



**LUMEN CHRISTI**  
CATHOLIC PARISH

# SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION

12 JANUARY 2025

## BAPTISM OF THE LORD, C



### MASS TIME TABLE

#### 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, 10am (Italian), 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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OUR PARISH



### PARISH CENTRE

#### OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Friday 8.30am — 2.00pm  
(Closed for Lunch 12pm—12.30pm)  
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### GOSPEL

*The Holy Spirit  
descends on Jesus at  
his baptism*

Luke 3:15-16. 21-22



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

Shirley Sparks, Twanny Spiteri, Gray  
Family, Hunt Family, Maria Demaria.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS...

Fr David Catterall, Ken Clark, Teresa  
Dellapina, Judith James, Dianne  
Hukins, Matthew Johnson, Pat Carr,  
John Gauci, Joseph Scalia.



*Our Sacraments  
& Helpful Links*

SCAN TO VISIT OUR WEB PORTAL

### 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

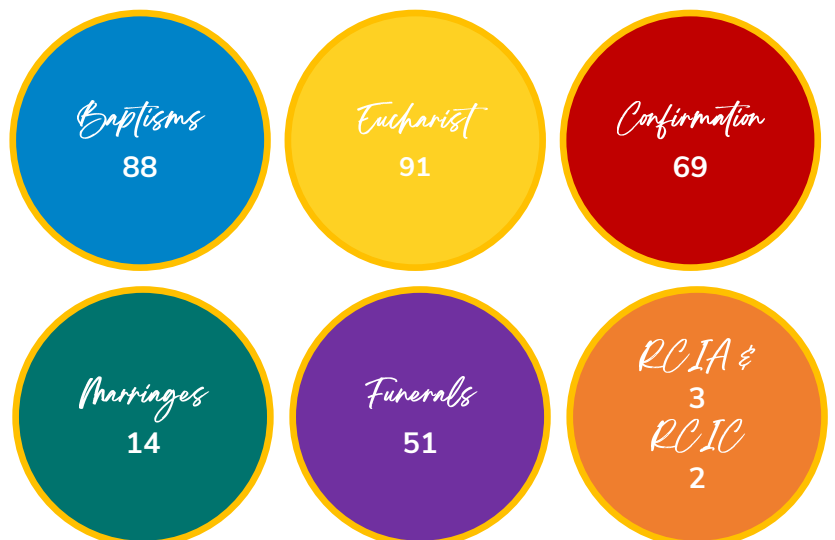
## PARISH CALENDAR: JAN 2025—FEB 2025

- Thu, 16 Jan: Anniversary of Dedication of St Brigid's Church
- Sat, 25 Jan: Chamber Philharmonia Cologne Concert
- Sun, 26 Jan: Australia Day, Mass timetable as usual
- Wed, 29 Jan: Pastoral Council Meeting, Rigney Room
- Thu, 30 Jan: Catechists Meeting, Rigney Room 10am
- Sat, 01 Feb: Feast of St Brigid, Patroness of Gwynneville
- Sun, 02 Feb: Presentation of the Lord
- Sun, 02 Feb: Hospitality weekend resumes

## SACRAMENTAL STATISTICS 2024

Parish life is central to the organization of Christian worship and life. In our parish, we gather to hear the Word of God and celebrate the Sacraments. Our church building stands as a symbol of our identity as the Body of Christ, called to bear witness to His presence and love. We are supported and nourished by the rhythm of the Church's liturgical seasons and feasts.

Each year, our parish submits a report to the diocese on the sacramental statistics. This report is an opportunity to give thanks for the good work done in service to others and reflect on the growth of our community. In 2024 these sacraments were celebrated in our parish:



We are very grateful for all who participated in and supported these sacred moments in our life of faith and worship. May we continue to grow in faith and service together. In this Jubilee Year of Hope may we confidently share Christ's mission of giving hope and bearing witness to the Lord's gift of saving mercy.

Fr Bernard

### PARISH STAFF

**Most Reverend Brian G Mascord,**  
Diocesan Bishop & Parish Priest  
**Very Reverend Bernard L Gordon,**  
Vicar General & Administrator  
**Reverend Cang Tran,**  
Assistant Priest  
**Kevin Galea,**  
General Manager  
**Leanne Burlin,**  
Parish Secretary  
**Patricia Di Leva,**  
Administration Assistant

### WOLLONGONG HOSPITAL

Emergency Calls: 0475 815 506

### PASTORAL & FINANCE COUNCILS

**Lisa de Paiva,**  
Chair of the Pastoral Council  
**Vicky Davidson,**  
Chair of the Finance Council

### PARISH SCHOOLS

**Kathy Uroda,**  
Principal, St Brigid's Gwynneville  
**Pauline Chrostowski,**  
Principal, Good Samaritan  
Fairly Meadow

### 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

### COLUMBARIUM SALES

[lumenchristi.org.au/columbarium](http://lumenchristi.org.au/columbarium)

# NEWS IN BRIEF

## JUBILEE DINNER

Join us for this special celebration as we come together to mark the Jubilee Year: *Pilgrims of Hope* with an evening of fellowship, delicious food, and joyful memories.

Date: **Friday, 25th July 2025**  
Venue: The Fraternity Club, Fairy Meadow  
Time: 6:00 pm  
Tickets: Adults: \$70 per head  
Children: \$35 per head



To purchase ticket visit our parish website:  
Go to: [lumenchristi.org.au/jubileedinner](https://lumenchristi.org.au/jubileedinner)

## AUSTRALIA DAY MASS

Australia Day falls on Sunday, 26th January 2025. All Masses will proceed as per the regular Sunday timetable, with no changes to the usual schedule.

