



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

"With a father's heart."



LUMEN CHRISTI
CATHOLIC PARISHES WOLLONGONG

CLOSE AT HAND
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**

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

Dear Parishioners, Parents and Caregivers,

The goal of Lent is to acquire a pattern of thought and action that enables us to follow Jesus in his Exodus from the sorrows of this earthly existence to the glory of his Resurrection. In Lent we focus more intently on themes such as carefully listening to God's Word and responding to God's grace so as to imitate how Jesus related to the Father and his neighbour. Thus we allow room for the meaning of Jesus' Death and Resurrection to illuminate the significance of our struggle with temptation to evil, our experiences of suffering, and our call to serve others even at personal cost.



The ultimate goal of Lent, however, is Pentecost. The Resurrection celebrated at Easter comes to its fullness in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the first members of the Church. The Gift of the Spirit loosened the tongues and emboldened the hearts of the Apostles to speak of the Resurrected Lord. It was a new beginning for the disciples of the Lord. It is also a new beginning that gives *us* speech and impels *us* to proclaim the Good News of Jesus' Resurrection to the world. This mission is entrusted to every Confirmed member of the Church. The same Holy Spirit who strengthened the first disciples and sent them into *their* world, strengthens and sends us into *our* world.

As we are revitalised by this sacred time of Lent, let us pray for the younger members of our Church who will soon commence their preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. **The Sacramental Programme for Confirmation will begin with the Parent Meeting on Wednesday 24 March and Thursday 25 March, 2021, at St John Vianney Co-Cathedral, Fairy Meadow.** Parents/caregivers must attend either one of these meetings to enrol their children in the Confirmation Programme. May God bless these parents and their children during this liturgical season of Lent in which "your faithful await the sacred paschal feasts with the joy of minds made pure" (Preface I of Lent).

Fr Bernard Gordon

Bulletin

First Sunday in Lent, Year B — 21 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)
- **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

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

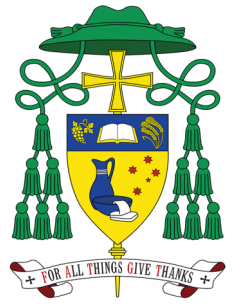
Rosa, Antonio, Armando Dellapina, Gino Fogliati, Luka Marsic, Rose Mercieca, Leo Boyle, John & Frances Merritt, Jim Bates, Luigi Tollardo, David & Judith Crowe, Maureen Gray, John Hayes, Steve Winder, Deceased members of our parish, Carmel Mowbray, George & Assunta Petrou, Domenica & Con Vardreff, John B Davis, Francis Joseph O'Donnell, Tom & Joan Mackie, Rhonda Reynolds, Frances Clifford, Joshua Peard, Brian Tuxworth, Catherine Tuxworth, Doris Hogan, Isabel Marques, Manuel Rebelo, 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
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Assistant Priest
Reverend Anthony Ha,
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Secretary
Mrs Patricia Di Leva,
Administration Assistant
Mrs Karen Borger,
Cathedral Housekeeper



LUMEN CHRISTI CALENDAR 2021

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)
Wed, 24/25 March: Parents' Confirmation Meeting, SJV

NEW APPOINTMENT FOR FR VICTOR VINCENT

Bishop Brian Mascord has appointed Fr Victor Vincent as Assistant Priest to Fr Michael Williams, PP, in Camden parish. This appointment commences on Tuesday 6 April 2021. We wish Fr Victor the very best for his priestly ministry with the people of God in Camden. Thank you, Fr Victor, for your time among us here in Lumen Christi. We pray for you as you continue your priestly ministry in Camden. May God bless you, guide you and give you his peace



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2021

World Day of Prayer 2021 will be celebrated at the Congregational Church, 33 Market St, Wollongong on **Friday 5th March at 10am**. Numbers are limited. Please contact Margaret on 0407 120 343 if you wish to attend.

