



**LUMEN CHRISTI**  
CATHOLIC PARISH

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25TH MAY 2025

SIXTH 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

#### OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Friday 8.30am — 2.00pm  
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PEACE BE  
WITH YOU

*May we walk together as  
one Church, guided by  
love, strengthened by  
truth, and united in  
hope. (Pope Leo XIV)*

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

Peter Dowler, Antonia Borg, Fiore  
Mercuri, Peter Nguyen Balgoc, Louise  
Hudson.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS...

Fr David Catterall, Angela Mosley, Rita  
Burgess, Frank Gray, 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, 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
- Sun, 01 Jun: Hospitality weekend
- Tue, 03 Jun: GSFM Year 6 (Confirmation Candidates)
- Tue, 03 Jun: GSFM Reconciliation for Confirmation Candidates
- Thu, 05 Jun: SBG Year 6 (Confirmation Candidates)
- Thu, 05 Jun: SBG Reconciliation for Confirmation Candidates

## WORLD DAY OF CHILDREN

This weekend we pray for all children recognising the joy, innocence, and faith that young people bring to our communities. We are reminded of our shared responsibility to nurture and protect the dignity of every child. At Lumen Christi Parish, we will honour this occasion by offering a special blessing for all children during our Sunday Masses.



Let us pray that children everywhere may grow in faith, feel the love of God in their lives, and be guided by the light of Christ throughout their journey of life.

*“Let the little children come to me... for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” — Matthew 19:14*

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

In the Gospel, Jesus often meets people at the point of their curiosity, need, or longing. He welcomes the Samaritan woman at the well (John 4), Zacchaeus in the tree (Luke 19), and countless others into an experience of belonging before believing. “Come and see” reflects Jesus’ willingness to meet people where they are: He breaks down barriers, social, religious, or moral. He creates safe spaces for real questions and deep conversation. He shows that God’s welcome is for everyone, especially those on the margins.

Jesus' invitations always lead to transformation. The woman at the well, after her encounter, runs back to her village to say, “Come and see a man who told me everything I ever did” (John 4:29). Her personal experience of Jesus leads to missionary witness, just as the vision of the Diocese of Wollongong outlines. The encounter is not the end, it is the beginning of a life redirected toward others. Bishop Brian

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR B!

We wish Fr Bernard Gordon a very Happy Birthday! Thank you, Fr Bernard, for your faithful service and the care you show to our parish community. May God bless you abundantly with good health, peace, and happiness in the year ahead from Bishop Brian and the parish community.

### 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)

# NEWS IN BRIEF

## CALLING FOR MENTOR FOR CHESS PLAYERS AT GOOD SAMARITAN SCHOOL

*Do you like playing Chess?*

Good Samaritan School, Fairy Meadow, are seeking parishioners to volunteer and support their enthusiastic chess team as they prepare for two inter-school tournaments this term. We're looking for people who enjoy playing chess and are available to visit the school once a week (before school or at lunchtime) during Term 2 to mentor and coach the students. A regular 40-minute session would greatly boost the students' confidence and skills.

A Working With Children Check is required. If you can help, please contact the parish office.



## PARISH HYMNAL APPEAL FOR ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHEDRAL & MATER DOLOROSA CHURCH



This weekend we officially launch our Parish Hymnal Appeal to support the purchase of new hymnals for St Francis Xavier Cathedral and Mater Dolorosa Church.

A special thanks to Paul Mason and Kathy Uroda for this work. Music is a vital part of our worship, and having well-maintained hymnals allows all parishioners to participate more fully in our liturgies.

We are aiming to raise **\$6,000** to fund this important renewal project. If you are able to support the appeal, please refer to the Parish Bulletin insert this weekend for details on how to make a donation.

On behalf of the Parish Finance Council, thank you for your generosity and continued support of the mission and life of our parish.

## PROJECT COMPASSION—THANK YOU

We sincerely thank all parishioners and friends of Lumen Christi Parish for your generous support of Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2025.

Thanks to your kindness and compassion, we raised a total of **\$14,104** to help vulnerable communities around the world build better futures. Your generosity brings hope and transformation. Thank you!

## Communion Antiphon

**John 14:15-16**

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

## God's home is where the heart is

Some people have the idea that God is awfully remote, dwelling beyond the edge of the cosmos. We make contact by sending a prayer like a long range rocket, hoping it will find its target. This is far distant from Our Lord's teaching in today's Gospel. 'If anyone loves me and keeps my word, my Father and I will make our home with that person.' It is not in outer space, but in inner space that Divine Love will make a home. What turns a house into a home? It is in sitting around a table sharing a meal. So, Jesus created a sacred meal for us and invites us to share in the Heavenly Bread and Spiritual Drink. When we do so, we find, in the words of St John Paul II, that we 'digest, as it were, the secret of the Resurrection'. We take into ourselves the Real Presence of the Risen Lord who makes his home with us.

Coming to Communion, even after a long time away, satisfies the yearning of the human heart because it is made to be the habitation of Divine Love. We could pause for a moment to reflect on the gracious fact that God chooses to dwell in our hearts. Let us respond wholeheartedly.

## PRAYER FOR THE LONGEST NIGHT 21 JUNE

The Parish Pastoral Council invites you to a Mass of reflection and prayer as we approach the longest night of the year, you are warmly invited to take part in a **special time of prayer**—either from the quiet of your home or by joining our **community prayer** following the 5:30pm Vigil Mass at **St Brigid's Church, Gwynneville**.

*At Home:*

Set aside a quiet space, light a candle, and pray for all who feel lonely, isolated, or burdened during this season.

*At St Brigid's Church Gwynneville:*

After Mass, join in the **Prayer for the Longest Night**, led by **Fr Paul Hilder** (Retired Priest, Archdiocese of Sydney), as we reflect in solidarity and hope.

Wherever you are, may this shared moment of prayer bring peace and comfort. A resource leaflet will be provided to all parishioners this weekend or you can download a copy of the resource now from our parish website.

Go to: [lumenchristi.org.au/longestnight](http://lumenchristi.org.au/longestnight)



# THIS WEEK'S READINGS & COMMENTARY

## Entrance Antiphon

*Cf Isaiah 48:20*

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;  
proclaim to the ends of the earth:  
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

## First Reading

*Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2, 22-29*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves not to burden you beyond what is essential.*

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders. Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

## Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8. R. v.4*

*(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!*

1. O God, be gracious and bless us  
and let your face shed its light upon us.  
So will your ways be known upon earth  
and all nations learn your saving help. *(R.)*
2. Let the nations be glad and exult  
for you rule the world with justice.  
With fairness you rule the peoples,  
you guide the nations on earth. *(R.)*
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.  
May God still give us his blessing  
till the ends of the earth revere him. *(R.)*

## Second Reading

*Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23*

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

*He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.*

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

## Gospel Acclamation

*John 14:23*

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

*John 14:23-29*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,  
and my Father will love him,  
and we shall come to him  
and make our home with him.  
Those who do not love me do not keep my words.  
And my word is not my own:  
it is the word of the one who sent me.  
I have said these things to you  
while still with you;  
but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,  
whom the Father will send in my name,  
will teach you everything  
and remind you of all I have said to you.  
Peace I bequeath to you,  
my own peace I give you,  
a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you.  
Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.  
You heard me say:  
I am going away, and shall return.  
If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am  
going to the Father,  
for the Father is greater than I.  
I have told you this now before it happens,  
so that when it does happen you may believe.'

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