

# 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

24 JULY 2022

## WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

“Blessed is the family that honours the elderly!” (Pope Francis)

### MASS TIMES

#### St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong

Monday, 25 Jul	Mass: 7am
Tuesday, 26 Jul	Mass: 7am
Wednesday, 27 Jul	Mass: 7am
	Confessions: 11:30am
	Mass: 12.10pm
Thursday, 28 Jul	Mass: 7am
Friday, 29 Jul	Mass: 7am
	Adoration: 11:30am
	Confessions: 11:30am
	Mass: 12.10pm
Saturday, 30 Jul	Confessions: 11am—12pm
Sunday, 31 Jul	Mass: 7am, 10.30am & 5pm

#### St Brigid's, Gwynneville

Thursday, 28 Jul	Mass: 9.30am
Saturday, 30 Jul	Mass: 5.30pm
Sunday, 31 Jul	Mass: 9am

#### St John Vianney Co-Cathedral, Fairy Meadow

Tuesday, 26 Jul	Mass: 9.30am
Thursday, 28 Jul	Mass: 9.30am (Italian)
	Mass: 5.30pm

#### Sunday, 31 Jul

Mass: 8.30am
Mass: 10am (Italian)
Mass: 4.30pm (Vietnamese)

#### Mater Dolorosa, Balgownie

Sunday, 31 Jul	Mass: 10am
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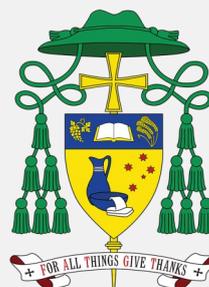
## LUMEN CHRISTI CATHOLIC PARISH

### MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE ...

Deceased members of our parish, Clara Colla, Bill Hedley, Sheila McNamara.

### MAY GOD BLESS OUR SICK PARISHIONERS ...

Noel & Therese Rouse, Nikiesha Thorton, Tony Moriarty, Veronica Bowman, Angela Mosley, Angela Sirc, Mounir Germanos, Maria Do, Dianne Hukins, Sue McAlary, 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, Brian Brennan, Bill Keirse, Jessica Sparks, Pat Carr, Bruce Creenaune, Catherine Cox, Frances McMahon, Joan O'Dowd, Margaret Bartley, Jan Newman.



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### PASTORAL & FINANCE COUNCILS

**Lisa de Paiva**, Chair of the Pastoral Council  
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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.

# In our parish & around the diocese

## PARISH CALENDAR

**Tue, 26 Jul:** Finance Council Mtg, Rigney Room 5.30pm  
**Fri, 5 Aug:** Dedication of St John Vianney, SJV 9.30am  
**Sat, 6 Aug:** No Reconciliation will be available  
**Sun, 7 Aug:** Hospitality Weekend  
**Mon, 8 Aug:** Mary of the Cross Mass, SFX 12.10pm  
**Sun, 14 Aug:** 40th Priestly Anniversary Fr John Stork  
**Sun, 14 Aug:** Hospitality after 10.30am Mass  
**Mon, 15 Aug:** Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Wollongong, 7am & 12.10pm, Fairy Meadow 5.30pm  
**Sun, 4 Sep:** Hospitality Weekend  
**Wed, 14 Sep:** Death Anniversary Bishop McCabe (1983)  
**Wed, 14 Sep:** 10 year Anniversary, Good Samaritan School  
**18-25 Sep:** UCI Championships, temporary Mass time change  
**Mon 26 Sep:** Normal Liturgy schedule resumes  
**Tue, 4 Oct:** Feast of St Francis of Assisi  
**Tue, 25 Oct:** Finance Council Mtg, Rigney Room 5.30pm  
**Thu, 1 Dec:** Parish Dinner, Fraternity Club 6.30pm  
**Fri, 9 Dec:** Christmas Carols, Cathedral Grounds 6.30pm

