



**LUMEN CHRISTI**  
CATHOLIC PARISH



# SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION

1 JUNE 2025

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD, 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  
(Closed for Lunch 12pm—12.30pm)  
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*"He goes to prepare a place, so that our hearts may remain on earth, but our hope always in heaven." (Pope Leo XIV)*

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

Rita Burgess.

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

Fr David Catterall, Angela Mosley, 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: JUN 2025

- Mon, 02 Jun: CWL Fairy Meadow Meeting, MDB Mtg Rm 2pm
- 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
- Thu, 05 Jun: Parish Lunch, The Builders Club Wollongong 12pm
- Sun, 08 Jun: Pentecost Sunday
- Mon, 09 Jun: Kings Birthday SFX Mass 8am
- Tue, 10 Jun: Finance Council Meeting

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

As we move to the fourth reflection of this series we come to the call of the community. To embrace “Come and See” in light of the Gospel means the Church must: Be a community of hospitality, where people feel genuinely invited and included. Embody the joy and peace that comes from knowing Christ, drawing others by example. Be ready to journey with people, not just instruct them. Discipleship begins with accompaniment. “Come and See” is not just a slogan, it is the Gospel way. It reflects Jesus’ own approach to evangelization: personal, invitational, transformative, and always rooted in love. In a world often marked by noise and pressure, Jesus’ gentle but powerful call continues to echo. As the Diocese’s vision suggests, when we embrace this pattern—inviting, encountering, and sending—we become active participants in God’s mission of drawing all people into communion with Him. Bishop Brian

## NEWLY BAPTISED

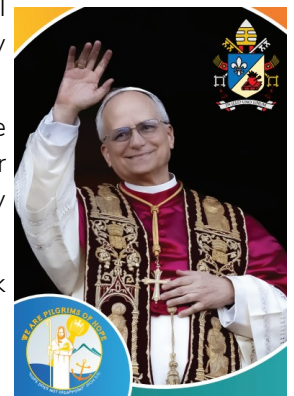
Congratulations to the newly baptised in our parish! Zachary Paull, Levi Campisi, Jonah Langford & Esmee Langford. May the Sacrament of baptism bring joy, peace, and blessings to their Parents, Godparents, family and friends. May God's grace guide them, protect them, and shower you with endless blessings. May they embrace this new journey of faith with hope and love.

## POPE LEO XIV PRAYER CARD

This weekend, all parishioners will receive a special prayer card in honour of Pope Leo XIV, the newly elected successor of St Peter.

We invite you to take one home, place it somewhere visible—on your fridge, prayer table, or in your Bible—and use it as a reminder to pray for our Holy Father and for the Church.

May the words of Pope Leo XIV inspire us all to walk forward together in faith as pilgrims of hope.



### 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

## PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS COMING UP!

### CUPPA TEA THIS WEEKEND

St John Vianney Co-Cathedral  
after the 8:30am Mass

St Brigid's Church, Gwynneville  
after the 9am Mass

Mater Dolorosa Church, Balgownie  
after the 10am Mass

St Francis Xavier Cathedral  
after the 10:30am Mass



### PARISH LUNCH

Parish Lunch at The Builders Club (Church St Wollongong) this Thursday, 5th June at 12 noon.

### JUBILEE PARISH DINNER

A few extra tables have now been opened for the Parish Jubilee Dinner on Friday, 25th July 2025. To purchase your ticket, visit: [lumenchristi.org.au/jubileedinner](https://lumenchristi.org.au/jubileedinner)

Come along and connect with our parish community!

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

Help support the purchase of new hymnals for St Francis Xavier Cathedral and Mater Dolorosa Church.

You can donate by:

BSB: 066-711

Account: 008056

Ref: Hymnal "Name"



Donate online: [lumenchristi.org.au/hymnals](https://lumenchristi.org.au/hymnals)

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

## BLESSING OF THE FONT

Parishioners are warmly invited to join Fr Anthony Ha for the Blessing of the New Holy Water Font at **St Francis Xavier Cathedral on Sunday, 29th June at 1:30pm.**

I sincerely thank the Vietnamese Community of Wollongong for their generous donation of this new font to the Mother Church of our Diocese.

All are welcome to attend this special occasion of faith and gratitude.

Fr Bernard

At Mass, fractions of creation – the Bread and Wine consecrated for Holy Communion – are transformed into the Real Presence of the Risen Lord.

Eucharistic Prayer III begins with: 'You are indeed Holy, O Lord, and all you have created rightly gives you praise...' How can all creation give God praise? As the ancient church used to teach: Each of you is a microcosm of the macrocosm, called to be a priest for the Cosmos. Through your enlightened mind and inflamed heart, the Cosmos knows that it exists and that it is loved by its Creator. It is beginning to share the freedom and glory of the children of God.

We could pause for a moment, stop staring into Heaven, and ready ourselves to receive the Holy Spirit so as to be what St Paul calls 'the Church which is His Body in whom the fullness of creation dwells'.

## 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** at 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:

At the end of Mass, join in the short time of **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 the weekend before or you can download a copy of the resource now from our parish website.

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

## KINGS BIRTHDAY—9 JUNE

King's Birthday Public Holiday, a Mass will be offered at 8:00am on Monday, 9th June 2025 at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong.

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on Monday and will reopen on Tuesday, 10th June at 8:30am.

We wish all parishioners a safe and restful long weekend.



# THIS WEEK'S READINGS & COMMENTARY

## Entrance Antiphon

*Acts of the Apostles 1:11*

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?  
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven  
will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

## First Reading

*Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.*

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

## Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 46:2-3. 6-7. 8-9. R. v.6*

*(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:  
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.*

1. All peoples, clap your hands,  
cry to God with shouts of joy!  
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,  
great king over all the earth.
2. God goes up with shouts of joy;  
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.  
Sing praise for God, sing praise,  
sing praise to our king, sing praise.
3. God is king of all the earth.  
Sing praise with all your skill.  
God is king over the nations;  
God reigns on his holy throne.

## Second Reading

*Ephesians 1:17-23*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

*He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.*

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

## Gospel Acclamation

*Matthew 28:19. 20*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

## Gospel

*Luke 24:46-53*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*While blessing them, he was taken to heaven.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this. 'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

## Communion Antiphon

*Matthew 28:20*

Behold, I am with you always,  
even to the end of the age, alleluia.

## REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

### Heaven and Earth are full of your Glory

Our Risen Lord knew that we are naturally, collectively human-centric. He withdrew His risen mode of appearance (what we call 'the Ascension') to make it clear that the whole Universe, including planet Earth, is filled with the presence and power radiating out from his Risen Humanity.

As St Paul wrote in the Epistle to the Romans: 'Creation still retains the hope of being freed from its slavery to decay, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God.' How is the Risen Lord beginning to fulfil this hope?

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