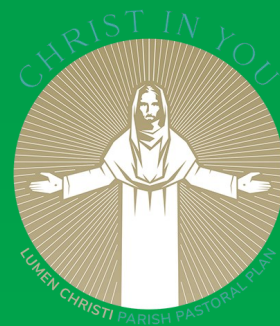


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PARISH VISION

We are called to reveal the Light of Christ to the world



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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PARISH CENTRE

Office Hours: Monday to Friday 8.30am —2.00pm
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We show our respect and acknowledge
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Elders past, present, and emerging,
and extend that respect to all other
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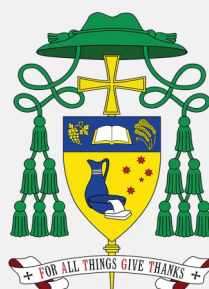
LUMEN CHRISTI
CATHOLIC PARISH

MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE ...

Maria Tran, Secondo Mancini and Mendicino Family.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS ...

Bishop Peter Ingham, Fr David Catterall, Nelson Salinas, Joan O'Dowd, Alan Curtis, Matthew Johnson, Suzy May Gellel, Pat Carr, John Parkinson, Joseph Scalia, Bill Sharpe, Therese Rouse, Ron Cooper.



In our parish & around the diocese

PARISH CALENDAR: JAN—FEB 2024

Thu, 25 Jan: The Conversion of Saint Paul

Thu, 25 Jan: Catechists Meeting, Rigney Room 10.30am

Fri, 26 Jan: Australia Day Mass, SFX 8am followed by a cuppa

Thu, 1 Feb: Feast of St Brigid, Patroness of Gwynneville

Thu, 1 Feb: Parish Lunch, Master Builders Club 12pm

Fri, 2 Feb: Presentation of the Lord, Candlemas, SFX 7am & 12.10pm

Sun, 4 Feb: Hospitality weekend resumes

Tue, 6 Feb: Mass of Anointing, SJV 9.30am

Sun, 11 Feb: Caritas launch (Project Compassion 2024)

Wed, 14 Feb: Ash Wednesday (refer to page 3)

Fri, 16 Feb: Reconciliation & Stations of the Cross SFX 5.30pm

Sun, 18 Feb: First Sunday of Lent

Sun, 18 Feb: Rite of Election

Wed, 21 Feb: Baptism Class, SFX 7pm

Thu, 22 Feb: Episcopal Anniversary of Bishop Mascord (2018)

Fri, 23 Feb: Reconciliation & Stations of the Cross SFX 5.30pm

Sat, 24 Feb: Mental Health, Xavier Centre 9.30am

SACRAMENTS

♦ **Baptisms:** By appointment only. Baptism preparation session must be completed. Contact the parish office or book online lumenchristi.org.au/baptism

♦ **Marriages:** A preliminary appointment needs to be made at least 6 months prior to Wedding Date (**No Sunday weddings in our parish**)

♦ 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
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- ♦ **Sacramental Programme:** lumenchristi.org.au/sacramental
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- ♦ **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 LUNCH RETURNS!

A call to all Lumen Christi parishioners! You are warmly invited to come to our Parish luncheon on Thursday 1st February, 12pm at The Master Builders Club Wollongong (Church St).

You can grab yourself a meal, drink and have a chat!

See you there!



MASS OF ANOINTING | 6 FEB | 9.30AM, SJV

On Tuesday 6th February at St John Vianney Co-Cathedral, Fairy Meadow the 9.30am Mass will be offered for those who are suffering the effects of serious illness or the infirmity of old age. Anyone in such need is very welcome to receive the Anointing of the Sick during the Mass. Parishioners are very welcome to attend the Mass of Anointing. It is a wonderful opportunity to show support for those who are ill.

CONFIRMATION ENROLMENTS 2024

Parents and caregivers of children in Year 6 are now invited to enrol their child into the 2024 programme for Confirmation.

Parents and caregivers will need to attend a compulsory information session with the Parish Administrator, the School Principal and the Religious Education Coordinator of the Catholic Parish Primary Schools at the commencement of the program. Parents and caregivers of children in Public and Private school systems will also need to attend this information session.

To enrol your child in the Sacramental program visit the parish website: lumenchristi.org.au/sacramental

N.B. Enrolments close **1 March 2024**.

HAPPY 83RD BIRTHDAY BISHOP EMERITUS PETER INGHAM

A big happy birthday to our beloved Bishop Emeritus Peter Ingham who celebrated his **83rd** birthday on Friday 19th January 2024.

Lord Jesus Christ, for our Bishop Emeritus Peter whose birthday will celebrated this week, we praise you. We thank you for him and pray that you bless him always in your love. Amen.

Happy Birthday Bishop Peter!

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

In our parish & around the diocese



MY SABBATICAL IN IRELAND!

Join us for a captivating talk on Fr Bernard Gordon's sabbatical experience in Ireland. Fr Bernard will take us on a journey through the wild and wonderful landscapes, beautiful churches, and rich but sometimes troubled history of Ireland.