## 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](http://livestream.lumenchristi.org.au)
- **Mass/Prayer Intentions:** [lumenchristi.org.au/intentions](http://lumenchristi.org.au/intentions)
- **Light a Votive Candle:** [lumenchristi.org.au/votive](http://lumenchristi.org.au/votive)
- **Census Form:** [lumenchristi.org.au/census](http://lumenchristi.org.au/census)
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- **Online Payments:** [lumenchristi.org.au/payment](http://lumenchristi.org.au/payment)
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- **Sacramental Programme:** [lumenchristi.org.au/sacramental](http://lumenchristi.org.au/sacramental)
- **Privacy Policy:** [privacy.lumenchristi.org.au](http://privacy.lumenchristi.org.au)
- **St Brigid's School:** [sbgdow.catholic.edu.au](http://sbgdow.catholic.edu.au)
- **Good Samaritan School:** [gsfmdow.catholic.edu.au](http://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 GORDON: ANNUAL LEAVE

Pope Francis has proclaimed this Sunday as a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, so I wish every blessing to those members of our parish who have gained the wisdom of many years and are a beautiful presence among us.

During the month of August I will be away on annual leave. In my absence, please direct all enquiries on parish matters to Mr Kevin Galea, our General Manager, who will facilitate the daily administrative works of the parish. Fr John Stork and Fr George Condookala will assist Bishop Brian with the Sunday Mass timetable during August, in keeping with their other Diocesan and supply commitments to other parishes. However, due to the unavailability of priests on **Sunday 21st August, Deacon James Arblaster will celebrate a Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at St Brigid's Gwynneville 9am and Mater Dolorosa, Balgownie 10am.**

Please also note that due to the shortage in numbers of priests and our other pastoral commitments, we need to make an adjustment in the Mass timetable during the week. Unfortunately, given our current circumstances, we need to let go the Thursday 5:30pm Mass at St John Vianney. The last Mass to be offered on a Thursday evening at St John Vianney will be this Thursday 28 July.

Thank you very much for your patience and understanding as we continue to navigate our present pastoral challenges.

Fr Bernard Gordon

## POPE FRANCIS ON LITURGICAL FORMATION

At the Last Supper Jesus said that he "desired with desire" (Luke 22:15) to eat the Passover meal with his disciples. Jesus desires the same for us in the Sacred Liturgy, especially the Holy Eucharist, as Pope Francis explains in his latest Apostolic Letter, *Desiderio Desideravi*. Some of Pope Francis' points are:

- ◆ The perfect act of worship is the sacrifice of Jesus out of love for the Father (n.7)
- ◆ The Church protects "as its most precious treasure the command of the Lord, 'Do this in memory of me.'" (n.8)
- ◆ We need to rediscover our capacity to grasp the symbolic meaning of the human body and all created things which help us to open our hearts to the grace of Christ (n.46)
- ◆ The ritual actions of the Liturgy form our feelings, attitudes and behaviour, in relation to God and our neighbour (n.51)
- ◆ For example, moments of silence allow the Holy Spirit to help us grow in repentance, listen to God's Word, and adore Christ in the Holy Eucharist (n.52)
- ◆ Like Jesus, the priest ought to give himself for the people entrusted to him and help them respond to Jesus' desire to be in communion with them (nn.57,60)

For more information on bequests please visit: [lumenchristi.org.au/bequest](http://lumenchristi.org.au/bequest)

# In our parish & around the diocese

## MASS TIMETABLE, 18 –25 SEPTEMBER

During the time of the UCI Championships, from Sunday 18th September to Sunday 25th September, we will be following the temporary liturgy schedule below. **Vigil Mass at Gwynneville for Saturday, 17 September, will be at the normal time of 5:30pm.**

Please note that the UCI schedule will probably impact your ability to access our parish churches. This is why we need to change the times for Mass so that we can give you the best opportunity to attend Mass and travel home safely. We are working with the Wollongong 2022 UCI group to achieve the best possible outcome, however things may happen that are out of our control.

