



LUMEN CHRISTI
CATHOLIC PARISH

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION

06 APRIL 2025

FIFTH 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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MERCY & FORGIVENESS

"Mercy is the very foundation of the Church's life."

(Pope Francis)



MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE...

Jan Markwort, Janina and Tadeusz Seweryn, Margaret & Paul Gray, Carmela Curcio.

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: APR 2025

- Tue, 08 Apr: Lenten Reconciliation after SJV, 9.30am Mass
- Wed, 09 Apr: Priestly Ordination of Fr Bernard Gordon (1994)
- Fri, 11 Apr: Term 1 concludes
- Fri, 11 Apr: Stations of the Cross, SFX 6.30pm
- Sat, 12 Apr: Lenten Reconciliations, SBG, 4.45pm
- Sun, 13 Apr: Lenten Reconciliation after MDB, 10am Mass
- Sun, 13 Apr: Palm Sunday
- Tue, 15 Apr: Mass of the Chrism, SFX 7pm

HOLY WEEK AT LUMEN CHRISTI 2025

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
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



The Great Week

- 12 APRIL | PALM SUNDAY VIGIL**
 - Gwynneville 5.30pm Palm Sunday Vigil
- 13 APRIL | PALM SUNDAY**
 - Wollongong 7am, 10.30am & 5pm
 - Gwynneville 9am
 - Fairy Meadow 8.30am
 - Balgownie 10am
- 14 APRIL | MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK**
 - Wollongong 7am Mass
- 15 APRIL | TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK**
 - Wollongong 7am Mass
 - Fairy Meadow 9.30am Mass
- 15 APRIL | THE CHRISM MASS**
 - Wollongong 7pm
- 16 APRIL | WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK**
 - Wollongong 7am Mass
 - Wollongong 11.30am Reconciliation & 12.10pm Mass

Lenten Reconciliation

- TUESDAY 8 APRIL**
 - Fairy Meadow after 9.30am Mass
- FRIDAY 11 APRIL**
 - Wollongong 11am - 12pm
- SATURDAY 12 APRIL**
 - Gwynneville 4.45pm - 5.15pm
- SUNDAY 13 APRIL**
 - Balgownie after 10am Mass
 - Wollongong Reconciliation available every Wednesday & Friday 11.30am - 12pm & Saturday 11am - 12pm

The Sacred Paschal Triduum

- 17 APRIL | MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**
No Morning Masses
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
 - Fairy Meadow 6pm (Adoration until 7.30pm)
 - Wollongong 7pm (Adoration until 8.30pm)
- 18 APRIL | GOOD FRIDAY**
 - Wollongong (Grassed Area) 10am, Stations of the Cross
(Reconciliation available after the Stations of the Cross)
 - Wollongong 3pm, The Passion of the Lord
(Reconciliation available after the Passion)
 - Fairy Meadow 3pm, The Passion of the Lord
(Reconciliation available after the Passion)
- 19 APRIL (MORNING) | HOLY SATURDAY**
 - Wollongong 11am—12pm Reconciliation
- 19 APRIL EVENING | EASTER VIGIL**
No Vigil Mass at Gwynneville
 - Wollongong 7pm Easter Vigil
 - Fairy Meadow 6pm Easter Vigil
- 20 APRIL | EASTER SUNDAY**
 - Wollongong 7am, 10.30am & 5pm
 - Gwynneville 9am
 - Fairy Meadow 8.30am
 - Balgownie 10am



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



As we approach the Parish Jubilee Dinner on Friday 25 July, 2025, the Organising Committee is keen to finalise tickets for the dinner as soon as possible. **This Sunday 6th April, we will be selling Tickets for the Parish Dinner at all Masses.** All ticket purchases before 7th April will go in the draw to win a free book of 10 raffle tickets. **The first prize is \$1,000** and there are many other valuable prizes!

