



**LUMEN CHRISTI**  
CATHOLIC PARISH

# SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION

16 FEBRUARY 2025

SIXTH 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

**Happy are the poor.  
Woe to the rich!**  
Luke 6:17, 20-26



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

David Crowe, Secondo Mancini.

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

Fr David Catterall, Angela Mosley, Noel Meddows, 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, 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
- Tue, 04 Mar: Finance Council Meeting
- Wed, 05 Mar: Ash Wednesday (refer to Mass Times below)
- Wed, 05 Mar: Pastoral Council Meeting

## 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

## ST BRIGID'S CHURCH TEMPORARY CLOSURE, 24 FEB—28 FEB 2025

Due to urgent necessary flooring repairs on the sanctuary, St Brigid's Church will be closed from **Monday, 24th February 2025**, until **Friday, 28th February 2025**.

During this time, the church will be closed and there will be no 9.30am Mass at St Brigid's on Thursday, 27th February 2025.

**Mass will resume on Saturday 29th February at 5.30pm.**

Thank you for your understanding.

## 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.ousacramental](http://lumenchristi.org.ousacramental)

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

## HOLY WATER FONTS—THANK YOU!!

Thank you to our parishioners who have so generously donated for the St Joseph and St Mary Mackillop Chapel Holy Water fonts. We are pleased to announce that we have now received the full amount needed. Your support is truly appreciated!

We looking to receiving the new fonts very soon!

Fr Bernard

## CATHEDRAL EVENT PARKING FUNDRAISING

Can you help our Event Parking Team with event parking? By giving just a few hours of your time during special events you'll be supporting both our parish and St Brigid's School, as the funds raised help benefit both communities.

For more information, please see Kathy Uroda or contact the Parish Office. Your help is greatly appreciated!



## 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 your ticket visit our parish website: [lumenchristi.org.au/jubileedinner](http://lumenchristi.org.au/jubileedinner)

## GET YOUR JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIM PASSPORT!

The Diocese has produced Pilgrim Passports for each our parishioners to embrace this Holy Year through pilgrimage, prayer, and service, while receiving the gift of the Jubilee Plenary Indulgence.

Pick up your copy and have it stamped at each of the six pilgrimage sites as we journey together in hope across the Diocese.

For more information please, visit [jubilee.lumenchristi.org.au](http://jubilee.lumenchristi.org.au).



## ST FRANCIS XAVIER DESIGNATED PILGRIMAGE SITE

St Francis Xavier Cathedral is a designated site of pilgrimage in this Jubilee Year. The Cathedral is **open daily from 7am to 5pm** during this special time, providing a sacred space for prayer, reflection, and pilgrimage. All are welcome.

## THANK YOU—FAIRY MEADOW CWL BRANCH

A big thank you to the Fairy Meadow CWL branch for hosting a cuppa after the Mass of Anointing last Tuesday at St John Vianney. The Mass was a prayerful and blessed occasion for all who received the Sacrament of Anointing. Your hospitality and kindness are greatly appreciated! Fr Bernard.

# THIS WEEK'S READINGS & COMMENTARY

## Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 30:3-4

Be my protector, O God,  
a mighty stronghold to save me.  
For you are my rock, my stronghold!  
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

## First Reading

Jeremiah 17:5-8

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

*A curse on those who trust in humanity; a blessing on those who trust in the Lord.*

The Lord says this:

'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man,  
who relies on things of flesh,  
whose heart turns from the Lord.  
He is like dry scrub in the wastelands:  
if good comes, he has no eyes for it,  
he settles in the parched places of the wilderness,  
a salt land, uninhabited.  
'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord,  
with the Lord for his hope.  
He is like a tree by the waterside  
that thrusts its roots to the stream:  
when the heat comes it feels no alarm,  
its foliage stays green;  
it has no worries in a year of drought,  
and never ceases to bear fruit.'

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 1:1-4. R. Ps 39:5

(R.) Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

## 1. Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

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

*If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain.*

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

## Gospel Acclamation

Luke 6:23

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Rejoice and be glad;  
your reward is great in heaven.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

Luke 6:17, 20-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!*

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

## Communion Antiphon

Cf Psalm 77:29-30

They ate and had their fill,  
and what they craved the Lord gave them;  
they were not disappointed in what they craved.

## REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

### Not a Celestial Joke!

Blessed are the poor? – the hungry? – those who mourn? What is Jesus doing in these Beatitudes?

Jesus was not a 'pie in the sky' dreamer saying: 'You are destitute, hungry now. Don't worry, you will be okay in paradise in the long distant future.' That would be a cruel celestial joke.

Rather, Jesus was setting about the task of creating a new sort of society, the Kingdom of God on earth, in which the destitute, the starving, the weeping, are blessed in the sense that they can expect their suffering to be alleviated, companions to be found in their distress.

The Divine imperative is that His followers break out of their comfort zone of plenty of money, full stomachs, much to laugh about. They must enter into the harsh reality of other people's destitute, starving, weeping lives. Woe to them if they do not.

Can Our Lord look into the heart of each one of us living in our comfortable world, and then with confidence turn to that other world and recite the Beatitudes?

We might pause for a moment, recognise that Jesus' credibility is on the line, and pray that His Father's will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

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