



**LUMEN CHRISTI**  
CATHOLIC PARISH

# SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION

27 APRIL 2025

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, 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:

Monday to Friday 8.30am — 2.00pm  
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MERCY &  
FORGIVENESS

*"The Lord's command to  
forgive can never be  
disregarded."*

(Pope Francis)

### MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE...

Pope Francis, Bishop Peter Ingham,  
Antonio (Tony) Lavallo, Patrick & Clare  
McCormack, William (Bill)  
McCormack, Maureen Gray, Margaret  
& Paul Gray.

### 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, 28 Apr: Confirmation Parent Information, SFX 6.30pm
- Tue, 29 Apr: Confirmation Parent Information, SBGS 6.30pm
- Tue, 29 Apr: Ordinations to the Diaconate, Shellharbour 7.30pm
- Wed, 30 Apr: Confirmation Parent Information, GSFM 6.30pm
- Thu, 01 May: St Joseph the Worker
- Thu, 01 May: Parish Lunch, The Builders Club Wollongong 12pm
- Thu, 01 May: State/Private Confirmation Session 1, SFX 3.45pm
- Sat, 03 May: Confirmation Commitment Mass, SBG 5.30pm

## CANONISATION OF CARLO ACUTIS – BLESSING FOR TEENAGERS

This weekend, we were to celebrate a historic and joyous moment in the life of the Church – the canonisation of Carlo Acutis in Rome! Carlo was a modern-day teenager and digital missionary. But with the death of Pope Francis the canonisation has been postponed until a future date yet to be announced.

Carlo Acutis (1991–2006) was an Italian teenager who had a deep love for the Eucharist, prayer, and helping others. From a young age, he attended daily Mass, prayed the Rosary, and dedicated himself to spreading the faith, especially through technology. His most well-known work was creating a website cataloguing Eucharistic miracles from around the world, bringing many closer to the Real Presence of Christ. Carlo saw the Eucharist as his “highway to heaven” and lived his life with great devotion and kindness. He passed away from leukemia at just 15 years old, offering his suffering for the Church and the Pope.

We will still honour Blessed Carlo Acutis and we invite all teenagers to receive a special blessing at all Masses this weekend. This blessing is a way to encourage and inspire our young people to follow Carlo’s example—embracing faith, kindness, and service in their daily lives. Let us pray that, through the intercession of St. Carlo Acutis, all teenagers will grow in their love for Christ and the Eucharist, striving to live lives of holiness and joy. As Carlo said: "To always be close to Jesus, that’s my life plan."

Fr Bernard



### 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  
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Administration Assistant

### WOLLONGONG HOSPITAL

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### PASTORAL & FINANCE COUNCILS

**Lisa de Paiva,**  
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**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](http://lumenchristi.org.au/columbarium)

# NEWS IN BRIEF

## POPE FRANCIS—RIP



It is with deep sorrow and profound respect that we share the news of the death of His Holiness Pope Francis, who passed away peacefully on Monday 21st April 2025 at the age of 88.

Pope Francis, born Jorge Mario Bergoglio in Buenos Aires, Argentina, served as the 266th Bishop of Rome and spiritual leader of the worldwide Catholic Church. Elected in 2013, he was the first pope from the Americas and the first Jesuit to assume the papacy. His pontificate has been marked by his unwavering commitment to mercy, humility, dialogue, care for the poor, and concern for the Earth, our common home, a precious gift from God to us and succeeding generations.

We give thanks to God for the life, leadership, and witness of Pope Francis. Let us keep him in our prayers, and pray also for the Church in this time of mourning and await the election of his successor.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – A DAY OF GRACE AND MERCY

This weekend, the Church celebrates the Second Sunday of Easter, also known as Divine Mercy Sunday. Instituted by Pope Saint John Paul II in 2000, this special day highlights God's boundless mercy, inspired by the revelations of Jesus to Saint Faustina Kowalska. Jesus promised to pour out great graces on those who turn to His mercy, especially on this day. The faithful are encouraged to pray, reflect, and trust in God's love, and to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. All are invited to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet and open their hearts to Christ's mercy. "Jesus, I trust in You."

## WELCOME FR HUNG TRAN

Fr Cang Tran has commenced four weeks of leave, and during this time we are pleased to welcome Fr Hung Tran from All Saints Parish, Shellharbour, who will be assisting with some of the Masses across the Lumen Christi Parish.

We are very grateful for Fr Hung's presence and support, and we're sure you will join us in making him feel very welcome during his time with us.

## CWL RAFFLE WINNERS

A big thank you to everyone who supported the CWL Wollongong and Fairy Meadow Easter Raffle. The CWL are grateful to all who purchased tickets and contributed

We could pause for a moment to savour that Peace which comes from faith in the Conqueror of Death and in his Real Presence in Holy Communion and in those in dire need.

to this wonderful fundraiser.

Congratulations to the lucky winners! **Fairy Meadow:** Ann; **Wollongong:** Annette & Jack. Your support helps the Catholic Women's League continue its work within our parish and wider community.

## 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 peace. You can do by the following:

Go to: [www.lumenchristi.org.au/mothersday](http://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.

## HOLY WATER FONT

We apologise for the postponement of the Holy Water Blessing of the new font at St Francis Xavier Cathedral due to unforeseen shipment delays. A new date will be published once we receive further updates. Thank you for your understanding.

## CELEBRATING NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

Congratulations to **Jennifer Yan, Andrew Rielly, and Sonia Ip who were** Baptised and Confirmed at the Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday, 19th April 2025, celebrated by Bishop Brian Mascord at St Francis Xavier Cathedral.

Special thanks to **Josobel Saverimuttu, Marie Smith, Denis Bristow** and **Lisa de Paiva** for accompanying our Jennifer, Andrew and Sonia on this pilgrimage of faith.

Do you know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the faith? Visit: [lumenchristi.org.au/rcia](http://lumenchristi.org.au/rcia) to find out more.

Fr Bernard

# THIS WEEK'S READINGS & COMMENTARY

## Entrance Antiphon

1 Peter 2:2

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

## First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.*

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:2-4. 22-27. R. v.1

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
his love is everlasting.

## Second Reading

Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

*I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.*

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

## Gospel Acclamation

John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;  
happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

## Gospel

John 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.*

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,  
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,  
they are forgiven;  
for those whose sins you retain,  
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.'

Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

## Communion Antiphon

Cf John 20:27

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,  
and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

## REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The disciples did not purge their group of 'doubting Thomas'. They remained his companions, waiting for something or Someone to be revealed to him with them. Doubt and questioning are a normal and proper part of being human. We should allow for this within the community of the Church. A point may come where a person may no longer remain in the Church with any integrity. But a dismissive, excluding Church is not the Church of this gospel story. Within the companionship of the Church a doubter may hear the words: 'Peace be with you.' What sort of peace? It is that inner assurance that, in the midst of all the tribulations and the turmoil and the myriad precursor deaths which we suffer on all sorts of levels, the Conqueror of Death wants to be with us. How can the Risen Lord be with us? In Holy Communion, and in those counted as least in the world. According to Matthew 25, He is those without the necessities of life: food, shelter, medical care, comfort in distress.

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