



LUMEN CHRISTI
CATHOLIC PARISH

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION

04 MAY 2025

THIRD 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



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MERCY &
FORGIVENESS

*"To forgive is to reflect
the heart of God."*

(Pope Francis)

MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE...

Pope Francis, Deacon Peter Presdee,
Faye Munro, Jan Markwort.

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: MAY 2025

- Sun, 11 May: Mother's Day
- Tue, 13 May: GSFM Year 6 (Confirmation Candidates)
- Thu, 15 May: State/Private Confirmation Session 1, SFX 3.45pm
- Thu, 15 May: SBG Year 6 (Confirmation Candidates)
- Sun, 18 May: Confirmation Commitment Mass, SFX 10.30am
- Tue, 20 May: GSFM Year 6 (Confirmation Candidates)
- Wed, 21 May: Baptism Class, SFX 7pm
- Thu, 22 May: SBG Year 6 (Confirmation Candidates)

GUIDED BY FAITH, UNITED IN MISSION: A VISION REFLECTION BY BISHOP BRIAN MASCORD

The vision "Come See Go Make" of the Diocese of Wollongong is centred on invitation, encounter, and mission. It begins with a heartfelt invitation to "Come and See", an open and welcoming call for people to explore faith and community life. This stage emphasizes hospitality and creating spaces where people can feel safe and curious.

Once someone responds to that invitation, the community's role is to introduce them to the person of Jesus—not just as a figure of belief, but as someone alive and deeply personal. This encounter is at the heart of transformation.

From there, the vision moves outward: "Go Make" reflects the missionary call to discipleship. Empowered by their relationship with Jesus, individuals are invited to go out, share the Good News, and help others begin the same journey of invitation and encounter.

In short, it's a dynamic cycle of inviting, encountering, and sending, where every person is drawn into deeper relationship with Christ and then equipped to invite others to do the same.

Over the next few weeks, I will open up what this vision means and how we are part of it.

Bishop Brian

WELCOME TO OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

This weekend, we warmly welcome the children who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in June. They will attend the Commitment Masses at St Brigid's Church and St John Vianney Co-Cathedral.

Please make our parish school families and candidates feel especially welcome as they prepare to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.



PARISH STAFF

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

MOTHER'S DAY 11 MAY 2025

Our mothers have given us life, nourishment and loving commitment for so 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, so she may 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

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. List closes this weekend (4 May).

GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LAND APPEAL

Thank you to all parishioners across Lumen Christi Parish for your generous support of this year's Holy Land Appeal. Your contributions assist in the care and preservation of sacred sites, the support of local Christian communities, and the continuation of important pastoral, educational, and social programs in a region that holds deep significance for our Faith. A total of **\$3,721.40** was raised. Thank you for your great support.

DEACON PETER PRESDEE—RIP



Deacon Peter Presdee of Nowra Parish was called to eternal life at 8:30am on Friday, 18 April.

As a faithful servant of the Church, Peter's ministry as a Deacon touched the lives of many through his dedication, compassion, and commitment to sharing the love of Christ with all he met.

Please keep his beloved wife, Robyn, and their family in your prayers during this time of grief and loss.

May Peter rest with Christ and rise with him in glory!

Fr Bernard

and somebody else will put a belt round you and take you where you would rather not go.' In these words he indicated the kind of death by which Peter would give glory to God. After this he said, 'Follow me.'

Communion Antiphon

Luke 24:35

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

You know I love you

You and I, like Peter, are enabled by grace to repent of our betrayals of Our Lord, some major, most minor, and to claim: "Lord, you know that I love you."

But, this claim has to be evidenced by concrete action. In the case of Peter it was to feed and shepherd "my lambs, my sheep." What will manifest our professed love? In the words of Father Richard Rohr, it is to love what God loves. Of course, we have to love our fellow human beings, but leaving it there would be inadequate. "For God so loved the cosmos as to give the Son." (Jn 3:16,17) So what must we do? Recall, Our Lord says elsewhere, "You are the Salt of the Earth." You must preserve the Earth so that it does not decay and so that it is a suitable habitation for all the creatures, including us, for whom the Earth is a common home. He went on: "You are the Light of the Cosmos." You are the enlightened mind and the enflamed heart of the whole cosmos, enabling it to understand its existence and to love God for it.

We could pause for a moment to reflect on the words of Pope Francis: "We, the women and men of the Church, we are in the middle of a love story and each of us is a link in this chain of love. And if we do not understand this, we have understood nothing of what the Church is."

RENEWAL OF HYMNALS AT ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHEDRAL AND MATER DOLOROSA CHURCH

The hymnals at St Francis Xavier Cathedral and Mater Dolorosa Church are in need of replacement. Paul Mason and Kathy Uroda are currently working on a customised hymnal tailored for our parish. St Brigid's and St John Vianney's churches continue to use digital projection. Further details on how to support this important project will be shared soon. Special thanks to Paul Mason and the Pastoral Council for their contributions to this renewal effort. Thanks to all who have generously donated towards our parish hymnals.

Fr Bernard

THIS WEEK'S READINGS & COMMENTARY

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 65:1-2

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32. 40-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

We are witnesses of these words, and so is the Holy Spirit.

The high priest demanded an explanation of the apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning,' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13. R. v.2

(R.) I will praise you, Lord,
for you have rescued me.

1. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.
O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead,
restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. (R.)
2. Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him,
give thanks to his holy name.
His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life.
At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. (R.)
3. The Lord listened and had pity.
The Lord came to my help.
For me you have changed my mourning into dancing;
O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. (R.)

Second Reading

Revelation 5:11-14

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

*The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power,
wealth, glory, and blessing.*

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.' Then I heard all the living things in creation – everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the

Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation;
he has shown pity on all people.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 21:1-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them,
and did the same with the fish.*

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night.

It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No', he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord', Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land.

As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'Who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead.

After the meal Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these others do?' He answered, 'Yes Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He replied, 'Yes, Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Look after my sheep.' Then he said to him a third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter was upset that he asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' and said, 'Lord, you know everything; you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.

'I tell you most solemnly,
when you were young
you put on your own belt
and walked where you liked;
but when you grow old
you will stretch out your hands,

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