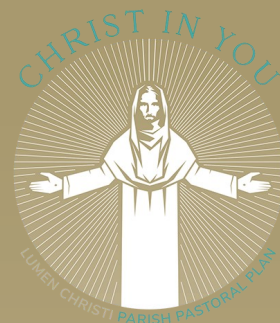


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14 APRIL 2024

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 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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St Brigid's Church, Gwynneville

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



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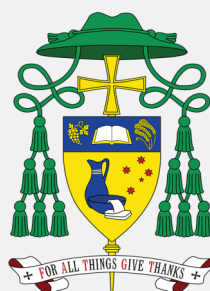
CATHOLIC PARISH

MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE ...

Marie Joyce, Margaret & Paul Gray.

PLEASE PRAY FOR
OUR SICK PARISHIONERS ...

Bishop Peter Ingham, Joan O'Dowd, Matthew Johnson,
Pat Carr, John Parkinson, Bill Sharpe, Ron Cooper, John Gauci.



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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.



WELCOME TO LUMEN CHRISTI PARISH

PARISH CALENDAR: APR-MAY 2024

Mon, 08 Apr: CWL Fairy Meadow Branch Mtg, MDB 2pm
Mon, 08 Apr: Annunciation Mass, SFX 7am & 12.10pm
Tue, 09 Apr: Priestly Ordination of Fr Bernard Gordon (1994)
Wed, 10 Apr: CWL Wollongong Branch Mtg, Xavier Ctr 10am
Wed, 17 Apr: Baptism Class, SFX 7pm
Wed, 17 Apr: Parish Office Closed
Sat, 20 Apr: Come and See, Go and Make, Bal Mtg Rm 10am
Sun, 21 Apr: Death of Bishop William Murray (2013)
Sun, 21 Apr: World Day of Prayer for Vocations
Thu, 25 Apr: Anzac Day Mass, SFX 8am
Sat, 27 Apr: Mental Health, Xavier Centre 9.30am
Wed, 01 May: St Joseph the Worker
Thu, 02 May: Parish Lunch, The Builders Club 12pm
Sun, 05 May: Hospitality weekend

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

- ♦ **Parish Councils:** lumenchristi.org.au/parishcouncils
- ♦ **Mass for you at Home:** youtube.com/massforyouathome
- ♦ **Mass/Prayer Intentions:** lumenchristi.org.au/intentions
- ♦ **Light a Votive Candle:** lumenchristi.org.au/votive
- ♦ **Register in our Parish:** 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

FR BERNARD'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY

Dear Parishioners,

My heartfelt thanks to the many people who have sent me congratulations and given me beautiful messages and such generous gifts for my 30th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination!

On Friday 5th April we celebrated the Holy Eucharist with Bishop Mascord present and Bishop Danny Meagher from the Archdiocese of Sydney. Priests and parishioners from Lumen Christi and various parishes across our Diocese and the Dioceses of Sydney and Canberra-Goulburn shared the joy.

Thank you to all those who were involved in the Sacred Liturgy and the wonderful gathering in the Xavier Centre. My Mum, brothers and sister were present and delighted to be with us for such a grand occasion.

My special thanks to all those who served on the sanctuary, helped with music, most of all Kathy Uroda and Helen Croco for the beautiful Psalm "This is the Day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad!"

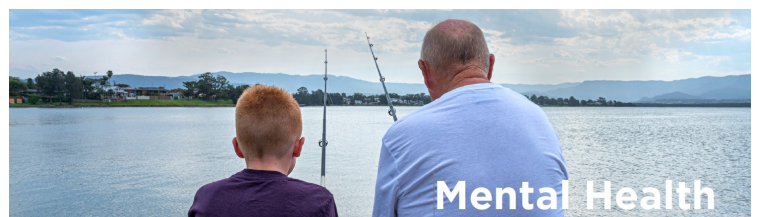
Fr Tony Percy from Canberra-Goulburn preached a lovely homily on the priesthood with a focus on the Letter to the Hebrews which speaks of the compassion of Jesus our Priest.

Many people were involved in all the preparations for the Anniversary celebration, but I want to especially thank Kevin Galea and Mary Hiscox for their generous and loving dedication. Thank you also to Lina and Anthony from Primavera Flowers Wollongong for the truly beautiful flower arrangements for Easter and the Anniversary.

Thank you to everyone in our beautiful and growing Lumen Christi Parish. Thank you for your witness to a life of faith and love in Jesus, our Risen Lord and compassionate Priest.

Fr Bernard

Photographs available online: lumenchristi.org.au/parishalbum



MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

CatholicCare will be visiting Lumen Christi Parish to provide a comprehensive and important presentation on mental health awareness, covering topics such as:

- Identifying types of mental health illnesses
- What to do if you have concerns about yourself or others
- What supports are available

Saturday, 27 April 2024 commencing at 9.30am at the Xavier Centre, Wollongong. To book, please call CatholicCare on 4254 9395 to register. Limited spaces available.

