



LUMEN CHRISTI
CATHOLIC PARISH

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION

29 JUNE 2025

STS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES



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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"Peter ... is a human being like us ... who, in his imperfection, generously says "yes" to Jesus."

Pope Francis



MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE...

Dolores Maria Scutella-Iannetta,
Margaret Bonnano, Angelo Marin,
Amalija Masa Malcic.

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.



WE ARE CALLED
TO REVEAL THE
LIGHT OF CHRIST
TO THE WORLD.



WELCOME TO LUMEN CHRISTI PARISH

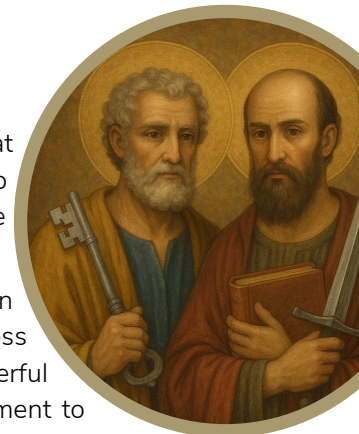
PARISH CALENDAR: JUN 2025

- Thu, 03 Jul: Parish Lunch, The Builders Club Wollongong 12pm
- Fri, 04 Jul: Term 2 concludes
- Sun, 06 Jul: Hospitality weekend
- Tue, 15 Jul: Fr John Rigney (1838)
- Wed, 16 Jul: Baptism Class, SFX 7pm
- Sun, 20 Jul: CatholicCare Sunday
- Mon, 21 Jul: Term 3 resumes
- Fri, 25 Jul: Bishop's Visitation
- Fri, 25 Jul: Jubilee Dinner, The Fraternity Club Fairy Meadow 6pm
- Sat, 26 Jul: Bishop's Visitation

SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

This weekend, the Church celebrates the great Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, two foundational apostles of the early Church, who gave their lives in witness to the Gospel.

Saint Peter, chosen by Christ to be the Rock upon which the Church is built, and Saint Paul, the tireless missionary to the Gentiles, stand together as powerful models of faith, courage, and unwavering commitment to proclaiming Christ crucified and risen. Though very different in background and temperament, both were united in their love for the Lord and their service to the Church.



In the words of Pope Leo XIV:

“The Church of Christ stands firm not by strength of men, but by the faith of those who, like Peter and Paul, bore witness to the truth even unto death. Their voices echo through the centuries, calling each of us to the same bold fidelity.”

Let us be inspired by their courage and example, especially in this Jubilee Year of Hope, to become true witnesses to the Gospel in our own time.

Prayer for St Peter & Paul

(To be read as the concluding of the Prayers of the Faithful)

**O God, who gave the Church the foundation of faith through the courageous witness of the Apostles Peter and Paul,
Grant that we may be strengthened by their example,
Inspired by their teaching,
And united in their mission.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

All are encouraged to reflect on the lives of these two great saints and to pray for unity and courage in our Church today.

Fr Bernard

PARISH STAFF

Most Reverend Brian G Mascord,
Diocesan Bishop & Parish Priest
Very Reverend Bernard L Gordon,
Vicar General & Administrator
Reverend Cang Tran,
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Lumen Christi Parish

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lumenchristi.org.au/columbarium

NEWS IN BRIEF

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

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

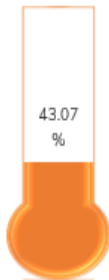
You can donate by:

BSB: 066-711

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Donate online: lumenchristi.org.au/hymnals



SVDP WINTER APPEAL

This weekend, our St Vincent de Paul Conferences will be holding their annual Vinnies Winter Appeal, with a leaving collection at all parish Masses.

Your generous donations directly assist local people in need within our own communities. Every contribution, no matter how small, makes a real difference.

Thank you for your ongoing support and kindness.

Together, let us respond to the call of the Gospel by reaching out to those who are most vulnerable this winter.

MS KATHY URODA

Ms Kathy Uroda, Principal of St Brigid's and Music Coordinator for the 5:30pm Mass, will be taking Long Service Leave for the first six weeks of Term 3.

During her absence, Mrs Amy-Louise Sammut has been appointed Acting Principal. Amy is currently the Assistant Principal at St Michael's, Thirroul, and previously served at St Brigid's in a leadership role. We warmly welcome her back.

The 5:30pm Mass music ministry will continue with the support of other parish musicians and our regular cantor group. We thank them for their ongoing commitment.

We wish Kathy a restful and well-earned break and look forward to her return later in the term.

FIRST RECONCILIATION & EUCHARIST SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2025

Lumen Christi Parish Sacramental team invites all parents and children to participate in the 2025 Sacramental Program. The Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist are sacred milestones in the life of baptised children, drawing them into full membership of the Catholic Church and deepening their journey of faith within the parish community. Enrolments are now open and will close on **Friday, 31 August 2025**.

To register your child for the program

Go to: lumenchristi.org.au/sacramental

THE JUBILEE DINNER RAFFLE!

Excitement is building for our upcoming Jubilee Dinner, and with it comes your chance to win big in our Jubilee Raffle. Tickets are on sale at all Masses this weekend for only \$2 each. **Be quick and don't miss out.**

LUMEN CHRISTI JUBILEE DINNER

GRAND RAFFLE

DRAWN ON 25 JULY 2025
TICKETS \$2 EACH

 JUBILEE JACKPOT CASH \$1000	 HEAVENLY RELAXATION HAMPER \$700	 BLESSINGS WINE & DINE HAMPER \$550	 GAME DAY GLORY HAMPER \$450
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THIS WEEK'S READINGS & COMMENTARY

Entrance Antiphon

These are the ones who, living in the flesh,
planted the Church with their blood;
they drank the chalice of the Lord
and became the friends of God.

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Now I know it is indeed true: the Lord has saved me from the power of Herod.

King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittingly.

On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. 'Get up!' he said 'Hurry!' – and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, 'Put on your belt and sandals.' After he had done this, the angel next said, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. 'Now I know it is all true,' he said. 'The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33:2-9. R. v.5

(R.) The Lord set me free from all my fears.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

All that remains now is the crown of righteousness.

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing. The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 16:13-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

You are Peter, and I will give to you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf Matthew 16:16,18

Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus replied: You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.

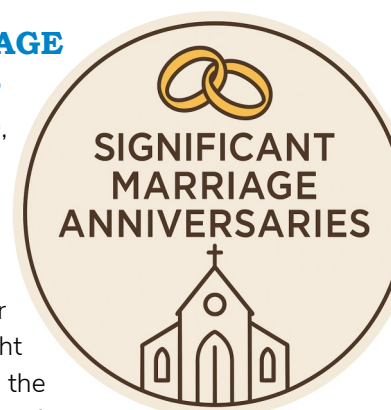
REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

In the Gospel, Jesus affirms Peter's foundational role in His Church—not a church constrained by worldly designs, but one rooted in the vision of Christ. The reflection challenges us to pray that the Church in the third millennium may be **freed from the shackles of past eras**, enabling the Pope to faithfully respond to Christ's call to **"rebuild my Church,"** and ultimately say with St Paul: *"I have fought the good fight to the end."*

SIGNIFICANT MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES MASS

Couples celebrating 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 or more years of marriage in 2025 are invited to a special Mass with Bishop Brian Mascord on **Sunday 24 August at 2:00pm** at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong. Light refreshments will follow in the Xavier Centre. To attend, please register online: Go to: <https://dow.sh/MA2025> RSVP, 11 August.

For any enquiries, please contact Helen Bennett at helen.bennett@dow.org.au.



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