



LUMEN CHRISTI
CATHOLIC PARISH

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13 APRIL 2025

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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

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

"The Jubilee is a time to embrace the infinite mercy of God."

(Pope Francis)

MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE...

Suzanne Kingston Hunt, Elizabeth Kingston Ray, Jim Bates, Jade Young, Reg Bucknell, Margaret & Paul Gray.

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, 15 Apr: Mass of the Chrism, SFX 7pm
- Wed, 16 Apr: Baptism Class, SFX 7pm
- Thu, 17 Apr: Mass of the Lord's Supper (refer to time table)
- Thu, 17 Apr: Good Friday
- Sat, 19 Apr: Easter Vigil (refer to timetable)
- Sun, 20 Apr: Easter Sunday Masses
- Mon, 21 Apr: Anniversary of the death of Bishop William Murray
- Fri, 25 Apr: Anzac Day, SFX Mass 8am

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



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



Only a few tickets left! To purchase your ticket visit our parish website:

lumenchristi.org.au/jubileedinner

CHRISM MASS, TUES 15 APRIL, 7PM

Everyone is very welcome to join Bishop Brian and our clergy for the Chrism Mass in St Francis Xavier Cathedral Wollongong. During this Mass of Blessing the Holy Oils, the Priests of the Diocese renew their commitment to priestly service. Bishop Brian blesses the oil of Catechumens, oil for the Anointing of the Sick and consecrates the oil of Chrism. The oils are then distributed to our clergy who celebrate the Sacraments for the people of their respective parish communities. Please come to this beautiful Mass in which we pray together as the anointed People of God in the Diocese of Wollongong.

LUMEN CHRISTI AGR REPORT 2024

Thank you for your great contribution to our parish life, worship, and service during 2024. For an account of what we have done as a parish and for the annual audit of our finances, Go to: lumenchristi.org.au/report2024

Thank you for your ongoing support of our growing parish.

ANNIVERSARY MASS IN MEMORY OF BISHOP PETER WILLIAM INGHAM

You are invited to the Anniversary Mass in remembrance of our late Bishop Peter William Ingham, Fourth Bishop of Wollongong, as we honour his life, faith, and dedicated service to our diocese on **Sunday, 27th April 2025, 10.30am** at **St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong**. Bishop Peter Ingham served the Diocese of Wollongong with great devotion from 2001 to 2017.

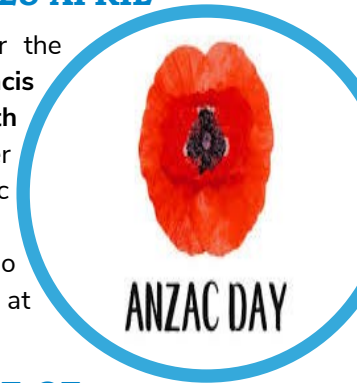
The Principal Celebrant for this Mass will be Fr Bernard Gordon, who will lead us in prayer and reflection as we give thanks for Bishop Ingham's leadership and pastoral care. Following the Mass, there will be a wreath-laying ceremony at his grave to pay tribute to his enduring legacy. After the ceremony, please join us for refreshments, generously hosted by the Wollongong Catholic Women's League Branch, where we can come together in fellowship and remembrance.

May Bishop Ingham rest in God's mercy and peace.

ANZAC DAY MASS— FRI 25 APRIL

Bishop Brian Mascord will offer the **Anzac Day Mass** at **St Francis Xavier Cathedral** on **Friday 25th April** at **8am**. Please join us after Mass for a cuppa and Anzac biscuits.

N.B. There will be no Reconciliation & 12.10pm Mass at the Cathedral on Anzac Day.



SEMINARIANS—DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG

The Diocese of Wollongong currently has seven men studying for the priesthood. In this time of Holy Week we pray for our seminarians: **Joshua Lee, Anthony Rewak, Quy Tran** (all in formation at Good Shepherd Seminary, Homebush), **Seth Harsh** (Rome), **Darren McDowell** (Campbelltown Parish), **Joseph Nguyen** (West Wollongong/Unanderra Parishes), and **Sinh Lee** (Oran Park Parish).

Sinh Le and Joseph Nguyen will be ordained to the Order of Deacons, **7:30 pm** on **Tuesday, 29 April 2025**, at **All Saints Catholic Parish Shellharbour** (19 College Ave, Shellharbour City).

There are so many young men in our Lumen Christi parish and in other parishes around our Diocese. Don't stand at a comfortable distance. Ask the big questions about life, your life! Roll up your sleeves and get involved!

For help with your discerning your calling in life, contact the vocations team: priesthood@dow.org.au.

CWL EASTER RAFFLES

Wollongong & Fairy Meadow CWL Raffle tickets will be on sale after all Masses this weekend.

Wollongong CWL: Get **3 tickets** for **\$5** or **\$2 each**.

Fairy Meadow CWL Raffle tickets are **\$1 each**. Thank for your support!



MATER DOLOROSA CHURCH – CARPET REPLACEMENT UNDERWAY

The carpet at Mater Dolorosa Church, Balgownie is being replaced and the work has commenced. We look forward to the installation being completed this week, bringing a fresh and renewed look to our worship space.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this brief period of work.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS & COMMENTARY

Entrance Antiphon

Cf John 12: 1, 12-13; Ps 23: 9-10

Six days before the Passover,
when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem,
the children ran to meet him;
in their hands they carried palm branches
and with a loud voice cried out:
* Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not
be ashamed.*

The Lord has given me
a disciple's tongue.
So that I may know how to reply to the wearied
he provides me with speech.
Each morning he wakes me to hear,
to listen like a disciple.
The Lord has opened my ear.
For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.
I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.
The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Second Reading

Philippians 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

*He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him
on high.*

His state was divine,
yet Christ Jesus did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are,
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,

should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation

Philippians 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death
dying on the cross.
Therefore God raised him on high
and gave him a name above all other names.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

Luke 22:14 – 23:56

Please reflect prayerfully on Luke's Passion narrative.

Communion Antiphon

Matthew 26:42

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it,
your will be done.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Lowly Prince of Peace

Jesus entered Jerusalem, not as a warrior in the tradition of King David as many had hoped for, but riding simply on a donkey. The disciples and the crowd applauded him, but they proved fickle in their support.

On the other hand, Jesus remained steadfast in his commitment to non-violent revolutionary change of the religious and political systems so as to establish the reign of God. Why did he renounce marshalling human and angelic warriors to further his cause? First, Jesus embodied God-for-us, and God does not want the destruction of those he has created out of love. Second, Jesus had a premonition that an armed revolt would lead to the destruction of Jerusalem and the dispersal of the Jewish people (as occurred in 70AD).

Third, Luke's Gospel recounts that as Jesus laboured up Mount Calvary he turned to some wailing women and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, weep rather for yourselves and for your children.' He knew that they suffer grievously in armed uprising. This is seen in barbaric reality in our own time with women being tortured and raped in campaigns of terror, trafficked into sexual slavery, suffering the loss of sons, husband and lovers. We could take a moment to pray that the Church of the 21st century, successor of the pacifist Church of the first three centuries, may enter on a new period of reflection on these issues, grappling with the desire to protect the innocent, yet always challenged by the man on a donkey, Divine Prince of Peace.

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