Janis Sulcs, Ken Moran, Gray Family, Rose Mercieca, Leo Boyle, John & Frances Merritt, Jim Bates, Luigi Tollardo, David & Judith Crowe, Maureen Gray, John Hayes, Steve Winder, Deceased members of our parish, Carmel Mowbray, George & Assunta Petrou, Domenica & Con Vardreff Aurellio & Caterina Caruso, & 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
Very Reverend Bernard L Gordon,
Vicar General & Administrator
Reverend Victor Vincent,
Assistant Priest
Reverend Anthony Ha,
Vietnamese Chaplain
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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 CALENDAR 2021

Wed, 10 Feb: Reconciliation Parent Night, SJV, 6.30pm
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
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)



HAPPY 70TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY FOR LEO & MARY DUCK!

From the parishioners of Fairy Meadow and every one in Lumen Christi Parishes, congratulations to Leo and Mary Duck who celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary on Wednesday, 3rd February. Last Sunday Leo and Mary received a blessing for this beautiful celebration of their love and commitment to each other.

God bless you! + Brian, Fr Bernard, Fr Victor

PHOTO BY: Vicky Davidson.

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

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

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

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 or by leaving a donation in the collection boxes in an envelope marked, "Shrine to St Joseph".

St Joseph, pray for us.

CONGRATULATIONS—LARRY JENNETT

Mr Larry Jennett received the Senior Citizen of the Year 2020. Larry won many branch, state and national medals and he has been recognised as a life member both of the Wollongong City branch and Surf Life Saving Illawarra. Larry is also very well-known to Cathedral Parish and as the President of the St Vincent de Paul Wollongong Conference. Well done Larry and May God Bless you.

seems too short for suffering to run its course. If we become identified with our distress, we will be tormented.

Jesus knew the harshness of life, because he was one of us. He saw it in the lives of those he loved, and he was touched by their torment. He came to release people from the demons that possess them, from the illness that undermined their lives. He came to bring the reign of God, the reign of peace and fulfilment. He came to heal the brokenhearted, to bind up their wounds.

Paul was a messenger of this gospel of salvation and fulfilment. He was so committed to his mission that he empathised with all those who heard his preaching – the slaves, the weak, the brokenhearted, all those who knew well the harshness of life. Now it is our turn. We are the disciples who must bring the good news to the brokenhearted, to those who are enslaved, to those who are weak. We are the ones who will then share in the blessings of this good news.

A CREATIVELY COURAGEOUS FATHER



'As we read the infancy narratives, we may often wonder why God did not act in a more direct and clear way. Yet God acts through events and people. Joseph was the man chosen by God to guide the beginnings of the history of redemption. He was the true "miracle" by which God saves the child and his mother. God acted by trusting in Joseph's creative courage. Arriving in Bethlehem and finding no lodging where Mary could give birth, Joseph took a stable and, as best he could, turned it into a welcoming home for the Son of God come into the world (cf. *Lk* 2:6-7). Faced with imminent danger from Herod, who wanted to kill the child, Joseph was warned once again in a dream to protect the child, and rose in the middle of the night to prepare the flight into Egypt (cf. *Mt* 2:13-14).'

A superficial reading of these stories can often give the impression that the world is at the mercy of the strong and mighty, but the "good news" of the Gospel consists in showing that, for all the arrogance and violence of worldly powers, God always finds a way to carry out his saving plan. So too, our lives may at times seem to be at the mercy of the powerful, but the Gospel shows us what counts. God always finds a way to save us, provided we show the same creative courage as the carpenter of Nazareth, who was able to turn a problem into a possibility by trusting always in divine providence.' (Pope Francis, Apostolic Letter: *With a Father's Heart*).

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 94:6-7

O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our God.

First Reading

Jb 7:1-4. 6-7

A reading from the book of Job

I am filled with sorrow all day long.

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed
service,
his time no better than hired drudgery?
Like the slave, sighing for the shade,
or the workman with no thought but his wages,
months of delusion I have assigned to me,
nothing for my own but nights of grief.
Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?'
Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!'
Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.
Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have
passed,
and vanished, leaving no hope behind.
Remember that my life is but a breath,
and that my eyes will never again see joy.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 146:1-6. R. v.3

(R.) Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

or

(R.) Alleluia!

1. Praise the Lord for he is good;
sing to our God for he is loving;
to him our praise is due. (R.)
2. The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and brings back Israel's exiles,
he heals the broken-hearted,
he binds up all their wounds.
He fixes the number of the stars;
he calls each one by its name. (R.)
3. Our Lord is great and almighty;
his wisdom can never be measured.
The Lord raises the lowly;
he humbles the wicked to the dust. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Cor 9:16-19. 22-23

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

*Punishment will come to me if I do not preach
the Gospel.*

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty
which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did
not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might
have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility
which has been put into my hands. Do you know
what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able
to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights
which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself
the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I
could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself
all things to all men in order to save some at any cost;
and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a
share in its blessings.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 8:17

Alleluia, alleluia!
He bore our sickness,
and endured our suffering.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mk 1:29-39

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*He cured many who suffered from diseases of
one kind or another.*

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and
John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now
Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and
they told him about her straightaway. He went to her,
took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever
left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who
were sick and those who were possessed by devils.
The whole town came crowding round the door, and he
cured many who were suffering from diseases of one
kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he
would not allow them to speak, because they knew
who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the
house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there.
Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and
when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking
for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the
neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there
too, because that is why I came.' And he went all
through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and
casting out devils.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 106:8-9

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,
his wonders for the children of men,
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,
and the hungry he fills with good things.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we see three snapshots from the photo album of
life.

Suffering comes to everyone. It can take such a hold of
us that the happiness of the past is swallowed up, the
beauty of better days is forgotten, and the hope of a
brighter future is imperilled. Life ceases to be an adventure
and takes on the guise of drudgery. At such times
suffering appears to be our permanent fate, and life