



**LUMEN CHRISTI**  
CATHOLIC PARISH

# SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION

9 FEBRUARY 2025

FIFTH 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



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### PARISH CENTRE

#### OFFICE HOURS:

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

*They left everything  
and followed him.*

Luke 5:1-11



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

Damian Biddle, David Crowe, Joyce Hubbard, Paul & Margaret Gray, Marie Therese Hawker.

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

Fr David Catterall, Noel Meadows, 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: FEB—MAR 2025

- 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
- Wed, 05 Mar: Ash Wednesday (refer to Mass Times on page 2)

## ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES—5 MARCH 2025

**"God's love has no limits, and His mercy is infinite."**

*Pope Francis, Year of Jubilee*

This year Ash Wednesday will be celebrated on **5th March 2025**. Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence and the blessed ashes are marked on our heads as a sign of repentance.

### St Francis Xavier Cathedral

Mass: 7:00am, 12:10pm & 6:00pm

### St John Vianney Co-Cathedral

Mass: 10:30am (includes Good Samaritan Parish School)

### St Brigid's Church

Mass: 9:30am (includes St Brigid's Parish School)

### Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent at 6:30pm at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong.



## THE LENTEN OBSERVANCES

All who have completed their 18th year (until the beginning of their sixtieth year) are bound to fast (one full meal and two smaller meals, subject to medical and health requirements) and abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All who have completed their 14th year are bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Pastors, teachers, and parents are to ensure that even those who, by reason of their age, are not bound by the laws of fasting and abstinence from meat, are taught the true meaning of penance.

## PASCHAL PRECEPT

Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. In Australia between Ash Wednesday & Trinity Sunday.

### 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  
 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](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)

## MASS OF ANOINTING

This **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.

## CONFIRMATION ENROLMENTS

Parents and caregivers of children in Year 6 are now invited to enrol their child into the 2025 programme for Confirmation.

Parents and caregivers will need to attend a compulsory information session with the Parish Administrator, please refer to the parish website for details.

To enrol your child in the Sacramental program visit the parish website: [lumenchristi.org.au/sacramental](https://lumenchristi.org.au/sacramental)

**N.B. Enrolments close 11 April 2025.**

## HOLY WATER FONTS

If you would like to make a donation for the new holy water fonts for the chapels of St Joseph and St Mary MacKillop, please go to the parish office or go to: [lumenchristi.org.au/donate](https://lumenchristi.org.au/donate) then select:

“**Special Projects**” or make donation via direct deposit:

**BSB:** 066 711

**Account# :** 008056

**Ref:** Name “Font”

**Project Cost:** \$2,500 **Raised:** \$1,075 **To Go!** \$1,425

Thank you for your support

## Communion Antiphon

**Cf Psalm 106:8-9**

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,  
his wonders for the children of men,  
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,  
and the hungry he fills with good things.

## REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

### Fish in the Sea of Divine Life

Peter was a fisherman. Jesus had been brought up in a carpenter's household. Jesus tells Peter when and how to fish. This gets under Peter's skin. He tells Jesus a few facts of life about night fishing on the Lake of Gennesaret. But, he gives in to this landlubber's directive and casts out the nets and hauls in a very good catch.

Jesus wants to come into the rhythm of our ordinary workday lives. Surprising things may then happen. You may be commissioned by Our Lord Jesus Christ to become 'fishers of men', fishers of human beings. But don't fishermen fish the fish out of the sea and kill them?

Is being caught up in the net of Christianity to be a deadening experience? Having this in mind, St Luke used a word for netting fish for an aquarium. We who have been caught up in the net of Christianity are meant to be more alive than ever, 'fully alive'. The best analogy I can think of is the stranding of pods of whales, thrashing around in the shallows, barely existing, doomed unless saved. People go down and put slings under them and haul them into deeper water.

We could pause a moment to thank God that we have been guided into the life-giving waters of baptism, and for the strength to help others swim into the Oceanic depths of Divine Love.

## YEAR OF JUBILEE— PILGRIMS OF HOPE

The Pastoral Council and the Jubilee Parish Committee have been working on the key events that will take place throughout the Year of Jubilee – Pilgrims of Hope in 2025.

As we approach this significant time, we invite all parishioners to participate in the events planned, which will include liturgical celebrations, formation sessions, community gatherings, and opportunities for prayer and reflection. A full list of events will be published in upcoming parish bulletins, ensuring that everyone has access to the details of how they can engage in this sacred time of grace.

To make it easier to stay informed, we have also launched a dedicated Jubilee webpage, where you will find up-to-date information, event schedules, and resources for spiritual preparation.

Visit: [jubilee.lumenchristi.org.au](https://jubilee.lumenchristi.org.au)



# THIS WEEK'S READINGS & COMMENTARY

## Entrance Antiphon

**Psalm 94:6-7**

O come, let us worship God  
and bow low before the God who made us,  
for he is the Lord our God.

## First Reading

**Isaiah 6:1-8**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*Here am !! Send me.*

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings.

And they cried out to one another in this way,

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said:

'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost,

for I am a man of unclean lips

and I live among a people of unclean lips,

and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said:

'See now, this has touched your lips,

your sin is taken away,

your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying:

'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?'

I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 137:1-5. 7-8. R. v.1**

**(R.)** In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

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. All earth's kings shall thank you  
when they hear the words of your mouth.  
They shall sing of the Lord's ways;  
'How great is the glory of the Lord!' **(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

**1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

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

*I preach what they preach, and this is what you believe.*

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything.

Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it.

I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Matthew 4:19**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come follow me, says the Lord,

and I will make you fishers of my people.

Alleluia!

## Gospel

**Luke 5:1-11**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*They left everything and followed him.*

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

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