## CATECHIST MEETING

The first 2025 Lumen Christi Parish Catechist Meeting will be held on **Thursday 30th January 2025 at 10am** in the Mgr John Rigney Room. Please RSVP your attendance via email to our Coordinator Patricia Calabro by email: [patricia.calabro@dow.org.au](mailto:patricia.calabro@dow.org.au).

## THE JUBILEE YEAR INDULGENCE

Pope Francis has called us to be pilgrims of hope during the Jubilee Year 2025. To be pilgrims of hope we need to receive the gift of hope and be givers of hope to others.

A vital experience of this hope is to discover the unlimited nature of God's mercy. This mercy is the Father's indulgence or pardon who through the Church reaches the forgiven sinner and frees him or her from every residue left by the consequences of sin.

The faithful, who:

- are truly repentant and free from any affection for sin
- moved by a spirit of charity
- purified through the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- refreshed by Holy Communion
- pray for the intentions of the Pope

will be able to obtain a plenary indulgence, with remission and forgiveness of all their sins, which can be applied in suffrage to the souls in Purgatory:

- By making pilgrimage to the Cathedral or other church designated by the local Bishop

Any baby, any adolescent, any adult who is baptised shares in these wonderful experiences. The dynamic power of the Holy Spirit hovers over the person as a gentle presence, preparing the one baptised for a mission on behalf of humanity. And every baptised person senses, below the range of hearing, the echo of the same marvellous words: "You are my beloved son or daughter, my favour rests on you."

Is it any wonder that Our Lord adopted this water rite to incorporate his followers into such wonderful experiences as a power-full impetus to fulfil their mission to cooperate in God's saving plan for humanity?

We could take a moment to pray in gratitude for the parent/s or other person/s who brought us into this tradition stretching over almost two millennia. May they be filled with all that flows from their being beloved sons and daughters of God.

- Devoutly visiting any Jubilee site and there, for a suitable period of time, engage in Eucharistic adoration and meditation, concluding with the Our Father, the Profession of Faith in any legitimate form, and prayers to Mary, the Mother of God.

- The elderly, the sick, prisoners, and those who, through their work in hospitals or other care facilities, provide continuous service to the sick, can obtain the Jubilee Indulgence, under the same conditions if they recite the Our Father, the Profession of Faith, and other prayers in conformity with the objectives of the Holy Year, in their homes or wherever they are confined (e.g. in the hospital, nursing home, or prison...) offering up their sufferings.

- The faithful will be able to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence if they visit, for an appropriate amount of time, their brothers and sisters who are in need or in difficulty (the sick, prisoners, lonely elderly people, disabled people), in a sense making a pilgrimage to Christ present in them (cf. Mt 25, 34-36) according to the usual spiritual, sacramental and prayer conditions.

For a more detailed explanation please read the Decree on the Granting of the Indulgence during the Ordinary Jubilee Year 2025 published by the Apostolic Penitentiary (13 May 2024).



# THIS WEEK'S READINGS & COMMENTARY

## Entrance Antiphon

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened,  
and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove,  
and the voice of the Father thundered:  
This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

## First Reading

**Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people  
shall see it.*

'Console my people, console them'  
says your God.

'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem  
and call to her

that her time of service is ended,  
that her sin is atoned for,

that she has received from the hand of the Lord  
double punishment for all her crimes.'

A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness  
a way for the Lord.

Make a straight highway for our God  
across the desert.

Let every valley be filled in,  
every mountain and hill be laid low,  
let every cliff become a plain,  
and the ridges a valley;

then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed  
and all mankind shall see it;

for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

Go up on a high mountain,  
joyful messenger to Zion.

Shout with a loud voice,  
joyful messenger to Jerusalem.

Shout without fear,  
say to the towns of Judah,  
'Here is your God.'

Here is the Lord coming with power,  
his arm subduing all things to him.

The prize of his victory is with him,  
his trophies all go before him.

He is like a shepherd feeding his flock,  
gathering lambs in his arms,  
holding them against his breast  
and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 103:1-2. 3-4. 24-25. 27-30. R. v.1**

**(R.)** Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

## Second Reading

**Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Titus

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible  
for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do  
is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our  
worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and  
religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in

hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the  
glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed him-  
self for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a  
people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambi-  
tion except to do good.

When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were  
revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous  
actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except  
his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing  
water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he  
has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour.  
He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become  
heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

## Gospel Acclamation

**See Luke 3:16**

Alleluia, alleluia!

John said: He who is to come is mightier than I;  
he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Alleluia!

## Gospel

**Luke 3:15-16. 21-22**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*When Jesus had been baptised and had been praying, the  
heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit came upon him.*

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were  
beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared  
before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming,  
someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo  
the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit  
and fire.'

Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after  
his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit  
descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came  
from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on  
you.'

## Communion Antiphon

**John 1:32,34**

Behold the One of whom John said:

I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

## REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

### Jesus' Baptism is Ours

What did it mean for Jesus to come up out of the waters of the  
Jordan to experience the special presence of the Holy Spirit as  
though it were a dove, gently hovering over him? As a Jew, he  
would have been reminded both of the Divine Wind hovering over  
the void-become-creation, and of the dove bearing an olive twig as  
God restored humanity's life on earth after the Flood. The Holy  
Spirit was empowering Him for a re-creative role on behalf of hu-  
manity.

His second experience was to sense God's delight and joy sound-  
ing, reverberating through every fibre of his body, every reach of  
his soul: 'You are my beloved Son, my favour rests on you.'

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