



LUMEN CHRISTI
CATHOLIC PARISH

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION

9 MARCH 2025

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, 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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HOPE &
GOD'S LOVE

*"Hope springs from the
assurance of God's
abiding presence."*

(Pope Francis)



MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE...

Nadine Alamango, Paul & Margaret
Gray, Darrell Southam, Jock & Audrey
Ward.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS...

Fr David Catterall, Angela Mosley,
Noel Meddows, Ken Clark, 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: MAR 2025

- Fri, 14 Mar: Stations of the Cross, SFX 6.30pm
- Sun, 16 Mar: Dedication of St Francis Xavier Cathedral (2010)
- Sun, 16 Mar: Second Sunday of Lent
- Sun, 16 Mar: Commission SVdP State President, SFX 10.30am Mass
- Mon, 17 Mar: Solemnity of St Patrick
- Wed, 19 Mar: Solemnity of St Joseph, Husband of Mary
- Wed, 19 Mar: Baptism Class, SFX 7pm
- Fri, 21 Mar: Stations of the Cross, SFX 6.30pm

JUBILEE DAY OF PRAYER: YOU ARE MY HOPE 22 MARCH 2025

Come to our Jubilee Day of Eucharistic adoration and reflection at **St Francis Xavier Cathedral Wollongong**. Invite friends and family to this time of closeness to Christ and prayerful intercession for the needs of all who dear to us. We will have time for quiet prayer as well as Mass, the Liturgy of the Hours, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Bishop Brian Mascord will impart the Papal Blessing at midday and we will conclude with Sung Evening Prayer and Benediction at 7pm.

Time	What's happening
8am	Morning Prayer - Lauds: Saturday, Week 2 of Lent
9am	Mass of the Jubilee
10am	Reading of the Gospel & Spes non Confundit & Silent Adoration
11am	Psalm 50, Examination of Conscience & Sacrament of Reconciliation
12pm	Angelus, Bishop Brian Mascord to Impart the Papal Blessing and Scriptural Rosary
1pm	St Therese of Lisieux Patroness of Missions - Hope through Contemplation
2pm	Reading of the Gospel & Spes non Confundit & Silent Adoration
3pm	Afternoon Prayer - None: Saturday, Week 2 of Lent
4pm	St Francis Xavier Patron Saint of Missions - Bringing Hope to the World
5pm	Psalm 71, Examination of Conscience & Sacrament of Reconciliation
6pm	Guided Meditation for Biblical Adoration: I Hope in Your Word (Psalm 119:74)
7pm	Evening Prayer 1 - Vespers: Sunday, Week 3 of Lent and Benediction

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,
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

NEWS IN BRIEF

JUBILEE DINNER

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

HOPE FOR THE ILLAWARRA INTER CHURCH EVENTS

Bishop Brian Mascord invites Catholics in the Diocese of Wollongong, particularly those in the Illawarra Region, to attend Hope for the Illawarra, an Ecumenical Event celebrating the Jubilee Year of Hope. Events will be held at the WIN Entertainment Centre



Fri 28 Mar - An Evening for Youth (7pm)
Sat 29 Mar - A Morning Event for Children (11am)
Sat 29 Mar - Dr Michael Youssef (7pm)

For more information go to:

www.hopefortheillawarra.com.au/about-1
or contact jude.hennessy@dow.org.au / P: 4222 2407

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

As we journey through the season of Lent, you are invited to join us each **Friday evening at 6:30pm at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong** for the Stations of the Cross.

The Stations of the Cross is a powerful Lenten tradition that deepens our faith and helps us prepare spiritually for Easter. Through prayer and contemplation at each station, we are reminded of Christ's passion and the call to take up our own crosses in daily life.

All parishioners, families, and visitors are warmly encouraged to attend. Let us come together in prayer and reflection as we prepare our hearts for the joy of the Resurrection.

MASS FOR BABIES WHO HAVE DIED AND FOR THEIR FAMILIES

Mass will be offered at **St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wednesday 26th March at 12.10pm** for all babies who did not come to full term, for those babies who died at birth, and for their families. Please also come and share morning tea after Mass. All are welcome.

three shortcuts to his living in harmony with the will of his Heavenly Father.

First, when he was hungry there would be bread out of stones.

Second, when he wanted to change the world he could have absolute political power.

Third, when he needed to take risks, angels would keep him safe.

Our baptism does not insulate us from the same threefold pattern of temptation. Do you find yourself saying:

I want the whole world to change to satisfy me, or

I want to exercise power over others, or

I want to take stupid risks and come out unharmed, or all three!

What must we do when such temptations assail us?

Realise that such temptations are much less powerful than they seem – the last gasp of the vanquished devil. Imitate Jesus in going to the Scriptures, preferably the Gospels, in order to have the words to hurl back at the devil as you are tested.

We could pause to make a Lenten resolution to read a Gospel, and to do so confident of our Baptismal identity as beloved daughters and sons of God.

LUMEN CHRISTI STAFF INSERVICE PARISH OFFICE & ST BRIGID'S MASS 27 MARCH 2025

The Lumen Christi Parish staff will be attending the annual in-service on **Thursday, 27th March 2025**. As a result, the Parish Office will be closed on this day.

There will be **no Mass** that day at **St Brigid's Church, Gwynneville**. Instead, a **Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion** will be offered at **9:30 am**.

JANUARY & FEBRUARY NEWLY BAPTISED IN OUR PARISH

We welcome into our parish faith community the newly baptised. Emily Ann Moore, Lottie Sophia Johnston, Rosie Faye Farrugia, Audrey Satterfield, Brian Albert Brown, Isaac Perez, Amelia Tigani, Eva Walker, Thea Walker, Megan Arun Chockattu, and Alban Valic.

May the Sacrament of Baptism bring joy, peace, and blessings to their parents, godparents, family, and friends.

Please note that due to privacy reasons, not all names are published in the parish bulletin.



THIS WEEK'S READINGS & COMMENTARY

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 90:15-16

When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.

First Reading

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

The confession of faith of the elect.

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 90:1-2. 10-15. R. v.15

(R.) Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' **(R.)**
2. Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. **(R.)**
3. They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon. **(R.)**
4. His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.' I will save him in distress and give him glory. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Romans 10:8-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The confession of faith of the believers in Christ.

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him

from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

Luke 4:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God,
and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says:

He will put his angels in charge of you
to guard you,

and again:

They will hold you up on their hands
in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

Communion Antiphon

Matthew 4:4

One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Temptations

After his baptism Jesus was driven by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness where the devil put him to the test. Jesus was offered

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