



**LUMEN CHRISTI**  
CATHOLIC PARISH

# SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION

18 MAY 2025

FIFTH 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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### PARISH CENTRE

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POPE LEO XIV

*“Let us  
disarm words and we  
will help to  
disarm the world.”* (12  
May 2025)

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

Peter Dowler, Antonia Borg, Fiore Mercuri, Denis Frew, Secondo Mancini & Mendicino Family, Peter Nguyen Ba Loc, Bianca Bastianon, Maria Romano, Arduina Filippi, Olga Bruna Romano.

### 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—JUN 2025

- 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)
- Thu, 29 May: SBG Year 6 (Confirmation Candidates)
- Sat, 31 May: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Sun, 01 Jun: Ascension of the Lord

## FIRST BLESSING "URBI ET ORBI" BY THE HOLY FATHER LEO XIV, 08.05.2025

The Holy Father Leo XIV, preceded by the Cross, appeared at the Loggia (balcony) of St Peter's Basilica to greet the people and impart the Apostolic Blessing "Urbi et Orbi" (to everyone in the City of Rome and in the World).



### Words of the Holy Father

Peace be with you all!

Dear brothers and sisters, this is the first greeting of the Risen Christ, the good shepherd who gave his life for the flock of God. I too would like this greeting of peace to enter your heart, to reach your families, to all people, wherever they are, to all peoples, to all the earth. Peace be with you!

This is the peace of the Risen Christ, an unarmed peace and a disarming, humble and persevering peace. He comes from God, God who loves us all unconditionally. We still keep in our ears that faint but always courageous voice of Pope Francis who blessed Rome!

The Pope who blessed Rome gave his blessing to the world, to the whole world, that morning of Easter Day. Allow me to follow up that same blessing: God loves us, God loves you all, and evil will not prevail! We are all in God's hands. Therefore, without fear, united hand in hand with God we move forward with each other. We are disciples of Christ. Christ is before us. The world needs his light. Humanity needs Him as the bridge to be reached by God and His love. Help us too, then one another to build bridges, with dialogue, with encounter, all by uniting us to be one people always at peace. Thank you to Pope Francis!

I also want to thank all the cardinal confreres who have chosen me to be the Successor of Peter and to walk with you, as a united Church, always seeking justice, always seeking to work as men and women faithful to Jesus Christ, without fear, to proclaim the Gospel, to be missionaries.

I am a son of St. Augustine, an Augustinian, who said: "I am a Christian with you and a bishop for you." In this sense we can all walk together towards that homeland that God has prepared for us.

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### PARISH STAFF

**Most Reverend Brian G Mascord,**  
Diocesan Bishop & Parish Priest  
**Very Reverend Bernard L Gordon,**  
Vicar General & Administrator  
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Assistant Priest  
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General Manager  
**Leanne Burlin,**  
Parish Secretary  
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### 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

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# NEWS IN BRIEF

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A special greeting to the Church of Rome! We must seek together how to be a missionary Church, a Church that builds bridges, dialogue, always open to receive like this square with open arms. All of them, all those who need our charity, our presence, dialogue and love.

And if you allow me a word, a greeting to all and in a special way to my dear diocese of Chiclayo, in Peru, where a faithful people accompanied its bishop, shared his faith and gave so much, just to continue to be the faithful Church of Jesus Christ.

To all of you, brothers and sisters of Rome, of Italy, of the whole world, we want to be a synodal Church, a Church that walks, a Church that always seeks peace, that always seeks charity, which always seeks to be close especially to those who suffer.

Today is the day of the Supplication to the Madonna of Pompeii. Our Mother Mary always wants to walk with us, to be close, to help us with her intercession and her love.

Then I would like to pray with you. Let us pray together for this new mission, for the whole Church, for peace in the world and let us ask this special grace of Mary, our Mother.

Hail Mary ...

## THE NEWLY BAPTISED—APRIL

Congratulations to the newly baptised in our parish! Celina Marczak, Mathis Fenech, Orlando Vin Scioscia, Juni Mae Geary, Grace Keogh, Georgia Keogh, Lachlan Robert Aitken, Harry Mete, Archer Huntsdale, Orlando Calabria, Elise Calabria, Lily Fitzpatrick, Zoey Lin and Hailey Lin.

May the Sacrament of baptism bring joy, peace, and blessings to their Parents, Godparents, family and friends.