During this time, livestreaming of the Sunday Mass from the Cathedral will not be available. Mass for You at Home (MFYAH) on Network Ten (6am) and Foxtel's Aurora Channel 173 (10am) are available. The same Mass is available on Network Ten's streaming platform [10play.com.au](https://www.10play.com.au) and the MFYAH website [massforyou.com.au](https://massforyou.com.au)

### Sunday 18th September

Wollongong: 6.45am & 7.30pm

Fairy Meadow: 7pm

Balgownie: 8.30am, 10am & Vietnamese Mass 4.30pm

### Monday 19th to Friday 23rd September

Wollongong: 6.45am

### Saturday 24th September

Gwynneville: 7pm

### Sunday 25th September

Wollongong: 6.45am & 7.30pm;

Fairy Meadow: 7pm

Balgownie: 8.30am, 10am & Vietnamese Mass, 4.30pm

## LUMEN CHRISTI PARISH DINNER: 1 DEC 2022

You are warmly invited to our first Lumen Christi parish dinner, to be celebrated later this year on **Thursday 1st December at 6.30pm** at the Fraternity Club, Fairy Meadow. Where we will gather together as one parish community!



SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER J.D. Barrett is an Australian television writer and script editor. She has worked on the writing teams for Love My Way, East of Everything, Bed of Roses, Wonderland, Love Child and The Secret Daughter. The Secret Recipe for

Second Chances was her bestselling debut novel. Details of how to purchase tickets will be available soon. A very special thank you to Lynne Hudson for coordinating this parish event.

will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!

### Communion Antiphon

Ps 102:2

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and never forget all his benefits.

### REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

#### Heaven and Earth can coincide

People often imagine huge distance between Earth and a Heaven beyond the horizon of the universe. But Jesus Christ taught us to pray 'Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.'

How can this come about? Jesus identified two areas on which we need to focus to help make Heaven and Earth share the same space.

'Give us this day our daily bread.' This petition is very real for most inhabitants of the world – a plea for the necessities of life to stave off real hunger. If we respond to this plea, we can change a Hellish situation to a place where Heaven and Earth coincide.

'Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.' But, first to Shakespeare: 'The quality of Mercy is not strained. It falleth as the gentle rain of Heaven on to the place beneath.'

If we develop a hardness of heart which refuses to show forgiveness, then we are like earth concreted over and are unable to absorb God's forgiveness into our own lives. When we forgive someone, we become more able to absorb the gentle rain of heavenly mercy and forgiveness.

So, Heaven and Earth need not be as distant as supposed. Our Lord has shown us how we can help make these dimensions of existence coincide.

We could take a moment to resolve to pray the 'Our Father' by our lives, helping to provide evidence for our acclamation:

'Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts,  
Heaven and Earth are full of your Glory'

## CATECHISTS NEEDED!

Be a light to others, be part of our community! This weekend we are asking for more parishioners to come forward to be Catechists. *We need your help to ensure that the Word and the Sacraments will continue to be brought to the children in these schools.* If you are interested in being a part of the vibrant catechist team please contact Cathy on Friday's on 4211 0506 or email [Catherine.Zarmoz@dow.org.au](mailto:Catherine.Zarmoz@dow.org.au)

## REPAIRS — PARISH OFFICE

The recent inclement weather and severe storms has caused flood damage to our parish office. Repairs are underway with the fascia and eaves at the parish office. This work has uncovered other problems that require attention to the guttering and downpipes. Please be careful as you approach the front of the parish office and its surrounds.

For more information on our Columbarium please visit: [lumenchristi.org.au/columbarium](https://lumenchristi.org.au/columbarium)

### Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 67:6-7,36

God is in his holy place,  
God who unites those who dwell in his house;  
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

### First Reading

Gen 18:20-32

A reading from the book of Genesis

*Lord, do not be angry if I speak.*

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No', he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 137:1-3, 6-8. R. v.3

(R.) Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,  
you have heard the words of my mouth.  
Before the angels I will bless you.  
I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love  
which excel all we ever knew of you.  
On the day I called, you answered;  
you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly  
and the haughty he knows from afar.  
Though I walk in the midst of affliction  
you give me life and frustrate my foes. (R.)
4. You stretch out your hand and save me,  
your hand will do all things for me.  
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,

discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

### Second Reading

Col 2:12-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

*He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven  
all our sins.*

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

### Gospel Acclamation

Rom 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

Lk 11:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*Ask, and it will be given to you.*

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

"Father, may your name be held holy,  
your kingdom come;  
give us each day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our sins,  
for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us.  
And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more

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