



LUMEN CHRISTI
CATHOLIC PARISH

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION

2 FEBRUARY 2025

PRESENTATION 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



SUPPORT
OUR PARISH



PARISH CENTRE

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Friday 8.30am — 2.00pm
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GOSPEL

*My eyes have seen
your saving power*

Luke 2:22-40

MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE...

Carmel Mowbray, Rita Penzo, Marie Tess, Josephine Bonanno, Martin Hubbard and Remedios Faus.

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.

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.



*Our Sacraments
& Helpful Links*

SCAN TO VISIT OUR WEB PORTAL





WELCOME TO LUMEN CHRISTI PARISH

PARISH CALENDAR: FEB—MAR 2025

- Tue, 06 Feb: Parish Lunch, Builders Club, Wollongong 12pm
- Tue, 11 Feb: Our Lady of Lourdes & Mass of Anointing, SJV 9.30am
- Thu, 13 Feb: SBGS Start of Year Mass, SBG 9.30am
- Tue, 18 Feb: GSFM Start of Year Mass, SJV 9.30am
- Sat, 22 Feb: Episcopal Ordination Anniversary of Bishop Brian
- Tue, 25 Feb: Education Mass, SJV 6pm
- Sun, 02 Mar: Caritas launch in our parish (Project Compassion 2025)
- Sun, 02 Mar: Hospitality weekend

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also known as Candlemas. This feast commemorates the moment when Mary and Joseph presented the infant Jesus in the temple, fulfilling the Jewish law, and Simeon proclaimed Him as the "light for revelation to the Gentiles" (Luke 2:32). The candles you bring will be blessed at every Mass this Sunday.

LISTEN TO THE VOICELESS

"It pains us to recognize the social injustice that drives two children, perhaps living in the same neighbourhood or apartment block, to take diametrically opposed paths and destinies because one of them was born into a disadvantaged family. An unacceptable human and social divide: between those who can dream and those who must succumb. But Jesus wants us all free and happy; and if He loves every man and woman as His son and daughter, He loves the little ones with all the tenderness of His heart. That is why He asks us to stop and listen to the suffering of the voiceless, the uneducated. Fighting exploitation, especially child exploitation, is the way to build a better future for the whole of society." (Pope Francis, General Audience, 15 January 2025)



HAVE THE BIBLE IN YOUR PHONE

"We can easily have the Bible in our cell phone to consult it at any time. There are different apps and web sites in different languages, not only with the Bible but also with the Holy Mass readings for each day, pages where to read or listen to the Word of God, pages with commentaries and reflections of the same. One can also use notifications as a reminder to have a moment a day to encounter God's Word so that it accompanies us wherever we go." (Dicastery of Evangelization, Liturgical and Pastoral Handbook: I Hope in Your Word, p.11)

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

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PASTORAL & FINANCE COUNCILS

Lisa de Paiva,
Chair of the Pastoral Council
Vicky Davidson,
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PARISH SCHOOLS

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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

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.

METANOIA LENTEN PROGRAM

Metanoia, our Diocesan 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.

HOLY WATER FONTS

If you would like to make a donate for the new holy water fonts for the chapels of St Joseph and St Mary MacKillop, please go to the parish office or donate:

lumenchristi.org.au/donate
then select "Special Projects"
or make donation via direct deposit:

BSB: 066 711

Account# : 008056

Ref: Name "Font"



REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The Word of God for young and old

In a time (in the Western world at least) when there seems to be a growing gap between the old and the young, it is good to reflect on this Gospel incident.

A young woman, still in her teens, a newly-wed cradling her newborn son in her arms, places that baby in the arms of a very old stranger who embraces her child with all the fervour of a now fulfilled hope.

Is this the model for overcoming the distance between young and old in our culture? Can the young, like Mary, listen to the wisdom of tradition from an elder? Can the old like Simeon still be open to a moment of serendipity mediated by the young?

The answer is: 'Yes, when young and old come together around Jesus.' As Pope Francis remarks of this encounter: 'Jesus is at the centre.' (Homily 2 Feb 2018)

At whatever age we find ourselves, Mary is only too willing to place Jesus in our arms to fulfil our hopes and our yearnings. Perhaps we could pause for a moment to accept the gift of Jesus placed in our arms and hearts so that we can say with Simeon:

'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace...'

HOME VISITS

Pastoral visitation is a very significant aspect of our parish ministry and highly valued by many of our parishioners, especially during times of illness and bereavement. If you would like to be visited or know of someone who would like a priest to visit them please contact the parish office to arrange a time and date.

PARISH LUNCH RETURNS

A call to all Lumen Christi parishioners! You are warmly invited to come to our Parish luncheon on **Thursday 6th February, 12pm at The Master Builders Club Wollongong** (Church St).

You can grab yourself a meal, drink and have a chat! See you there!

CUPPA AFTER MASS

This weekend, our Lumen Christi Hospitality teams will resume after the following Masses:

Fairy Meadow 8.30am

Gwynneville 9am,

Balgownie 10am

Wollongong 10.30am.

Thank you to our hospitality teams for making our parish a place of welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS & COMMENTARY

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 47:10-11

Your merciful love, O God,
we have received in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name,
reaches the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with saving justice.

First Reading

Malachi 3:1-4

A reading from the prophet Malachi

The Lord whom you seek will come to his temple.

The Lord God says this: Look, I am going to send my messenger to prepare a way before me. And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his temple; and the angel of the covenant whom you are longing for, yes, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. Who will be able to resist the day of his coming? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire and the fuller's alkali. He will take his seat as refiner and purifier; he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and then they will make the offering to the Lord as it should be made. The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed by the Lord as in former days, as in the years of old.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 23:7-10. R. v.10

(R.) Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

1. O gates, lift up your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory! **(R.)**
2. Who is the king of glory?
The Lord, the mighty, the valiant,
the Lord, the valiant in war. **(R.)**
3. O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory! **(R.)**
4. Who is he, the king of glory?
He, the Lord of armies,
he is the king of glory. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Hebrews 2:14-18

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

He had to be made like us in all things.

Since all the children share the same blood and flesh, Jesus too shared equally in it, so that by his death he could take away all the power of the devil, who had power over death, and set free all those who had been held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. For it was not the angels that he took to himself; he took to himself descent from Abraham. It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers so that he could be a compassionate and trustworthy high priest of God's religion, able to atone for human sins. That is, because he has himself been through temptation he is able to help others who are tempted.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 2:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is the light of revelation to the nations,
and the glory of your people Israel.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

My eyes have seen your saving power.

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God, and he said:

'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace,
just as you promised;

because my eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared for all the nations to see,
a light to enlighten the pagans
and the glory of your people Israel.'

As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.'

There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem. When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

Communion Antiphon

Luke 2:30-31

My eyes have seen your salvation,
which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

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