

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Year A

19 FEBRUARY 2023

PROJECT COMPASSION

For all future generations

MASS TIMETABLE

St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong

Monday	Mass: 7am
Tuesday	Mass: 7am
Wednesday	Mass: 7am
	Confessions: 11:30am
	Mass: 12.10pm
Thursday	Mass: 7am
Friday	Mass: 7am
	Adoration: 11:30am
	Confessions: 11:30am
	Mass: 12.10pm
Saturday	Confessions: 11am—12pm
Sunday	Mass: 7am, 10.30am & 5pm

St Brigid's, Gwynneville

Thursday	Mass: 9.30am
Saturday Vigil	Mass: 5.30pm
Sunday	Mass: 9am

St John Vianney Co-Cathedral, Fairy Meadow

Tuesday	Mass: 9.30am
Thursday	Mass: 9.30am (Italian)
Sunday	Mass: 8.30am
	Mass: 10am (Italian)
	Mass: 4.30pm (Vietnamese)

Mater Dolorosa, Balgownie

Sunday	Mass: 10am
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LUMEN CHRISTI
CATHOLIC PARISH

MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE ...

Josephine Bonanno, Aldo Tomasiello, Maria Pham, David Coates.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS ...

Bishop Peter Ingham, Pat Carr, John Parkinson, Joseph Scalia, Bill & Ardell Sharpe, Jan Coulson, Therese & Noel Rouse.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
FR JAMES ARBLASTER



CHRIST IN YOU
LUMEN CHRISTI PARISH PASTORAL PLAN

PARISH OFFICE

Office Hours: Monday to Friday 8.30am —2.00pm
(Closed for Lunch 12pm—12.30pm)

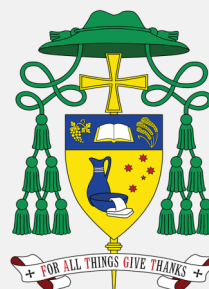
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PASTORAL & FINANCE COUNCILS

Lisa de Paiva, Chair of the Pastoral Council
Gabi Tobin, Chair of the Finance Council

PARISH SCHOOLS

Kathy Uroda, Principal, St Brigid's Gwynneville
Toni Sillis, Principal, Good Samaritan Fairy Meadow

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We show our respect and acknowledge
the Traditional Custodians of the Dharawal Country,
Elders past, present, and emerging,
and extend that respect to all other
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.

In our parish & around the diocese

PARISH CALENDAR: FEB—MAR 2023

Mon, 20 Feb: Confirmation Parent Evening, SBG 6.30pm
Tue, 21 Feb: Confirmation Parent Evening, GSFM 6.30pm
Wed, 22 Feb: Ash Wednesday Masses, SFX 7am, SBG 9.30am, SJV 11am, SFX 12.10pm & SFX 6pm
Wed, 22 Feb: Episcopal Anniversary of Bishop Brian Mascord
Fri, 24 Feb: Stations of the Cross, SFX 7pm
Sun, 26 Feb: SFX: Christ in You, 10:30am/Rite of Election, 2pm
Tue, 28 Feb: Finance Council Mtg, Rigney Room, 5pm
Wed, 1 Mar: Pastoral Council Mtg, Rigney Room, 5pm
Thu, 2 Mar: Lunch Club, Fraternity Club Fairy Meadow 12pm
Fri, 3 Mar: Stations of the Cross, SFX 7pm
Sat, 4 Mar: Stewardship Mass, SFX 10am
Sun, 5 Mar: Christ in You Pastoral Plan Survey
Sun, 5 Mar: Hospitality weekend
Fri, 10 Mar: Stations of the Cross, SFX 7pm
Thu 16 Mar: Anniversary Dedication of the Cathedral (2010)
Fri 24 Mar: Mass of the Unborn, SFX 12.10pm
Sat, 25 Mar: Annunciation of the Lord, Mass SFX 12.10pm