Hosted by the Diocesan Catholic Women's League Wollongong.

Come along for a stimulating and reflective experience about a truly significant and great people in the history of Europe. It's an event you won't want to miss!

WHEN: 11am on Tuesday 27th February 2024

WHERE: Xavier Centre, 38 Harbour St, Wollongong

RSVP: Go to: lumenchristi.org.au/rsvp

PIETÀ – LENTEN PROGRAM

Pietà is the new Lenten Program for 2024. To pre-order your copy of the Pietà Lenten Booklet or CD visit the parish online shop at: lumenchristi.org.au/shop

Lenten Books and CD's are \$4.50 each.

CATECHIST MEETING — 25 JANUARY

The first 2024 Lumen Christi Parish Catechist Meeting will be held on **Thursday 25th January 2024 at 10.30am in the Mgr John Rigney Room**. Catechists are required to attend to receive their resources for the year. Please RSVP your attendance via email to our Coordinator Patricia Calabro by email patricia.calabro@dow.org.au.

NEW FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIR

A very special thank you to Vicky Davidson for accepting the position of Chair of the Lumen Christi Parish Finance Council. Vicki brings many gifts to this very important role of helping to review and develop the finances of our parish. On behalf of our parish community I wish Vicky all the best in her new role.

Fr Bernard



THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

On the Feast of The Presentation of the Lord the Church celebrates that forty days after Jesus' birth he was brought to the Temple by Mary and Joseph and proclaimed as the Light for all peoples by Simeon the elderly priest. On this day candles are blessed so we can remember that Christ is the Light of our world and our homes. Masses will be celebrated on **Friday, 2 February at 7am & 12.10pm at St Francis Xavier Cathedral**. Please bring your own candles to be blessed on this joyful day.



ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES 2024

Ash Wednesday commences Lent, a sacred time for our hearts to be renewed and purified. This year Ash Wednesday will be celebrated on **14th February**. Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence and the blessed ashes are sprinkled over our heads as a sign of repentance.

Please note this year's Ash Wednesday Mass timetable:

St Francis Xavier Cathedral

7am, 12.10pm & 6pm

St John Vianney Co-Cathedral

10.30am (includes Good Samaritan Parish School)

St Brigid's Church

9.30am (includes St Brigid's Parish School)

RECONCILIATION & STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Reconciliation and Stations of the Cross will be offered at St Francis Xavier Cathedral every Friday during Lent.

Reconciliation 5.30pm

Stations of the Cross 6.30pm

AUSTRALIA DAY MASS

Mass will offered on Australia Day at **St Francis Xavier Cathedral, 8am Friday 26th January 2024** followed by a cuppa and lamington after Mass. All are welcome! **Please note that there will be no 7am & 12.10pm Mass at the Cathedral on Australia Day.**

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

THIS WEEK'S READINGS & COMMENTARY

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 95:1,6

O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and splendour,
strength and honour in his holy place.

First Reading

Jonah 3:1-5. 10

A reading from the prophet Jonah

The Ninevites renounced their evil ways.

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

Responsorial Psalm

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

(R.) Teach me your ways, O Lord.

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 Corinthians 7:29-31

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

The world as we know it is passing away.

Brothers, our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

Gospel Acclamation

Mark 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near:
believe the Good News! Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 1:14-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Repent, and believe the Good News.

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.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him. Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

Communion Antiphon

Cf Psalm 33:6

Look toward the Lord and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The Eyes Have It

When Jesus says to Simon, Andrew, James and John 'I will make you into fishers of men', then, amongst the many levels of meaning they would have heard the allusion to Ezekiel 29:3-5.

Jesus was telling them that he was creating a society of liberated human beings, called the 'Kingdom of God'. This would involve struggle against powerful elites, the pharaohs of this world, who oppress and enslave people. It would be as dangerous and demand as much energy as required to haul a crocodile out of the Nile. Yet they did so, 'straightaway'. Because of the call of Jesus? No. At least, not that alone. We read 'He saw Simon and his brother Andrew . . . He saw James and his brother John.' They were responding not to his voice alone but to his eyes. His is like the attentive gaze of a parent loving a baby into a beautiful future. Jesus looks at you and at me wanting to love us into a barely imaginable future. We could pause for a moment to remember that when His call comes, demanding an 'aye' or a 'nay', the Eyes have it.

Please give to the Kneelers Appeal for Mater

Dolorosa, Balgownie: \$14, 568 to Go!

You can donate by: completing a pledge form online at:

www.lumenchristi.org.au/kneelers

Direct Deposit: BSB: **066 711** Account #: **008056** Ref: **Your Name-SOK**

Cheques Payable to: **Lumen Christi Parish**

Or by collecting an envelope from the church door (mark it **"Kneelers Donation"**) and place it inside the collection bag, collection boxes, or hand it in at the parish office.

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