



LUMEN CHRISTI
CATHOLIC PARISH

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION

20 JULY 2025

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY, 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



SUPPORT
OUR PARISH



PARISH CENTRE

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Friday 8.30am — 2.00pm
(Closed for Lunch 12pm—12.30pm)
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*"In forgiving, we reflect
the heart of Christ and open
the doors of grace—for others
and for ourselves"*

Pope Leo XIV



MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE...

Fr David Catterall, Fr Davidanthony
Paula Dingli, Assunta Rae, Danuta
Emelia Bender, Secondo Mancini,
Peter Nguyen Ba Loc, Justin Frew,
James Michael Joyce.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS...

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

- Mon, 21 Jul: Term 3 resumes
- Thu, 24 Jul: Catechists Meeting, Rigney Room, 11am
- Fri, 25 Jul: Bishop's Visitation
- Fri, 25 Jul: Jubilee Dinner, The Fraternity Club Fairy Meadow 6pm
- Sat, 26 Jul: Bishop's Visitation
- Sun, 27 Jul: World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly
- Sun, 27 Jul: Bishop's Visitation
- Sun, 03 Aug: Bishop's Visitation
- Sun, 03 Aug: Hospitality weekend
- Mon, 04 Aug: Feast of St John Vianney

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

ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP & ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

We invite all parishioners to join us for two special Solemnities being celebrated in our parish this August:

SOLEMNITY OF SAINT MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP

Friday, 8th August:

Wollongong: 7am Mass & 12.10pm Mass

Let us honour Australia's first canonised saint, a woman of faith, service, and courage.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Thursday 14th August—Vigil Mass

Wollongong: 6:00pm Vigil Mass

Friday, 15th August:

Wollongong: 7:00am & 12:10pm

We gather to celebrate the Assumption of Our Lady into heaven, a sign of hope for all the faithful.

HOSPITALITY DURING THE BISHOP'S VISITATION

All parishioners and visitors are warmly invited to join us for hospitality following the Masses during Bishop Brian Mascord's Pastoral Visitation to our parish:

St Brigid's: After the 5:30pm Vigil Mass, Saturday 26 July

St John Vianney Co-Cathedral: After the 8:30am Mass, Sunday 27 July
(We extend a warm welcome to the Italian and Vietnamese communities joining us that morning)

St Francis Xavier Cathedral: After the 10:30am Mass, Sunday 27 July

Mater Dolorosa: After the 10:00am Mass, Sunday 3 August

We look forward to coming together in faith and fellowship.



NEWS IN BRIEF

FIRST RECONCILIATION & EUCHARIST SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2025

The Lumen Christi Parish Sacramental team invites all parents and children to participate in the 2025 Reconciliation and Eucharist Sacramental Program.

The Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist are sacred milestones in the life of baptised children, drawing them more deeply into the Catholic faith and life of our 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

SVDP- WINTER APPEAL THANK YOU

A very big thank you to all parishioners who generously supported the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal held across our parish on the weekend of June 28–29.

Your contributions enable the St Vincent de Paul Society to continue its vital work supporting individuals and families in need within our local community.

Special thanks from Michael, Bill, and Larry, the presidents of the three

Conferences, who extend their appreciation for your continued support.

Winter Appeal Totals:

Gwynneville Conference:	\$4,063
Fairy Meadow Conference:	\$3,715
Wollongong Conference:	\$42,556
Grand Total:	\$50,334

MENALIVE DIOCESAN WEEKEND 2025

Come along to our menALIVE weekend and be impacted by an encounter with the Gospel in the presence of other good men seeking to be renewed in faith and life. Cost: \$75 per person (\$60 concession).

To register please visit the diocesan website:

dow.org.au/events/menalive-diocesan-weekend-2025

or email: jude.hennessy@dow.org.au

supplemented to include women alongside the ordained male prelates? Outstanding women, religious or lay, could head some Vatican departments and take part in the election of the Pope. That would be a strongly symbolic step with repercussions throughout the Church.

We could pause for a moment to pray for the Church to show a greater willingness to sit, like Mary, at the feet of Jesus so that we may hear his words: 'You have chosen the better portion.'

WITNESS OF HOPE FR JOHN RIGNEY

This weekend, please collect a **Witness of Hope** prayer card dedicated to Fr John Rigney.

Let us continue to pray for Fr John with faith, hope, and love. Prayer cards are available at the doors with your parish bulletin.

Fr John Rigney. Pray for Us!

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Fr Davidanthony Davies died peacefully on Monday, 7th July, in Tasmania, where he had retired. Fr David had been receiving palliative care at Mersey Community Hospital and was surrounded by his loving family, including his two sisters who reside in Tasmania. His funeral was held privately. Please keep Fr David and his family in your prayers.

Fr David Catterall passed away on Tuesday, 8th July. Fr David served the Diocese with deep faith and a gentle heart, ministering across several parishes and in many roles over the years. He is fondly remembered for his kindness, pastoral sensitivity, and dedication to the people of God. The funeral of Fr David Catterall will be held at St Paul's Albion Park on Thursday 24th July at 11am. Livestream: <https://dow.sh/frcatteralllivestream>

Assunta Rae passed away on Wednesday 9th July. Assunta is the mother of our teacher, Ashley at Good Samaritan Catholic Primary School, Fairy Meadow.

May Assunta rest in the peace of Christ, and may God comfort Ashley and her family during this time of loss.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.



27 JULY **27 JULY** **3 AUGUST** **26 JULY**

Parish Visitation
BISHOP BRIAN MASCORD

25th July to 27th July & 3 August 2025

Parishioners & Visitors are invited to attend Mass celebrated by our Bishop followed by refreshments

10.30AM MASS followed by refreshments
8.30AM MASS followed by refreshments
10.00AM MASS followed by refreshments
5.30PM MASS followed by refreshments

FOR ALL THINGS GIVE THANKS

THIS WEEK'S READINGS & COMMENTARY

Entrance Antiphon

Psalm 53:6,8

See, I have God for my help.

The Lord sustains my soul.

I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,

and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

First Reading

Genesis 18:1-10

A reading from the book of Genesis

Lord, do not bypass your servant.

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day.

He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said, 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said, 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent,' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail and your wife will then have a son.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1

(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart;
he who does not slander with his tongue. **(R.)**
2. He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. **(R.)**
3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Colossians 1:24-28

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

The mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to his saints.

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be under-

gone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

See Luke 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 10:38-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose the better part.

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

Communion Antiphon

Psalm 110:4-5

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,
has made a memorial of his wonders;
he gives food to those who fear him.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

A Cardinal Role for Women?

Jesus turned the customs and taboos of his society upside down. In this Gospel, against all the rules of segregation, Jesus is alone with women who are not his relatives, completely at ease with their hospitality. It is personal relationships, not gender determined relationships, which are important to him.

Further, here is Mary assuming the posture of a student at the feet of a Rabbi (teacher) listening to his teaching. We remember that Jesus had chosen his male disciples in order to teach them. Mary chooses *Him* to teach *her!* Maybe it was a counter-cultural step too far for Martha. Is that what she is really 'anxious and troubled' about?

Jesus was willing to upset the social conventions and religious taboos of his day in respect of women. What would be a good contemporary response of the Catholic Church?

The word 'cardinal' means hinge – 'hinge of the door' – an essential part of the structure of the Church which is our home, in which we listen to the words of Jesus Christ. Could the College of Cardinals be

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