SACRAMENTS

- **Baptisms:** By appointment only (contact the parish office during office hours for details)
- **Marriages:** A preliminary appointment needs to be made at least 6 months prior to Wedding Date (**No Sunday weddings**)
- For Pastoral and Sacramental needs, please contact the parish office during office hours

HELPFUL LINKS

- **Mass for you at Home:** youtube.com/massforyouathome
- **Mass/Prayer Intentions:** lumenchristi.org.au/intentions
- **Light a Votive Candle:** lumenchristi.org.au/votive
- **Census Form:** lumenchristi.org.au/census
- **Online Donations:** lumenchristi.org.au/donate
- **Join Planned Giving:** lumenchristi.org.au/support
- **Columbarium:** lumenchristi.org.au/columbarium
- **Sacramental Programme:** lumenchristi.org.au/sacramental
- **Privacy Policy:** privacy.lumenchristi.org.au
- **St Brigid's School:** sbgdow.catholic.edu.au
- **Good Samaritan School:** gsfmdow.catholic.edu.au

PARISH EFT BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

CHURCH ACCOUNT

(Donations & Planned Giving)

BSB: 066 711 **Account:** 008056

Account Name: Lumen Christi Parish

PRESBYTERY ACCOUNT

(For the Clergy)

BSB: 066 711 **Account:** 002286

Account Name: Lumen Christi Parish Presbytery



PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

8:30AM-2PM

Last Wednesday the Lumen Christi Staff met with Fr James and me. It was a day of open and deep discussion about how we are going in providing service to our parish community. I am very grateful to Kevin, Leanne, and Trish for their dedication and continuing efforts to welcome and help anyone who approaches the Lumen Christi Office.

One point we discussed was the hours the office is open for parishioners, enquirers, and visitors. While we cannot provide unlimited hours, we hope to provide the best possible support to the parish with our present resources. We thought it best to for the parish office to be open from 8:30am to 2pm Monday to Friday. To give parish staff time for lunch and to recharge the batteries the office will be closed for lunch from 12pm to 12:30pm each day. We will trial this new arrangement for a month and then review it.

Another major part of our discussions was given to the Christ in You Pastoral Plan. It was noted that the Plan will involve suggestions about how the Parish Staff can provide better Parish Support. All suggestions will be received from parishioners in a spirit of openness and the desire to contribute to the overall development of our parish life and mission.

Fr Bernard

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2023

Friday 3rd March is World Day of Prayer which focuses on Taiwan. The theme is "I have heard about your faith."



The following venues will be hosting this prayerful event.

10.30am, St Columbkille's Parish,

99 Princess Hwy Corrimal

11am, Lifeway Lutheran Church,

15 Burelli St, Wollongong

CATHEDRAL CAR PARKING - CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking for volunteers to assist in special event parking on the Cathedral precinct. This fundraiser supports the Parish and St Brigid's Gwynneville. If you can assist at some of the upcoming events, please contact the parish office.

Thank you to Kathy Uroda for her exceptional parking skills!

Your support will be appreciated.



For more information on bequests please visit: lumenchristi.org.au/bequest

In our parish & around the diocese



ASH WEDNESDAY: 22 FEBRUARY

Lent is "a sacred time" for our hearts to be renewed and purified (Preface II of Lent). Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, a day of fast and abstinence when the blessed ashes are placed on our foreheads as a sign of repentance. The Mass timetable for Ash Wednesday, 22 February is:

St Francis Xavier Cathedral

7am, 12.10pm & 6pm

St John Vianney Co-Cathedral

11am (includes Good Samaritan Parish School)

St Brigid's Church

9.30am (includes St Brigid's Parish School)

THE LENTEN OBSERVANCES

Ash Wednesday and **Good Friday** are days of abstinence from meat for everyone over 14 years of age, as well as days of fast for those bound to fast (one full meal and two small meals).

