



Incorporating Cathedral of St Francis Xavier, Wollongong | Co-Cathedral of St John Vianney,
Fairy Meadow, Mater Dolorosa, Balgownie | St Brigid's, Gwynneville

PARISH VISION

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

PARISH PRAYER

Merciful God,
you have called us out of darkness
into the Light of Christ.

We gather as the parish community of Lumen Christi.
In Baptism, we were consecrated as your children.

In Confirmation, the Spirit of truth
strengthened us to bear witness to your Word.

We are nourished at the table of the Eucharist.

May our gifts always contribute to building up the Body of Christ.

Help us to reveal Christ's love
to the world through all we say and do.

Amen.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE ...

Sheila Curtis, Angelina Tropea, Olga Romano, Leo Boyle, Leo Fry, Rose Mercieca, Betty Bloye, Jim Bates, Maureen Gray, Hugh McNamee, John Hayes, Steve Winder, Deceased members of our parish, 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, Rita Penzo, Paula Dingli.

MAY GOD BLESS OUR SICK PARISHIONERS ...

Fr Chris Riley, Paul Gray, Margaret Gray, Christine Bulters, Matthew Johnson, Suzy May Gellel, Lordna Omiping, Dr Madeleine Cincotta, Elenka Egan, Dr John Frey, Johnny Dimise, Francisco Santos, Ada Raynor, Denise Mastro, Jadon Kalp, Amanda Dennis, Tara Conklin, Jamie Chitwood, Karl Llorin, Rita Basti, Angela & Rohan, Sue Freestone, Ardell Sharpe, Joseph Scalia, Lilia Pelino, Don Alanis, Jacquie Brady, Lyn Griffin, Edna Wilson, Brian Brennan, Bill Keirse, Jessica Sparks, Pat Carr, Bruce Creenaune, Tri Vu's mum, Catherine Cox, Frances McMahon, Joan O'Dowd, Margaret Bartley, Jan Newman.

PARISH OFFICE

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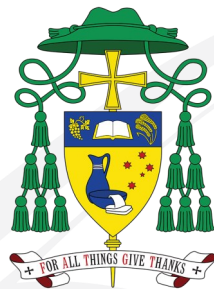
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PASTORAL & FINANCE COUNCILS

Lisa de Paiva, Chair of the Pastoral Council
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Most Reverend Brian G Mascord,
Diocesan Bishop & Parish Priest
Very Reverend Bernard L Gordon,
Vicar General & Administrator
Reverend Anthony Crook RAN,
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Leanne Burlin,
Parish Secretary
Patricia Di Leva,
Administration Assistant

In our parish & around the diocese

MASS TIMES

WOLLONGONG, 36 HARBOUR ST

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

GWYNNEVILLE, 119 GIPPS RD

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

FAIRY MEADOW, 1 CABBAGE TREE LANE

Tuesday	Mass: 9.30am
Thursday	Mass: 9.30am (Italian); Mass: 5.30pm
Sunday	Mass: 8.30am Mass: 10am (Italian) Mass: 4.30pm (Vietnamese)

BALGOWNIE, 47 BALMORAL RD

Sunday	Mass: 10am
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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 on Demand:** [livestream.lumenchristi.org.au](https://lumenchristi.org.au)
- **Mass Intentions:** lumenchristi.org.au/massintention
- **Prayer Intentions:** lumenchristi.org.au/prayers
- **Census Form:** lumenchristi.org.au/census
- **Online Donations:** lumenchristi.org.au/donate
- **Online Payments:** lumenchristi.org.au/payment
- **Join Planned Giving:** lumenchristi.org.au/support
- **Columbarium:** lumenchristi.org.au/columbarium
- **Sacramental 2022:** lumenchristi.org.au/sacramental2022
- **COVID-19 Updates:** lumenchristi.org.au/covid-19

PARISH EFT BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

BSB: 066 711 **Account:** 008056

Account Name: Lumen Christi Parish



AMORIS LAETITIA (THE JOY OF LOVE)

Pope Francis' post-synodal Apostolic Exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia* (The Joy of Love) on love in the family is an Apostolic Exhortation published after the conclusion of a two-year synod process discussing both the beauty and challenges of family life today. The 2015 Synod's theme was "the vocation and mission of the family in the Church and the modern world." Fr Bernard Gordon and James Arblaster will be presenting a 9 week course on *Amoris Laetitia* commencing at **7:00pm Tuesday 26 April (by Zoom) or Wednesday 27th April 2022 (Monsignor Rigney Room**. To follow the talk, please purchase a copy of *Amoris Laetitia* from St Pauls Publications or from the parish office.

To register please contact Leanne at the parish office or go to: www.lumenchristi.org.au/AmorisLaetitia

CATECHIST MEETING — 21 JANUARY

Our first Lumen Christi Parish Catechist Meeting will be held on Friday 21st January 2022 at 10am in the Mgr John Rigney Room, followed by refreshments. RSVP your attendance via email to catherine.zamroz@dow.org.au by 14 January 2021.