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

St Mary's (all girls school) Year 7, 2022 & 2023 (current years 5 & 6) Thursday 11 March 2021 3.30pm—6.30pm. Bookings essential. Go to: www.stmarys.nsw.edu.au

Edmund Rice College (all boys school) has an open day on 2nd March—bookings essential, all details on website www.https://www.edmundricecollege.nsw.edu.au/



PROJECT COMPASSION 2021

Project Compassion envelopes and boxes are available at the church doors. This year's theme is "Aspire not to have more, but to **BE more.**" (St Oscar Romero) For on-line donations go to: lent.caritas.org.au

For the latest parish covid-19 updates visit: www.lumenchristi.org.au/covid-19

PARENT/CAREGIVER MEETING CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME, 2021



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HAPPY EPISCOPAL ANNIVERSARY! BISHOP BRIAN MASCORD!! MONDAY, 22 FEBRUARY 2021



Bishop Brian Mascord was ordained Bishop of our Diocese on 22 February 2018. His episcopal ordination was celebrated on the Feast of *The Chair of St Peter*, on which we remember the role of St Peter as the leader of the

Apostles and the service of the Pope who continues leading the world-wide Church in following Christ and continuing his mission. Our prayers, affectionate best wishes and gratitude to Bishop Brian for all his work for the people of our Diocese. Bishop Brian's vision for our Diocese is that we strive to become bearers of Christ's love to the people of the Illawarra, Macarthur, Southern Highlands and Shoalhaven. God bless you, Bishop Brian!

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The bow in the sky is a sign of the good news of the covenant; baptism is both the good news of salvation for us and our pledge of fidelity to God; Jesus' proclamation is that the reign of God is at hand. With the psalmist we praise God for inviting us into this covenant relationship.

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 online at lumenchristi.org.au or by leaving a donation in the collection boxes in an envelope marked, "Shrine to St Joseph". Thank you very much!

THE EARTHLY SHADOW OF THE FATHER



'In his relationship to Jesus, Joseph was the earthly shadow of the heavenly Father: he watched over him and protected him, never leaving him to go his own way ... Joseph acted as a father for his whole life.

Fathers are not born, but made. A man does not become a father simply by bringing a child into the world, but by taking up the responsibility to care for that child. Whenever a man accepts responsibility for the life of another, in some way he becomes a father to that person.

Being a father entails introducing children to life and reality. Not holding them back, being overprotective or possessive, but rather making them capable of deciding for themselves, enjoying freedom and exploring new possibilities. Perhaps for this reason, Joseph is traditionally called a "most chaste" father. That title is not simply a sign of affection, but the summation of an attitude that is the opposite of possessiveness. Chastity is freedom from possessiveness in every sphere of one's life. Only when love is chaste, is it truly love. A possessive love ultimately becomes dangerous: it imprisons, constricts and makes for misery. God himself loved humanity with a chaste love; he left us free even to go astray and set ourselves against him. The logic of love is always the logic of freedom, and Joseph knew how to love with extraordinary freedom. He never made himself the centre of things. He did not think of himself, but focused instead on the lives of Mary and Jesus.' (Pope Francis, Apostolic Letter: *With a Father's Heart*).

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 90:15-16

When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is not said.

First Reading

Gen 9:8-15

A reading from the book of Genesis

I will recall the covenant between myself and you... the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-9. R. see v.10

(R.) Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth
to those who keep your covenant.

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 Pt 3:18-22

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that

these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

Mk 1:12-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

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.'

The Creed is said.

Communion Antiphon

Mt 4:4

One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of
God.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today's readings show us that Lent is a time for us to receive God's grace. We are not the ones who, through our penance, are meant to accomplish great things. Rather, it is God who acts; it is God who makes the sacrifice; it is God who accomplishes great things for us.

Each reading describes a different kind of conflict within which we might find ourselves: a world-wrenching upheaval, such as happens during social discord, war or natural disaster; the struggle between right and wrong, between fidelity and disobedience; the struggle with temptation. In the midst of the conflicts of life, God initiates a covenant with us. God saves the world from the chaos into which it was thrown, makes a covenant with all living things and with the earth, and sets a bow in the heavens as a perpetual reminder of the covenant. Christ dies for sinners, and offers them baptism that will save them from the chaos of their lives. The Spirit drives Jesus into the desert, there to be tested, but to emerge triumphant. His victory is not for him alone, but for all who will heed his words and follow his example.

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