To purchase your ticket visit our parish website: lumenchristi.org.au/jubileedinner

PALMS AND OLIVE BRANCHES

Palm Sunday is when we celebrate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. It is also a time to remember Jesus' suffering and entry into the glory of the Father. To help us celebrate this great liturgical experience, please bring olive branches or palms to the Cathedral sacristy by **9am Friday 11th April.**

THANK YOU: JUBILEE DAY OF PRAYER

We give thanks to God for the beautiful *Jubilee Day of Prayer: You Are My Hope*, a sacred time of hope-filled reflection, adoration and prayer which united many hundreds of parishioners from Lumen Christi Parish and from throughout the Diocese of Wollongong. It was a truly a day of grace, reminding us that Christ is our constant source of strength and renewal.

This beautiful Jubilee day would not have been possible without the dedication and commitment of so many wonderful people. I extend my special gratitude to the organising committee, Jozo Frankovic, Lisa de Paiva, Paul Mason, Diana Lyon, Rebecca Curtin, Tanaya Mills, Marion Payne, Edsel Parke, and Stefanie Kusters.

Thank you also to all those who ministered to us by reading the Word of God, providing sacred music and song, serving at the altar and welcoming and distributing booklets for all those who attended.

To all who participated at some point of the Jubilee Day of Prayer, from 8am Morning Prayer and 9am Mass to the 7pm Evening Prayer and Benediction given by Bishop Brian, thank you and God love you all for your faith and loving commitment. You are living signs of hope!

Fr Bernard

Communion Antiphon

John 8:10-11

Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord.
Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The Gaze of Jesus

The accusers of this woman make her 'stand there in full view of everybody.' She is surrounded by the hostile glare of eyes filled with blood lust.

It is only when the accusers have left in embarrassment that Jesus, who has been bent to the ground, looks up at her. He adopts the posture of a slave, seeing her as she could be if she gives up her current pattern of behaviour.

Up till now, no-one has spoken to this woman. Now Jesus treats her as a human being worth speaking to. And what does she hear? That he does not condemn her but points her to a new sort of life in the future.

We could pause for a moment to allow Jesus the time to look at us, talk to us, in that way. Do you have the courage to 'lock eyes' with Jesus and live out the consequences?

'The eyes have it.'

JAN MARKWORT—RIP

Jan Markwort, a truly vibrant and engaged parishioner, passed away 26th March at Wollongong Hospital. Jan was a woman of great joy and kindness—someone who brought light into the lives of all who knew her. She was one of the most happy, loving, and caring people in our community, always full of life and deeply committed to her faith.

Jan's presence in our parish was a true gift. She had a heart for service, a warm smile for everyone she met, and a generous spirit that reflected the love of Christ. Whether it was through her involvement in parish life or simply the way she made people feel welcomed and loved, Jan's legacy of faith and kindness will never be forgotten.

May God bless and console Jan's husband, Bruce, and their children Julie, Lisa, John Christopher, and Trish, as they feel the painful loss of Jan from this earthly life. May they find comfort in the knowledge that Jan's life was one well-lived, filled with faith, family, and love.

Jan's Mass of Christian Burial will take place on 11.30am on Tuesday 8th April at the Cathedral.

Let us commend Jan to the embrace of our loving God: Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.

May Jan rest with Christ and rise with him in glory. Amen.

Fr Bernard

THIS WEEK'S READINGS & COMMENTARY

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 42:1-2

Give me justice, O God,
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,
for you, O God, are my strength.

First Reading

Isaiah 43:16-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people.

Thus says the Lord,
who made a way through the sea,
a path in the great waters;
who put chariots and horse in the field
and a powerful army,
which lay there never to rise again,
snuffed out, put out like a wick:

No need to recall the past,
no need to think about what was done before.
See, I am doing a new deed,
even now it comes to light; can you not see it?
Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness,
paths in the wilds.
The wild beasts will honour me,
jackals and ostriches,
because I am putting water in the wilderness
(rivers in the wild)
to give my chosen people drink.
The people I have formed for myself
will sing my praises.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 125. R. v.3

(R.) The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. (R.)
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. (R.)
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. (R.)
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. (R.)

Second Reading

Philippians 3:8-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Because of Christ I look upon everything else as useless in order to gain him.

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

Joel 2:12-13

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
With all your heart turn to me,
for I am tender and compassionate.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**Readings at 10.30am Mass are from Year A.
(refer to your Sunday Missal)**

Gospel

John 8:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

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