



LUMEN CHRISTI
CATHOLIC PARISH

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION

20 APRIL 2025

EASTER SUNDAY, 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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OUR PARISH



PARISH CENTRE

OFFICE HOURS:

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MERCY & FORGIVENESS

*"Mercy is not weakness
but the fullness of divine
strength."*

(Pope Francis)



MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE...

Bishop William Murray, Mary Greco,
Secondo Mancini, Frances Merritt,
Allan Matthew Lennon, deceased
members of the Gray family.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS...

Fr David Catterall, Denis Frew, 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

- Mon, 21 Apr: Anniversary of the death of Bishop William Murray
- Fri, 25 Apr: Anzac Day, Mass 8am
- Sun, 27 Apr: Blessing for Teens/Canonisation of Carlo Acutis
- Mon, 28 Apr: Confirmation Parent Information, SFX 6.30pm
- Tue, 29 Apr: Confirmation Parent Information, SBG 6.30pm
- Tue, 29 Apr: Ordination to the Diaconate, Shellharbour 7.30pm
- Wed, 30 Apr: Confirmation Parent Information, GSFM 6.30pm
- Thu, 1 May St Joseph the Worker

EASTER MESSAGE 2025—JUBILEE OF HOPE

Dear brothers and sisters,

The beautiful message of Easter salvation is for everyone. May you and all who are dear to you, feel the transformation from darkness to light, from sadness to a living hope that the Risen Christ gives us.

On behalf of all parishioners a very big thank you to all who contributed to the Holy Week ceremonies. A special thank you to our sacristans and their teams. Thank you to our choir directors, musicians, and singers, our ministers of the altar, readers, welcomers, and roster coordinators. A special word of thanks to our seminarians, whose service gives us great hope of the renewal of the priesthood in our Diocese.

Please take an Easter Prayer card and a bottle of Easter water to bless your home.

Kindly invite all teenagers to be blessed at all **Masses next Sunday, 26/27 April**. We will be united to Blessed Carlo Acutis who will be canonised in Rome that day. May Carlo, who died at 15 years of age, loved the Eucharist and served the poor, help our teenagers to know they are loved and blessed by the Risen Lord, and they are called to be a blessing to others.

On behalf of Bishop Brian, Fr. Cang, Kevin, Leanne & Trish, I wish you all a truly blessed and joyful Happy Easter.

May the peace of the Risen Lord fill your hearts, your homes, your families and friends with his love and peace!

Fr Bernard

Please note: Easter Monday Mass (21 April) will be offered at 8am in St Francis Xavier Cathedral.

PARISH STAFF

Most Reverend Brian G Mascord,
Diocesan Bishop & Parish Priest
Very Reverend Bernard L Gordon,
Vicar General & Administrator
Reverend Cang Tran,
Assistant Priest
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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

NEWLY BAPTISED IN OUR PARISH

We welcome into our parish faith community the newly baptised: Jaime Velasco, Kalepanga Paulo, Sophie Heath, Remy Heath, Aurelia Russo, Marlowe Turner, Noah Grochowski, Amelia Blick, Maximiliano Caruso, Kaeda Maker, Liam Liddle, Connor Liddle, Annie Lewis and Isabella Pople. May the Sacrament of Baptism bring joy, peace, and blessings to their parents, godparents, family, and friends.

This Easter weekend, we also joyfully welcome Jennifer Yan, Andrew Rielly, and Sonia Ip into our parish. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin their journey of faith and service as members of our Catholic Church.

ANNIVERSARY MASS IN MEMORY OF BISHOP PETER WILLIAM INGHAM

You are invited to a special Anniversary Mass in remembrance of the 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**.

Following the Mass, there will be a wreath-laying ceremony at his grave to pay tribute to his enduring legacy. After the ceremony, we invite you to join us for refreshments, generously hosted by the Wollongong Catholic Women's League Branch.

ANZAC DAY MASS- 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 that day.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Please return your Project Compassion offerings to our churches or parish office. Donations will be finalised to transfer to Caritas by **18th April 2025**. Thank you for your ongoing support of Caritas.

Communion Antiphon

1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Dawn has Broken – The Son is Risen

Women go to the tomb as dawn is breaking. The Power of Darkness which had Jesus unjustly sentenced, cruelly tortured and buried in the pitch blackness of the tomb, is conquered by the Son-Rise of all sun rises flooding our world and the whole of human history with Divine Light and Energy.

This is the heart of our faith as Catholic Christians, which we celebrate with bon-fire (good fire) in darkness at the Easter Vigil. From that earthly element we light the Easter candle and the Exsultet is sung: 'Be glad, let earth be glad as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King.'

The resurrection itself is nowhere described in the gospels, but we do have appearances of the Risen Lord Jesus. The first appearance was to a woman, Mary of Magdala. A title given to her by the early church was 'Apostle to the Apostles' because she was the bearer of the message which the male disciples initially did not believe. But eventually they too believed that Death had been done to death because the Son had risen.

Christ's body was transfigured by the energy of Divine Love and we can, by grace, participate in that resurrection life of Our Lord. A glorious destiny awaits us, as indeed it awaits the whole cosmos as it is to be transformed by that resurrection life recreating the whole of creation.

We could take a moment to pray that we, along with all that matters, are graced with the life-giving energy of the Risen Son and that we may join Mary of Magdala in spreading the

MOTHER'S DAY 11 MAY 2025

Our mothers have given us life, nourishment and loving commitment for many years. On Mother's Day we honour those who reflect the strong, tender and intimate love of God.

We warmly invite you to bring your mother, grandmother or any woman who has shown you a mother's love to Mass on **Sunday 11 May** to receive our special Mother's Day blessing.

If you would like to include an Intention on our list for Mother's Day, whether your mother is with us or now rests in God's peace. You can do by the following:

Go to: www.lumenchristi.org.au/mothersday

Or collect a **Mother's Day envelope** from the doors of the **church** or at the parish office. The names of the mothers given to us will be published in the parish bulletin on the weekend of Mother's Day. The List will close on **4th May**.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS & COMMENTARY

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 138:18,5-6

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 10:34. 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24

*(R.) This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.*

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.' *(R.)*
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. *(R.)*
3. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. *(R.)*

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is

revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The sequence is said by the second reader.

Sequence

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.

The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;

and Christ, the undefiled,

hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!

Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose;

I saw Christ's glory as he rose!

The angels there attesting;

shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.

That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.

Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Gospel Acclamation

1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;

let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The renewal of baptismal promises takes place after the Homily.

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