PARISH CALENDAR

Tue, 4 Jan: Parish Office reopens 9am
Fri, 7 Jan: Baptism Class, SFX 10am
Wed, 19 Jan: Baptism Class SFX 7pm
Fri, 21 Jan: Catechist Meeting, Mgr John Rigney Rm 10am
Wed, 26 Jan: Australia Day SFX 8am
Fri, 28 Jan: Feast of St Thomas Aquinas
Sat, 29 Jan: Inservice — Servers, SFX 9.30am
Sat, 29 Jan: Inservice — Lectors, SFX 11.30am
Wed, 2 Feb: Presentation of the Lord "Candle Mass"
Fri, 4 Feb: Baptism Class, SFX 10am
Sun, 6 Feb: Hospitality Resumes
Wed, 16 Feb: Baptism Class, SFX 7pm
Tue, 22 Feb: Finance Council Meeting
Tue, 22 Feb: Bishop Brian Mascord, Episcopal Ordination Anniversary (2018)
Thu, 24 Feb: Installation of Bishop Thomas Mc Cabe as the First Bishop of Wollongong
Fri, 27 Feb: Pastoral Council Meeting

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

In our parish & around the diocese

MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR MR WARWICK HANSEN OAM



Friends are warmly invited to attend a special Mass and Supper that will be held in recognition of Mr Warwick Hansen OAM's significant service to the Catholic Diocese of Wollongong, and his retirement, on **Friday 28 January 2022. 6pm Mass at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, 36 Harbour Street, Wollongong**, will be followed by a light supper in the Xavier Centre's Function Room. To RSVP to attend,

please visit https://dow.shthanksgivingmass_hansen by Friday 21 January 2022. If you are unable to attend and would like to leave Warwick a message please visit <https://dow.sh/3Eg4J7S>. Enquiries 4222 2400.

CANDLEMAS — 2 FEBRUARY 2022



Candlemas, also known as the Feast of Light, is a day of purification, renewal, and hope. On this day, 40 days after Christmas, we commemorate Mary's obedience to Mosaic law by visiting the Temple for the ritual of purification, as commanded in Leviticus 12:2-8. This year Bishop Brian and Fr Bernard will be blessing candles at Candlemas on **Wednesday, 2 February at St Francis Xavier Cathedral** during the **7am & 12.10pm Masses**. Please bring your own candles to be blessed on this special day.

BISHOP BRIAN MASCORD

Our beloved Bishop Brian will be taking a week's annual leave from this weekend. We pray that Bishop Brian has a restful break with his family & friends.



and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate *Stars and Seekers after Truth*

Unlike the writers of the horoscope columns in our newspapers, these Wise Men were scholar astrologers, probably from Syria or Iraq. They believed that the stars controlled the destiny of human beings, but they were open enough to the Hebrew scriptures to be led to the amazing discovery of a star-child in Bethlehem.

They knelt before this baby, doing homage, because they realised that the stars did not control this infant, but that there was something of this baby which caused the night sky to respond! They preserved the child from the deadly schemes of Herod, and then they returned to their home country, 'by a different way'. They were on a different journey after encountering the Child.

Who can doubt that the Holy Spirit led these wise men from the East to the manger? In fact, the Holy Spirit is at work in every human being, prompting each and every one to become seekers after Truth.

As a person responds to this prompting and tries to lead a good humane life, then the Church teaches that the Holy Spirit can draw them into the saving life of God. Thus, billions in China and India who have never heard the Gospel, can be saved. But, such persons do not savour the fullness of Truth as we do with the privilege of having the scriptures and the sacraments. Where it is possible, we are obliged to offer them the road map to the Truth.

We can take a moment to affirm our faith in the baby in the manger as the One of whom Dante spoke: 'the Love which moves the sun and other stars'. Come, let us adore him.

PRAYER OF BLESSING FOR OUR HOMES ON THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Peace be upon this house and with all of us who live here. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

God of mercy, fill our home with the light and the love of Christ that it may be a place of hospitality and welcome.

May Christ be our shelter when we are at home, our companion when we are away, and our welcome guest when we return.

Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Mal 3:1; 1 Chr 29:12

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come;
and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

First Reading

Is 60:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come,
the glory of the Lord is rising on you,
though night still covers the earth
and darkness the peoples.
Above you the Lord now rises
and above you his glory appears.
The nations come to your light
and kings to your dawning brightness.
Lift up your eyes and look round:
all are assembling and coming towards you,
your sons from far away
and your daughters being tenderly carried.
At this sight you will grow radiant,
your heart throbbing and full;
since the riches of the sea will flow to you;
the wealth of the nations come to you;
camels in throngs will cover you,
and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;
everyone in Sheba will come,
bringing gold and incense
and singing the praise of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13, R. see v.11

(R.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

1. O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement. **(R.)**
2. In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds. **(R.)**
3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts
shall pay him tribute.
The kings of Sheba and Seba
shall bring him gifts.
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,
all nations shall serve him. **(R.)**
4. For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Eph 3:2-3. 5-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East;
and have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 2:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

We have come from the East to worship the king.

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah,
for out of you will come a leader
who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Mt 2:2

We have seen his star in the East,

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