



LUMEN CHRISTI
CATHOLIC PARISH

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19 JANUARY 2025

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 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



SUPPORT
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 first of the signs
given by Jesus was at
Cana in Galilee*

John 2:1-11



MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE...

Shirley Sparks, Secondo Mancini,
Margaret & Paul Gray.

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

- Sat, 25 Jan: Chamber Philharmonia Cologne Concert
- Sun, 26 Jan: Australia Day, Masses 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
- Tue, 06 Feb: Parish Lunch, Builders Club, Wollongong 12pm

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,
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Leanne Burlin,
Parish Secretary
Patricia Di Leva,
Administration Assistant

WOLLONGONG HOSPITAL

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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

HOPE DESIRES THE GOOD THINGS TO COME

“Everyone knows what it is to hope. In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring. Even so, uncertainty about the future may at times give rise to conflicting feelings, ranging from confident trust to apprehensiveness, from serenity to anxiety, from firm conviction to hesitation and doubt. Often we come across people who are discouraged, pessimistic and cynical about the future, as if nothing could possibly bring them happiness. For all of us, may the Jubilee be an opportunity to be renewed in hope. God’s word helps us find reasons for that hope.” (Pope Francis, *Spes Non Confundit*, n.1)

PILGRIMS OF HOPE CONCERT

Chamber Philharmonia Cologne presents an evening of timeless classics featuring the works of Vivaldi, Bach, and Paganini performed by a world-class soloist all the way from Germany:

St Francis Xavier Cathedral Wollongong

Saturday, 25th January 2025, 8pm—9.45pm

Join us for this unforgettable concert as part of the Jubilee Pilgrims of Hope celebrations.

Ticket sales 30 minutes prior to the concert from 7:30pm, cash sales only. You can also book online : www.trybooking.com/CXAQY

CATECHIST MEETING — 30 JANUARY

The first 2025 Lumen Christi Parish Catechist Meeting will be held on Thursday 30th January 2025 at 10am 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.



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

AUSTRALIA DAY MASS

Australia Day falls next **Sunday, 26th January 2025**. All Masses will proceed as per the regular Sunday timetable.
Mass on Monday 27th January will be offered at 8am.

SHIRLEY SPARKS—RIP

With much sadness, we announce the peaceful passing of Shirley Theresa Sparks, a much-loved parishioner of Lumen Christi Parish who faithfully attended Mass at St Francis Xavier Cathedral and St Brigid's Church.

Shirley was the devoted wife of the late Jim and a cherished mother and mother-in-law to David & Christa (dec), Anne & David, Mary, Michael & Laura, John & Belinda, Kate, and Paul & Aileen.

Shirley will be deeply missed by her family, friends, and our parish community. We thank her for her endless support, dedication, and love for the parish over the years.

May she rest in the eternal peace of Christ.

MASS OF ANOINTING

On **Tuesday 11th 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 great opportunity to show support for others.



MERCY IS THE VERY FOUNDATION OF THE CHURCH'S LIFE

- THE JUBILEE INDULGENCE -

"A Jubilee also entails the granting of indulgences. This practice will acquire an even more important meaning in the Holy Year of Mercy.

God's forgiveness knows no bounds. In the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God makes even more evident his love and its power to destroy all human sin.

Reconciliation with God is made possible through the paschal mystery and the mediation of the Church. Thus God is always ready to forgive, and he never tires of forgiving in ways that are continually new and surprising.

Nevertheless, all of us know well the experience of sin. We know that we are called to perfection (cf. Mt 5:48), yet we feel the heavy burden of sin. Though we feel the transforming power of grace, we also feel the effects of sin typical of our fallen state. Despite being forgiven, the conflicting consequences of our sins remain.

In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God forgives our sins, which he truly blots out; and yet sin leaves a negative effect on the way we think and act.

But the mercy of God is stronger even than this. It becomes *indulgence* on the part of the Father who, through the Bride of Christ, his Church, reaches the pardoned sinner and frees him from every residue left by the consequences of sin, enabling him to act with charity, to grow in love rather than to fall back into sin." (Pope Francis, *Misericordiae Vultus*, n.22)

METANOIA LENTEN PROGRAM 2025

Metanoia, the Lenten Program for 2025, contains short daily reflections (from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday) for individual devotional reading. It includes reflections on the Sunday Scripture readings and prayers and questions that customarily form part of Lenten group gatherings.

To pre-order your copy of the Metanoia Lenten booklet or CD please see the parish office.

Lenten Books and CD's are \$5 each.



THIS WEEK'S READINGS & COMMENTARY

Entrance Antiphon

Psalm 65:4

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
and shall sing to you,
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

First Reading

Isaiah 62:1-5

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*As the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God
rejoice in you.*

About Zion I will not be silent,
about Jerusalem I will not grow weary,
until her integrity shines out like the dawn
and her salvation flames like a torch.
The nations then will see your integrity,
all the kings your glory,
and you will be called by a new name,
one which the mouth of the Lord will confer.
You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord,
a princely diadem in the hand of your God;
no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken',
nor your land 'Abandoned',
but you shall be called 'My Delight'
and your land 'The Wedded';
for the Lord takes delight in you
and your land will have its wedding.
Like a young man marrying a virgin,
so will the one who built you wed you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride,
so will your God rejoice in you.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 95:1-3. 7-10. R. v.3

(R.) Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

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

*One and the same spirit distributes different gifts as he
chooses.*

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

Gospel Acclamation

See 2 Thessalonians 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 2:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The first of the signs given by Jesus was at Cana in Galilee.

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said, 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews; each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water,' and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them, 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the servants who had drawn the water knew – the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink, but you have kept the best wine till now.' This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

Communion Antiphon

Cf Psalm 22:5

You have prepared a table before me,
and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Unsung Heroes

Today's gospel ends: 'He let his glory be seen.' Where? In a nondescript Galilean village at a wedding feast about to become a disaster for the couple. The wine is running out. A fiasco is impending. A hero was needed to step in and save the situation. Jesus and Mary are good candidates for hero status.

But, it is the servants who are the unsung heroes. They take a huge risk. They are going to look utterly stupid if they give the steward water to ladle out. Nevertheless, they follow the stranger's directions exactly and end up serving the best of wines, saving the couple from terrible embarrassment.

The Divine Glory is not going to enter people's lives with great pyrotechnics. Rather, when we do as Jesus requires, even if it looks ridiculous to the crowd, His healing and enhancing Presence can enter and save a situation of apparent disaster.

We could pause for a moment to pray for a certain naïve trust in the Lord as we follow his directions, so that Cana may enter someone's life, so that His glory may be seen.

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