



LUMEN CHRISTI
CATHOLIC PARISH

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION

26 JANUARY 2025

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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

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
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GOSPEL

*Rejoice and be glad,
for your reward will
be great in heaven*

Matthew 5:1-12



MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE...

Filomena Agustin, Harry Biddle, and
Moya MacKenzie.

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

- 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
- Tue, 11 Feb: Our Lady of Lourdes & Mass of Anointing, SJV 9.30am
- Tue, 18 Feb: GSFM Start of Year Mass, SJV 9.30am

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL ANTHEM

Australians all let us rejoice, For we are one and free; We've golden soil and wealth for toil; Our home is girt by sea; Our land abounds in nature's gifts Of beauty rich and rare; In history's page, let every stage Advance Australia Fair. In joyful strains then let us sing, Advance Australia Fair. Beneath our radiant Southern Cross We'll toil with hearts and hands; To make this Commonwealth of ours Renowned of all the lands; For those who've come across the seas We've boundless plains to share; With courage let us all combine To Advance Australia Fair. In joyful strains then let us sing, Advance Australia Fair.

THE NEW YEAR: GIVE WHAT WE HAVE RECEIVED

As we enter the rhythm of this New Year of Jubilee Hope let us open our hearts to **give what we have received**. As a parish and within our various parish schools and groups of service, we receive the life of faith through those who have gone before us. We are called to see this gift and bear witness to its beauty and goodness.

As we go from our Sunday Eucharist, working for our families, friends, and communities of work, education, service and leisure, let us speak and act so that others may know the generosity of Jesus. May the Holy Spirit give us clear words to explain the reason for our hope in God's promise of life. Let us go and welcome others to share our work and reveal the glory of God's saving love. By helping others generously and wisely we will be ministers of the hope that does not disappoint.

In this Year of Jubilee, a time of grace and personal renewal, we look forward to many special events and celebrations. Details will be published soon—stay tuned!

Fr Bernard Gordon



PARISH STAFF

Most Reverend Brian G Mascord,
Diocesan Bishop & Parish Priest
Very Reverend Bernard L Gordon,
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PASTORAL & FINANCE COUNCILS

Lisa de Paiva,
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PARISH SCHOOLS

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Principal, St Brigid's Gwynneville
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Principal, Good Samaritan
Fairy 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

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

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 who are suffering.

METANOIA LENTEN PROGRAM

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.

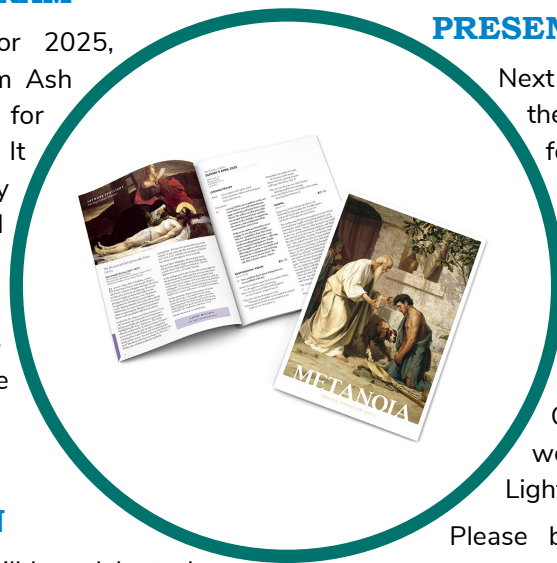
To pre-order your copy of the Metanoia Lenten booklet or CD please see the parish office.

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

PUBLIC HOLIDAY – 27 JAN

Australia Day Public Holiday Mass will be celebrated at **St Francis Xavier Cathedral 8am on Monday 27th January 2025.**

The parish office will be closed and will reopen on Tuesday 28th January at 8.30am to 2pm.



I am convinced that 'Australia' is a work of the Holy Spirit, one of whose most distinctive works at Pentecost was the breaking down of ethnic and language barriers between people.

Australia is a place where that Pentecostal impulse is creating a new society. Have we responded to the Holy Spirit perfectly? No. Treatment of the earliest inhabitants of this land was shameful, and is not yet fully remedied as the Lord of the Sermon on the Mount desires.

But, we could pause for a moment and thank God.

For our land abounding in nature's gifts of beauty rich and rare.

For the divine Spirit of Pentecost attracting us to follow Jesus in this South Land of the Holy Spirit.

THANK YOU SO MUCH

Thank you to the anonymous donor who generously contributed towards the Holy Water Font at the Cathedral St Joseph Chapel door. If you would like to make a donation towards the new fonts for the St Joseph and St MacKillop chapel doors, please visit the parish office or make your donation online:

lumenchristi.org.au/donate, selecting: **"Special Projects"**, or make your donation via direct deposit:

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PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Next Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This feast commemorates the moment when Mary and Joseph presented the infant Jesus in the temple, fulfilling the Jewish law, and Simeon proclaimed Jesus as the "light for revelation to the Gentiles" (Luke 2:32).

On this day candles are blessed so we can remember that Christ is the Light of our world and of our homes.

Please bring your own candles to be blessed on this joyful day.

CUPPA AFTER MASS

Next weekend our Lumen Christi Hospitality teams will resume their beautiful work. Thank you for making our parish a place of warmth and welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS & COMMENTARY

Entrance Antiphon

Psalm 56:9-10

I will praise you, Lord, among the peoples,
among the nations sing psalms to you,
for your mercy reaches to the heavens,
and your truth to the skies.

First Reading

Isaiah 32:15-18

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The effect of justice will be peace.

Once more there will be poured on us
the spirit from above;
then shall the wilderness be fertile land
and fertile land become forest.
In the wilderness justice will come to live
and integrity in the fertile land;
integrity will bring peace,
justice give lasting security.
My people will live in a peaceful home,
in safe houses,
in quiet dwellings.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 84:9-14. R. v.9

(R.) The Lord speaks of peace to his people.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. **(R.)**
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. **(R.)**
3. The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. **(R.)**

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

Matthew 5:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the peacemakers:

they shall be called children of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit:

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:

they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:

they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:

they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:

they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:

they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:

they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

Communion Antiphon

Psalm 102:2

Bless the Lord, my soul,

and never forget his benefits.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

South Land of the Holy Spirit

The Beatitudes we just heard are at the beginning of the 'Sermon on the Mount'. This sermon provides a picture of a society where the usual expectations of how people relate to each other are turned upside down.

Australia, 'Down Under', is a place to which people have been attracted by a vision of a different future, a future where human beings could relate to each other differently to the old order in their society of origin.

De Quiros, the Portuguese explorer of the 16th Century, set out on a quest for 'Terra Australia del Espiritu Santo', South Land of the Holy Spirit.

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