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27 JULY 2025

SEVENTEENTH 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



PARISH CENTRE

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"The parish is the living heart of the Church in the world—where Christ is encountered, the Gospel is proclaimed".

Pope Leo XIV



MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE...

Julie Virdun, Gennaro & Rosa Mastroianni and deceased parishioners of our parish.

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

BISHOP'S PASTORAL VISITATION TO LUMEN CHRISTI PARISH, 25 JULY – 3 AUGUST 2025

This weekend, we warmly welcome Bishop Brian Mascord to his home parish Lumen Christi as he begins his Pastoral Visitation among us.

A Pastoral Visitation is a privileged and grace-filled moment in the life of a parish. It is a time for the Bishop to walk with the people, to listen, to pray, and encourage the community in faith. It allows the Bishop to experience firsthand the pastoral, liturgical, and communal life of the parish and offer his spiritual support and guidance.

Our parish—encompassing St Francis Xavier Cathedral (Wollongong), St John Vianney Co-Cathedral (Fairy Meadow), Mater Dolorosa Church (Balgownie), and St Brigid's Church (Gwynneville)—continues to grow each year, in faith, fellowship and mission. The love of our parishioners, the hospitality shown to visitors, and the vitality of our ministries reflect a parish that is alive and flourishing.

Bishop Brian's visit aligns with both his Diocesan vision, "**Come, See, Go, & Make,**" and our own **Lumen Christi Parish Pastoral Plan, Christ in You**, which focuses on five key areas:

- **Community Life – Building a welcoming and vibrant parish**
- **Worship – Deepening our liturgical and prayerful life with God**
- **Mission – Reaching beyond ourselves to share the Gospel**
- **Stewardship – Caring for our people with faith and integrity**
- **Parish Support – Strengthening our mission and ministries**

This visitation is an opportunity for our parish to reflect on who we are, where we have come from, and where we are going. It invites us to deepen our relationship with Christ and one another, and to renew our commitment to living the Gospel in word and deed.

We pray that this time together may be a source of joy, renewal, and hope for all.

Fr Bernard

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

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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

NEWS IN BRIEF

CLERGY APPOINTMENTS

Bishop Brian Mascord has announced the following appointments in the Diocese.

Fr Damien Ellis has been appointed Parish Priest of St Michael's Parish, Nowra, commencing 19 August.

Fr Paul Clark has been appointed Parish Priest of Helensburgh, starting on 8 August 2025

Fr Joseph Pothenparampil has been appointed Hospital Chaplain at Wollongong Hospital and Wollongong Private Hospital and will also be available for supply work. This appointment begins on 19 August 2025.

Fr Mark De Battista has been appointed Parish Priest of St Mary's Parish, Berkeley and St Francis of Assisi Parish, Warrawong, while continuing as Parish Priest of St Patrick's, Port Kembla. This appointment takes effect from 19 August 2025.

Please keep Fr Damien, Fr Paul, Fr Joseph and Fr Mark in your prayers as they begin their new ministries.

May God bless them in their service to the Church.

CHRIST IN YOU PASTORAL PLAN

"Let the Word of God dwell in you in all its richness" – Colossians 3:16

Worship is at the heart of our parish life. Through prayerful liturgies, we come together as a faith community to give praise and thanks to God. In every celebration—whether it be the Eucharist, the Liturgy of the Word, or communal prayer—we are drawn into a deeper encounter with Christ and one another.

Through reverent and meaningful liturgies, we are nourished spiritually and renewed in our mission to live the Gospel with love and hope in the world.

Thank you to John & Sue Meehan, & Denis Bristow for assisting in the Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion in the absence of Clergy attending the annual in-service last week.

Fr Bernard

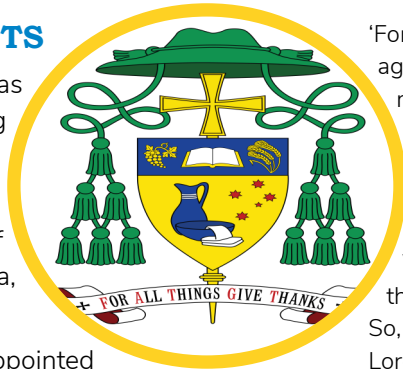
MENALIVE DIOCESAN WEEKEND 2025

Come along to our menALIVE weekend 9/10 August 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



'Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.' But, first to Shakespeare: 'The quality of Mercy is not strained. It falleth as the gentle rain of Heaven on to the place beneath.'

If we develop a hardness of heart which refuses to show forgiveness, then we are like earth concreted over and are unable to absorb God's forgiveness into our own lives. When we forgive someone, we become more able to absorb the gentle rain of heavenly mercy and forgiveness.

So, Heaven and Earth need not be as distant as supposed. Our Lord has shown us how we can help make these dimensions of existence coincide. We could take a moment to resolve to pray the 'Our Father' by our lives, helping to provide evidence for our acclamation: 'Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts, Heaven and Earth are full of your Glory'.

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:

ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP

Friday, 8th August:

Wollongong: 7am & 12.10pm Mass

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Thursday 14th August—Vigil Mass

Wollongong: 6:00pm

Friday, 15th August:

Wollongong: 7:00am & 12:10pm Mass

LUMEN CHRISTI PARISH PRAYER

(To be read together at the conclusion of the Prayers of the Faithful)

Merciful God,
you have called us out of darkness
into the Light of Christ.
We gather as the parish community of Lumen Christi.
In Baptism, we were consecrated as your children.
In Confirmation, the Spirit of truth
strengthened us to bear witness to your Word.
We are nourished at the table of the Eucharist.
May our gifts always contribute to
building up the Body of Christ.
Help us to reveal Christ's love
to the world through all we say and do.
Amen.



THIS WEEK'S READINGS & COMMENTARY

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 67:6-7,36

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

First Reading

Genesis 18:20-32

A reading from the book of Genesis

Lord, do not be angry if I speak.

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.' The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No', he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 137:1-3. 6-8. R. v.3

(R.) Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

Second Reading

Colossians 2:12-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins. He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

Gospel Acclamation

Romans 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children,
and in that Spirit we call God our Father.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 11:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Ask, and it will be given to you.

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

"Father, may your name be held holy,
your kingdom come;
give us each day our daily bread,
and forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us.
And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

Communion Antiphon

Psalm 102:2

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Heaven and Earth can coincide

People often imagine huge distance between Earth and a Heaven beyond the horizon of the universe. But Jesus Christ taught us to pray 'Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.'

How can this come about? Jesus identified two areas on which we need to focus to help make Heaven and Earth share the same space.

'Give us this day our daily bread.' This petition is very real for most inhabitants of the world – a plea for the necessities of life to stave off real hunger. If we respond to this plea, we can change a Hellish situation to a place where Heaven and Earth coincide.

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