



LUMEN CHRISTI
CATHOLIC PARISH

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION

8 JUNE 2025

PENTECOST SUNDAY, 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

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*"The Holy Spirit does not settle in silence but sends us out in courage, to proclaim Christ with fire in our hearts."
(Pope Leo XIV)*

MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE...

Rita Burgess, Katrina Meehan, Maria Sella, Maureen Panther, Leoncio, Monica, Antonio Ocenar, Segundina & Cleto Ocenar, Peter Nguyen Ba Loc.

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

- 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
- Tue, 10 Jun: GSFM Year 6 (Confirmation Candidates)

WITNESS OF HOPE

Jo Clark | Parishioner of Lumen Christi Parish
“Come Holy Spirit, fill our hearts with hope.”

In 2019, my life changed unexpectedly when I was diagnosed with breast cancer. The news was devastating. I underwent surgery and six months of chemotherapy—a journey that challenged me deeply, body and soul. At times I felt overwhelmed and tempted to give up, but the **power of prayer gave me strength.**



With the support of my family, friends, and spiritual advisors, I was never alone. I began attending daily Mass more regularly. The 7am Mass became a refuge for me. There, I met parishioners I had never known, and they welcomed me with open hearts, praying with and for me. Their presence reminded me that I was carried by a **community of faith.**

As I leaned more into prayer, my life became a journey of **living in hope.** My suffering drew me closer to God and transformed me from within. I began to see the blessings I had once overlooked, and the presence of God in the smallest acts of kindness.

When the COVID-19 lockdown arrived, it was another moment of isolation and uncertainty. But through it, I discovered new ways to stay connected to God. I began praying the Holy Rosary daily online, and I watched the livestreamed Mass from Lavender Bay, as recommended by Bishop Peter Ingham. Even in the stillness of lockdown, my faith grew deeper. Throughout my illness, I also prayed often for the intercession of **St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.** Her courage and trust in God were a source of inspiration in my own healing.

Today, I am so thankful to share that I have now been in remission for five and a half years. I thank Our Lord frequently for the strength He gave me, the people He placed in my life, and for the peace that only faith can bring. May my journey be a sign of hope for others. When we walk with God—no matter how dark the path—**hope lights the way.**

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, pray for us.
Come Holy Spirit, fill our hearts with hope.

PARISH STAFF

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

COLUMBARIUM SALES

lumenchristi.org.au/columbarium

NEWS IN BRIEF

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

From “Come and See”, the invitation of Jesus - To Go and Make, the commissioning of Christ, The Gospel begins with invitation, not obligation. When Jesus says, “Come and see”, He is offering an open and non-threatening encounter. This is a key insight: Jesus invites before He instructs. He creates a space where curiosity is welcomed, where belonging comes before believing. His first followers are not converted by a sermon, but by spending time in His presence. This invitational approach reveals God’s pastoral heart. It’s an invitation to relationship, not just religion; to transformation, not simply information.

But the invitation is not an end in itself. After forming His disciples through personal relationship, teaching, and example, Jesus sends them out with these words: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19). This command completes the cycle: The ones who were first invited are now the inviters. Encounter leads to mission. Disciples become disciple-makers. Importantly, Jesus assures them of His presence in this mission: “I am with you always” (Matthew 28:20), reminding us that we do not go alone but as people empowered by grace. Bishop Brian

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

Help support the purchase of new hymnals for St Francis Xavier & Mater Dolorosa.

You can donate by:

BSB: 066-711

Account: 008056

Ref: Hymnal “Name”

Donate online: 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.

KING’S BIRTHDAY—9 JUNE

Mass will be offered at 8:00am on Monday, 9th June 2025 at St Francis Xavier Cathedral. The Parish Office will be closed that day and reopen on Tuesday, 10th June at 8:30am.

and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Holy Ghost, Holy Gust

In the very old days, the ‘Holy Spirit’ was known as the ‘Holy Ghost’. It may come from the old English word ‘gust’ which ‘blows wherever it pleases’. St Luke’s account of Pentecost tells of what ‘sounded like a powerful wind from heaven’. This is the Divine Wind, this is the Holy Gust, the Holy Spirit. Out of nowhere, this mighty Gust burst into the disciples’ lives with gale force, sweeping away their fear.

The Divine Wind is nothing less than the Breath of God. ‘O Breathe on me Breath of God’ is one of the most beautiful hymns, sung to a traditional Irish melody. One verse goes: ‘O Breathe on me Breath of God . . . until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine’. It is like a log at the back of the fire-place late at night. The log is intact but absolutely glowing through and through with fire. It is to be the same with us. Peter was inspired to preach to the crowds ‘with a loud voice’ about ‘Jesus the Nazarene’ and the fact that ‘God raised him to life’. That is the gospel. That is the message which those who breathe with the breath of God have been preaching since the birthday of the Church at Pentecost.

We could pause for a moment to pray an ancient chant of the Church:

‘Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful,
and enkindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they will be created,
and you will renew the face of the earth.’

RITA BURGESS—RIP

On Tuesday, we gathered to celebrate the life and faith of Rita Burgess. Rita was a woman of deep faith and quiet strength. She lived a life shaped by the sacraments, education, and service. Her teaching career—spanning



Catholic and public schools—reflected her dedication to sharing the Gospel with clarity and compassion. Rita also embraced her creative gifts, earning a degree in Creative Arts and being recognised for her artwork.

She lived with energy and purpose, walking with friends, nurturing her love for nature, and staying engaged in parish life. A devoted Mass-goer, Rita stood firmly in her beliefs, expressing them always with gentleness and grace. Her life was a witness to the joy of faith, the power of learning, and the beauty of service.

I ask you keep Rita’s husband Harry and her children Anita, Peter and Nicholas in your prayers during this time of grief.

May Rita now rest in the loving peace of God.

Fr Bernard Gordon

THIS WEEK'S READINGS & COMMENTARY

Entrance Antiphon

Wisdom 1:7

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world
and that which contains all things
understands what is said, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to
speak different languages.*

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Sequence

The sequence may be said or sung.

Holy Spirit, Lord of light,
From the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give.

Come, thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which endure;
Come, thou light of all that live!
Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow;
Thou in toil art comfort sweet;
Pleasant coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.
Light immortal, light divine,
Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill:
If thou take thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will stay;
All his good is turned to ill.
Heal our wounds, our strength renew;
On our dryness pour thy dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away;
Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.
Thou, on us who evermore
Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:
Give us comfort when we die;
Give us life with thee on high;
Give us joys that never end.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit; fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:19-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

Communion Antiphon

Acts of the Apostles 2:4,11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit

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