May God's grace guide them, protect them, and shower them with endless blessings. May they

embrace this new journey of faith with hope and committed love.

Due to privacy reasons not all names are published in the parish bulletin.

## ENCOUNTER, MISSION, INVITATION: A VISION REFLECTION BY BISHOP BRIAN MASCORD

The invitational nature of "Come and See", as expressed in the Diocese of Wollongong's vision, finds deep roots in the Gospel and in the way Jesus himself invited

others into relationship. This invitation is not merely to observe but to enter into a transformative journey, one that begins with encounter and leads to mission.

The phrase "Come and see" is drawn directly from the Gospel of John (John 1:39), where Jesus responds to two disciples of John the Baptist who are curious about Him. When they ask, "Rabbi, where are you staying?", Jesus replies, "Come and see." This simple invitation carries immense depth: It is personal, it is relational, and it is non-coercive. Jesus doesn't hand them a doctrine or a scroll, he invites them into his life. In John 1:46, Philip echoes Jesus' words when Nathanael expresses doubt: "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip responds, "Come and see." Here we see how discipleship spreads, not by argument, but by invitation to encounter. Bishop Brian

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CHILDREN— 25 MAY 2025

On Sunday, 25th May, all children present at Mass will be invited to come forward and receive a special blessing. This is a beautiful opportunity to surround our young ones with prayer and encouragement as they grow in faith. I warmly invite you to bring your children, grandchildren, and to invite as many families as you can to join us for this special occasion.



Let us ask Mary our Mother to pray for children and a deepening of our acceptance and love for children.

*Come, Holy Spirit, show us your beauty, reflected in the faces of children all over the world.*

*Come, Jesus, you who make all things new, who are the way that leads us to the Father, come and remain with us always.*

Amen.

## THANK YOU—FR ANTHONY HA & FR HUNG TRAN

On behalf of our parish, I extend heartfelt thanks to Fr Anthony Ha and Fr Hung Tran for their generous pastoral care during Fr Cang's recent leave. Their willingness to assist with the celebration of the Sacraments in Lumen Christi Parish has been deeply appreciated by all.

We are also pleased to warmly welcome back Fr Cang Tran who returns to us next week.

May God bless all our priests as they help us encounter and make known to others the mystery of Christ in us, the hope of glory.

Fr Bernard



# THIS WEEK'S READINGS & COMMENTARY

## Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 97:1-2

O sing a new song to the Lord,  
for he has worked wonders;  
in the sight of the nations  
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

## First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.*

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe. They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed. On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:8-13. R. cf. v.1

(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)
2. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,  
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign  
and declare your might, O God,  
to make known to men your mighty deeds  
and the glorious splendour of your reign. (R.)
3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom;  
your rule lasts from age to age. (R.)

## Second Reading

Revelation 21:1-5

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

*He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.*

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be

no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

## Gospel Acclamation

John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:  
love one another as I have loved you.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

John 13:31-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*I give you a new commandment: love one another.*

When Judas had gone Jesus said:

'Now has the Son of Man been glorified,  
and in him God has been glorified.  
If God has been glorified in him,  
God will in turn glorify him in himself,  
and will glorify him very soon.  
My little children,  
I shall not be with you much longer.  
I give you a new commandment:  
love one another;  
just as I have loved you,  
you also must love one another.  
By this love you have for one another,  
everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

## Communion Antiphon

Cf John 15:1,5

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.  
Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

## REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

### City Life for True Lovers

'Love one another as I have loved you.' You may think that Our Lord's extravagant extreme of love in voluntarily undergoing death for us, is something no human being could ever measure up to. But actually, something like this happens whenever a mother or father sits by the bedside of a child suffering the terrible pain of a chronic illness or traumatic accident and, perhaps, even facing the prospect of death. Such a parent will invariably say 'I would rather suffer and die than see my child suffer and die.' It is the same with a person seeing their much loved life partner in a similar situation. Each of us, usually to a lesser degree and in less fraught circumstances, has the opportunity to absorb, to some extent, the sufferings of others. We are thus given the possibility of fulfilling the command: 'Love one another as I have loved you.'

The effect of this sort of loving will be realised at the end of history, not in a garden of Paradise, but as in a wonderful City where all tears will be wiped from our eyes.

We could pause for a moment on our way to that future City, resolving to be alert to opportunities to fulfil our Lord's command: 'Love one another as I have loved you.'

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