



**LUMEN CHRISTI**  
CATHOLIC PARISH

# SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION

11 MAY 2025

FOURTH 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  
(Closed for Lunch 12pm—12.30pm)  
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### MERCY & FORGIVENESS

*"Mercy restores what is  
broken and heals what  
is wounded."*

(Pope Francis)



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

Pope Francis, Cecil Dwyer, Denis Frew, Jan Markwort, Isabella Fassone, Darcy Rix, Wanda Przybysz, Maria & Stan Endert.

### 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: MAY 2025

- Tue, 13 May: GSFM Year 6 (Confirmation Candidates)
- 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)
- Sat, 24 May: Our Lady, Help of Christians
- Tue, 27 May: GSFM Year 6 (Confirmation Candidates)

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

The Fourth Sunday of Easter (11 May 2025) is called "Good Shepherd Sunday" because the Gospel at Mass always draws on the image of Jesus as our Good Shepherd. It is also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. If anyone would like help in discerning their vocation, including connecting with others who are also discerning, please contact Fr Duane Fernandez, Vocations Director at [vocations@dow.org.au](mailto:vocations@dow.org.au). In the words of Pope Francis, may St Joseph "help everyone, especially young people who are discerning, to make God's dreams for them come true. May he inspire in them the courage to say "yes" to the Lord who always surprises and never disappoints." Please pray for our diocesan seminarians: Seth Harsh, Darren McDowell, Anthony Rewak, Quy Tran and Joshua Le.



### 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](http://lumenchristi.org.au/columbarium)

## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

On behalf of Bishop Brian, Fr Bernard, Fr Cang, Kevin, Leanne and Trish we wish all our Mothers a truly Happy Mother's Day. May those mothers who have gone before us be blessed forever with God's love and peace.

## PARISH PROJECTS UPDATE

The Finance Council are pleased to share some recent and upcoming works undertaken in our parish churches:

At **Mater Dolorosa Church**, the flooring has been beautifully renewed with the installation of new carpet throughout the worship space. This much-needed upgrade has refreshed the interior of the church.

Meanwhile, **St Brigid's Church** is scheduled to receive a complete upgrade of the sound system. This will ensure that parishioners are able to hear clearly during the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy.

These projects are made possible through the ongoing stewardship and generosity of our parish community. The Parish Finance Council extends its thanks to all who support the mission and maintenance works of Lumen Christi Parish.

# NEWS IN BRIEF

## Happy Mother's Day



*Today we pray with love and gratitude for all Mothers with us and all who are in God's care.*

Margaret Mascord  
Bernadette Gordon  
Frances Merritt  
Judith Crowe  
Doris Galea  
Paula Dingli  
Teresa Borg  
Mary Greco  
Mary Formosa  
Ruth Court  
Vera Kinnane  
Jean Bartlett  
Lola Johnson  
Shirley Steel  
Louisa Helen Thorley  
Stacey Xavier  
Sandra Xavier  
Mercy Mohan  
Divya Tomson  
Marie Lake  
Tilda Fogliati  
Elena Hvalica  
Alma D'Sena  
Sr Maria  
Rosa Dellapina  
Louisa Dellapina  
Rita Penzo  
Mary Malady  
Jan Markwort  
Alva Thomas  
Mary Dowler  
Miriam Jackson  
Patricia Lennon  
Bertilla Mazzaro  
Elizabeth Margaret Slapp  
Patricia Kathleen Gates  
Sylvia Trainor  
Violet Deutscher  
Monica Rix  
Helen Jagoe  
Carmel Mowbray  
Joan Sargeant  
Ursula Sweeney  
Luisa Estrada  
Agnes Caibal  
Ruth Estrada  
Lilia Estrada  
Suzie Collins  
Elissa Joy Hofman  
Nancy Corso  
Gertie Clark  
Lena Zaia  
Katharina Killar