- All who have completed their 18th year and have not yet begun their 60th year are bound to fast and abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- All who have completed their 14th year are bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- Pastors, teachers, and parents are to ensure that even those who, by reason of their age, are not bound by the laws of fasting and abstinence from meat, are taught the true meaning of penance.

PASCHAL PRECEPT

- Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is to be done between Ash Wednesday (22 February 2023) and Trinity Sunday (4 June 2023) unless for a good reason it is done at another time during the year.
- All the faithful are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year. (See page 1 of the bulletin for scheduled times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There will be extra opportunities advertised as Lent progresses.)

LUMEN CHRISTI LENTEN GROUP

The Lenten Group will be held on Wednesday afternoons at 1.30pm in the Mons Rigney Room. Some vacancies available. Names ASAP to Sue 0422 614 522. Lenten book \$6 available from Parish office.

FAIRY MEADOW SOUND SYSTEM UPGRADE

One of the most important requirements for the Sacred Liturgy is that the Word of God be proclaimed and heard by the People with clarity. This requires a competent sound system. I have been very much aware of the difficulties with the present audio system at the Co-Cathedral for a long time and we are finally in a position to upgrade it. The new system will include speakers, microphones, amplifiers, and control systems. The keyboard will also be brought downstairs near the projectionist so that the choir will be more clearly a part of the congregation and lead us in song and worship. We hope to have the digital system installed by the end of March.

Thank you to all our parishioners at Fairy Meadow for your great patience.

Fr Bernard

EPISCOPAL ANNIVERSARY OF BISHOP BRIAN MASCORD

"For all things give thanks."

This Wednesday 22nd February 2023 marks the fifth episcopal anniversary of Bishop Brian Mascord. We wish Bishop Brian every blessing and good health as he celebrates this beautiful occasion. May God guide and strengthen Bishop Brian in his service to the People of God in the Diocese of Wollongong.



MASS FOR THE UNBORN

Mass will be offered at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Friday 24th March at 12.10pm for all babies who did not come to full term, for those babies who died at birth, and for their families. Mass will be celebrated by Fr John Stork and followed by refreshments at the Xavier Centre Conference Rooms.



THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Lovingly Mary bore Jesus in her womb

All parishioners are invited to the Mass of the Annunciation of the Lord to be celebrated at St Francis Xavier Cathedral on **Saturday 25th March 2023 at 12.10pm.**

For more information on our Columbarium please visit: lumenchristi.org.au/columbarium

THIS WEEK'S READINGS & COMMENTARY

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 12:6

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.

My heart will rejoice in your salvation.

I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

First Reading

Lv 19:1-2. 17-18

A reading from the book of Leviticus

You must love your neighbour, as yourself.

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy.

"You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord."

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R. v.8

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **(R.)**
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. **(R.)**
4. As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Cor 3:16-23

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

All things are yours, but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are, or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

Gospel Acclamation

1 Jn 2:5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Whoever keeps the word of Christ,
grows perfect in the love of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 5:38-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Love your enemies.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

Communion Antiphon

Ps 9:2-3

I will recount all your wonders,

I will rejoice in you and be glad,

and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Warfare and the Church

'Be perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect.' Is Jesus advocating rather static fault-less-ness? Not very appealing! No, the Greek word is closer to the idea of a perfect wine – one that has matured and has reached its full potential. So, Our Lord is saying, 'Be a person who is everything you are capable of being.'

Our Lord gives a striking example of the challenge. God does not withhold life-giving sun and rain from people because they are bad or dishonest, nor extinguish the life of human beings because they are evil, because they are enemies.

What are the implications for Church teaching on capital punishment or warfare? Note that Jesus' command: 'You must be ...' is directed to You in the plural. It is communal, social. The Church community must listen. Is the Holy Spirit moving us in a direction not experienced since its first three centuries?

We could pause for a moment to pray on behalf of those who want to do us harm, the better to hear: 'Blessed are the peacemakers.'

PROJECT COMPASSION 2023

Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and For All Future Generations.



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