



LUMEN CHRISTI
CATHOLIC PARISH

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION

16 MARCH 2025

SECOND 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

*"God's promises are
the foundation of
unshakable hope."*

(Pope Francis)



MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE...

Valentino Quintero, Rita Mieli, Paul & Margaret Gray, Secondo Mancini & Mendicino Family.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS...

Fr David Catterall, Angela Mosley, Noel Meddows, 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

- Sun, 16 Mar: Dedication of St Francis Xavier Cathedral (2010)
- Sun, 16 Mar: Second Sunday of Lent
- Sun, 16 Mar: SVdP State President, SFX 10.30am Mass
- Mon, 17 Mar: Feast of St Patrick
- Wed, 19 Mar: Feast of St Joseph, Husband of Mary
- Wed, 19 Mar: Baptism Class, SFX 7pm
- Fri, 21 Mar: Stations of the Cross, SFX 6.30pm
- Sat, 29 Mar: Cleaning Working Bee, SFX 8am – 11am

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 are 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 Solemn 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

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

NEWS IN BRIEF

JUBILEE DINNER

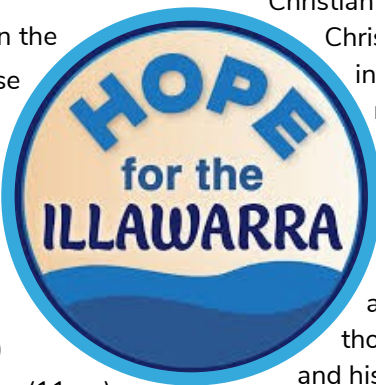
Date: **Friday, 25th July 2025**
Venue: The Fraternity Club , Fairy Meadow
Time: 6:00 pm
Tickets: Adults: \$70 per head
Children: \$35 per head



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 continue our Lenten to celebrate Christ's Easter joy, you are invited to join us every **Friday evening, 6:30pm** at **St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong** for the Stations of the Cross. This is a powerful Lenten tradition that helps us prepare for Easter.

Through prayer and contemplation at each station, we are reminded of Christ's suffering to take away the sins of our world and the call to take up our own cross in daily life. United to Christ in compassion we open our hearts to others in acts of service. 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 DIED BEFORE OR AFTER BIRTH AND THEIR FAMILIES

Mass will be offered at **St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wednesday 26th March** at **12.10pm** for all babies who died before and after birth, and for their families. Please join us for a cup of tea after Mass. Everyone is welcome!



We might pause for a moment to affirm our Christian hope that, with God's grace, we will be radiant with Divine Light, our bodies immersed in translucent glory, filled with infinite joy in our hearts.

JOIN THE RCIA & RCIC TEAM - ACCOMPANY OTHERS ON THEIR PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH

Are you interested in sharing your faith and helping others on their journey towards becoming Catholic? We are forming a team to assist with the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) and the Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC), and we invite you to be a part of this rewarding ministry.

The RCIA and RCIC processes accompany individuals—both adults and children—who are exploring the Catholic faith and preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation. This is a wonderful opportunity to walk alongside those seeking a deeper relationship with Christ and his Church.

To prepare for this important role, we will be holding formation sessions for sponsors and team leaders on the following **Saturdays: 11th October, 18th October, 25th October & 1st November, 9.30am to 12.30pm** in the Mgr John Rigney Room Wollongong.

Whether you have experience in RCIA/RCIC or are new to this ministry, we encourage you to prayerfully consider joining the team please email us at lc.rcia@dow.org.au or phone **4211 0506**.

We look forward to welcoming new team members and working together to guide and support those on their journey of faith.

Fr Bernard

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

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

On that Thursday in place of Mass at **St Brigid's Church, Gwynneville** a **Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion** will be offered at **9:30 am**.

CATHEDRAL CLEANING WORKING BEE

A Cleaning working Bee will be held at St Francis Xavier Cathedral on **Saturday, 29th March 2025**, from **8 am to 11am**. If you can assist, please see or contact Denis Bristow at denis.bristow@dow.org.au

THIS WEEK'S READINGS & COMMENTARY

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 26:8-9

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.

First Reading

Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18

A reading from the book of Genesis

God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land,
from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 26:1. 7-9. 13-14. R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Second Reading

Philippians 3:17 – 4:1

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

Luke 9:28-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

Communion Antiphon

Matthew 17:5

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Transfigured Bodysouls

One often hears the conventional wisdom: 'All religions are the same, with somewhat different packaging.' But, do they believe the same thing about the human person?

What if one believed that the most vital part of a person was 'the soul' which alone was destined for Heaven? This is not the Christian belief.

Today's Gospel recounts that Jesus' body was transfigured. This was no out-of-the-body experience of religious ecstasy. Jesus' body was totally translucent, totally radiant with Divine Light. Every molecule of his materiality was reverberating in the halo of divine glory.

That is the destiny which God desires for us also. When we are really in harmony with God, when we really participate in the life of God, then that Divine Life envelops and permeates our whole person, *bodysoul*. That is our ultimate destiny, but can it be anticipated in the lives of those close to God?

You might care to read the story of St Seraphim of Sarov from the Russian Orthodox tradition. A follower recounts the dazzling bodily transformation of the saint with the blaze of light spilling over onto the snow-covered meadow.

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