Mary Reynolds  
Ruby Duck  
Philomena Southam  
Ellen Ryan  
Ellen Southam  
Patricia Dawson  
Paulina Chomicz  
Anneliese Bajda  
Elizabeth Ackermann  
Anna Sluszar  
Maria Zajackiewicz  
Paraskeva Chomicz  
Agnes Woolley  
Ethel Meehan  
Evelyn Frew  
Mona Tobin  
Margaret Frew  
Maria Demaria  
Joyce Hubbard  
Clare McCormack  
Maureen Gray  
Phoebe McCormack  
Kathleen Lacey  
Mavis Gray  
May Gamble  
Win Kirton  
Joanne Sikora  
Madeliene Smith  
Sheila McNamara  
Pauleen Daly  
Anastasia Maciejowski  
Maria Suryak  
Valerie Williams  
Sylvia Williams  
Jill Sharples  
Mary Hill  
Nenita Sy  
Elizabeth Hurley  
Anne Hopkins  
Elizabeth Phillips  
Margaret Kilkelly  
Elena Martinello  
Lorna McFadzean  
Therese Kiayias  
Julie Hendriks  
Regina Anderson  
Patricia Laura Lennon  
Lacey Russell  
Jeanette Ortiz  
Geraldine P Gejon  
Diana Parinas  
Shirchie Iris Galvan  
Norhayesa Bejoco  
Parinas

Grace Gejon  
Consolicion Gejon  
Glays Potter  
Patricia Phillips  
Beverley Potter  
Marie Beames  
Patricia Potter  
Melissa Cameron  
Ang Potter  
Sarah Potter  
Inken Steeb  
Ruby Bentick  
Gloria Rolland  
Carly Spinks  
Isabella Fassone  
Regina Daloma

Bernadette Thonger  
Ariana Frankovic  
Slavica Frankovic  
Gracie Salazar  
Jeanette Crisafi  
Margaret Judge  
Mary Hayes  
Eileen Kelly  
Joyce Simms  
Rose Judge  
Maria Alamango  
Dolores Gravino  
Sharon Alamango  
Simone Alamango  
Stephanie Alamango  
Sheree Alamango

### DENIS FREW—RIP

It is with deep sadness that we share the news of Denis Frew's passing from this life on Friday, 2nd May. Denis was a devoted parishioner of Lumen Christi Parish who served faithfully and generously in many capacities over the years.



Denis gave his time, talents, and energy to the Parish Finance Council, the Assets Committee, and the Precinct Committee. His wisdom, quiet strength, and commitment to the mission of the Church made a lasting impact on our parish community. I am personally very grateful for Denis' love for God and for the generous service he gave to our parish. His contributions will be remembered with deep respect and gratitude.

We ask all parishioners to please keep Denis, his beloved wife Margaret, and their family in your prayers during this time of mourning. The Funeral Mass for Denis will be held at **St Francis Xavier Cathedral on Tuesday, 13th May at 11:30am** or view the livestream at: [jummedia.com.au/live/denis-john-frew/](http://jummedia.com.au/live/denis-john-frew/). All are invited to attend and join in giving thanks for Denis' life and commending him to the loving mercy of God. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.  
Fr Bernard

# THIS WEEK'S READINGS & COMMENTARY

## Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 32:5-6

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;  
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

## First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 13:14, 43-52

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*We are now turning to the gentiles.*

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations,  
so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 99:1-3. 5. R. v.3

(R.) We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

## Second Reading

Revelation 7:9, 14-17

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

*The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.*

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

## Gospel Acclamation

John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my sheep, and mine know me.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

John 10:27-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*I give my sheep eternal life.*

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;  
I know them and they follow me.  
I give them eternal life;  
they will never be lost  
and no one will ever steal them from me.  
The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone,  
and no one can steal from the Father.  
The Father and I are one.'

## Communion Antiphon

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The Good Shepherd has risen,  
who laid down his life for his sheep  
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

## REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

### Voice Followers

You and I are Gentiles – part of the non-Jewish world. We are the sort of Christians we are, because of St Paul. He became the strongest advocate of the grace that the early Christian community should be inclusive of all nations and tribes and ethnic groups on the face of the earth. We have not yet realised this potential.

What riches of intellectual traditions, cultural expressions, and organisational structure are we still to receive from the Chinese, the Korean, the Indonesians, the Africans, the Indian Catholics who are part of our 'Church without Borders'?

How do we maintain unity and identity amongst such diversity? By listening for the voice of the Good Shepherd, Our Lord Jesus Christ. But it takes a good teacher to help us to hear The Voice in the clamour of life.

Some of those teachers may be found amongst the Bishops who carry a shepherd's staff. But at least in my experience the best assistant-shepherds have been my parents, and some others. They have helped me hear The Voice assuring me that I will never perish, that I will receive eternal life.

That is a Voice worth following! We could pause for a moment to get on the same wavelength as the Good Shepherd so as to echo His Voice in our lives.

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