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

NEWS IN BRIEF

MOTHER'S DAY—12 MAY 2024

Dear Parishioners

Our mothers have given life, nourishment and loving commitment to us for many years. On Mother's Day we our mothers who represent to us the strong, tender and intimate love of God.

All parishioners are invited to place a flower at the statue of our Lady in honour of their own mother for Mother's Day. In the Cathedral some flowers will be placed in front of the statue of the Mary for you to present while praying for your mother. Or, you may wish to bring your own flower and present it to Mary for your mother.

Please invite your mother, grandmother or that person who has supported you with a mother's love to Mass that they may receive the Mother's Day blessing.

Whether your mother is living or now rests in peace with the Lord, you are invited to join our parish in honouring all mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, spiritual mothers, and those women who have given us a mother's love by their affection, guidance and support.

If you would like to include an Intention on our list for Mother's Day, please visit:

www.lumenchristi.org.au/mothersday

Or collect a Mother's Day envelope from the doors of the church or at the parish office.

The names of the mothers given to us will be published in the parish bulletin on the weekend of **Mother's Day Sunday 12 May**.

Please note: the Intention list will close **Sunday 5th May**.

Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers of our parish and parishioners!

Fr Bernard

REGINA CAELI

V. Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia!

R. For He whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia!

V. Has risen as He said, alleluia!

R. Pray for us to God, alleluia!

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia!

R. For the Lord is truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray.

O God, who through the Resurrection of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, granted joy to the world; grant, we beseech you, that through his Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Spiritual Drink of Holy Communion, he brings us the life and warmth of the Risen Son.

In fact, he shares his very life with us, and because his life is gloriously fully human, we become less ghost-like as he heals those parts of our personality which drain goodness and vitality from the world.

We could take a moment to pray to take greater opportunities to share in the Real Presence of Our Risen Lord under the appearance of bread and wine. This will move us from the illusion of being alive to that vitality which is nourished by his glorified humanity.

ANZAC DAY MASS—THURSDAY 25 APRIL

Bishop Brian Mascord will offer the Anzac Day Mass at St Francis Xavier Cathedral on Thursday 25th April at 8am. Please join us after Mass for a cuppa and Anzac biscuits. N.B. There will be no 9.30am Mass at Gwynneville that day.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED—17 APRIL

The Parish Office will be closed this Wednesday 17th April as staff will be attending the annual secretaries day at the Diocesan Offices. Parish Office will reopen on Thursday 18th April at 8.30am.

RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

In collaboration with St Brigid's and Good Samaritan Parish Schools, we invite all parents and children in our Parish Schools and in State or Private Schools to be part of the Lumen Christi Parish Sacramental program for 2024.

If your child has been baptised in the Catholic Faith, you have already begun preparations for their reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation. From the moment of their birth, you have shared your Faith with your children in your love, words, actions and prayers. We encourage you to continue this loving commitment by helping your children experience prayer in your home, Sunday Mass and celebrating the Lord's forgiveness in Reconciliation.

Enrolments have now opened for the Reconciliation and Eucharist Program for 2024 and **will close on Friday 17 May 2024**. To register your child in the Program please visit: lumenchristi.org.au/sacramental

COME AND SEE, GO AND MAKE

Come & See, Go & Make: A Vision for Parishes. The meeting will be held in the Mater Dolorosa Meeting Room Balgownie on **Saturday 20th April, 10am—11am**.

Please bring your copies of the documents and a pen. The workbook will be provided at the meeting.

Please RSVP your attendance to: lisa.depaiva@dow.org.au

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

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 65:1-2

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15. 17-19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

You have killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 4:2. 4. 7. 9. R. v.7

(R.) Lord, let your face shine on us.

1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice;
from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! *(R.)*
2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves;
the Lord hears me whenever I call him. *(R.)*
3. 'What can bring us happiness?' many say.
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. *(R.)*
4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once,
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. *(R.)*

Second Reading

1 John 2:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St John

Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.

I am writing this, my children,
to stop you sinning;
but if anyone should sin,
we have our advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ, who is just;
he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away,
and not only ours,
but the whole world's.
We can be sure that we know God
only by keeping his commandments.
Anyone who says, 'I know him',
and does not keep his commandments,
is a liar,
refusing to admit the truth.
But when anyone does obey what he has said,

God's love comes to perfection in him.

Gospel Acclamation

See Luke 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 24:35-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

It was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

Communion Antiphon

Luke 24:46-47

The Christ had to suffer and on the third day rise from the dead;
in his name repentance and remission of sins
must be preached to all the nations, alleluia.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Ghosts, meals and humanity

When Jesus appeared to them, the disciples thought they were seeing a ghost, a sort of projection of a human image on the screen of the world but with no human depth and vitality. In fact, ghosts seem to drain life and warmth from those they encounter.

The disciples became convinced that they were in the presence of the Risen Lord Jesus Christ when he assumed a characteristic way of acting – sharing a companionable meal (of fish).

His bodily presence of that sort is now withdrawn from us. But we are now encountered by him in the Mass which has many dimensions, one of which is that of a sacred meal. When we share in the sacramental signs of his Real Presence in the Heavenly Bread and

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