



**LUMEN CHRISTI**  
CATHOLIC PARISH

# SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION

10 AUGUST 2025

NINETEENTH 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



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OUR PARISH



### PARISH CENTRE

#### OFFICE HOURS:

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*“Colossians proclaims  
Christ’s primacy: in Him all  
fullness dwells.”*

**Pope Leo XIV**



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

Frank Gray, Assunta Rae, Mary Isabel  
Pereira, Ziggy Laba.

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

Angela Mosley, Noel Meddows, Judith  
James, Dianne Hukins, Matthew John-  
son, Pat Carr, John Gauci, Joseph Scal-  
ia.



*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, 04 Aug: Feast of St John Vianney
- Tue, 05 Aug: Dedication Anniversary Co-Cathedral, (2011)
- Wed, 06 Aug: Transfiguration
- Thu, 07 Aug: Parish Lunch, The Builders Club Wollongong 12pm
- Fri, 08 Aug: Feast of St Mary of the Cross Mackillop
- Thu, 14 Aug: Vigil, Solemnity of the Assumption
- Fri, 15 Aug: Solemnity of the Assumption, SFX 7am & 12.10pm
- Wed, 20 Aug: Baptism Class, SFX 7pm
- Sat, 23 Aug: No Reconciliation available due to Ordination
- Sun, 24 Aug: Marriage Anniversaries Mass, SFX 2pm

## DEAR YOUNG PEOPLE — JUBILEE OF YOUTH

### Angelus Address of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV, St Peter's Square, Sunday 3 August, 2025

After this Jubilee, the "pilgrimage of hope" of young people continues and will take us to Asia! I renew the invitation that Pope Francis extended in Lisbon two years ago. Young people from all over the world will gather together with the Successor of Peter to celebrate World Youth Day in Seoul, Korea, from 3 to 8 August 2027. The theme will be "Take courage! I have overcome the world!" (Jn 16:33). It is precisely the hope that dwells in our hearts that gives us the strength to proclaim the victory of the risen Christ over evil and death; and you, young pilgrims of hope, will be witnesses of this to the ends of the earth! I look forward to seeing you in Seoul: let us continue to dream together and to hope together.

### Words of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV to Young People following Holy Mass - Jubilee of Youth, St Peter's Square, Sunday 3 August, 2025

Dear young people, I would like to offer a few final words.

Thank you again to all of you! Thank you for the music, thank you to everyone who worked to prepare so many things during this week for this Jubilee.

We have already said that the next gathering will be in Korea. A round of applause to the many Koreans in attendance!

I ask you also to bring greetings to the many young people who could not be here with us, in so many countries where it was impossible to leave. There are places from where young people could not come here, for reasons that we know.

Bring this joy, this enthusiasm to the whole world. You are salt of the earth and the light of the world! Take this greeting to all of your friends, to all of the young people who need a message of hope.

Again, thank you to all of you! And have a safe trip home.

## 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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General Manager  
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Parish Secretary  
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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](http://lumenchristi.org.au/columbarium)

# NEWS IN BRIEF

## ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is one of the most significant Marian feasts in the Church's liturgical calendar. It celebrates the moment when Mary, the Mother of Jesus, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory at the end of her earthly life.



### Thursday 14th August—Vigil Mass

Wollongong: 6:00pm

### Friday, 15th August:

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

## FATHER'S DAY INTENTIONS

Let us pray for all our fathers. Whether they are living or have been called to eternal life, you are invited to join our parish in honouring all our fathers.

If you would like to include an Intention on our list for Father's Day Go to: [lumenchristi.org.au/fathersday](http://lumenchristi.org.au/fathersday) or collect a Father's Day envelope from the doors of the church or at the parish office.

The names of the fathers given to us will be published in the Bulletin on Father's Day Sunday, September 7.

Please note that the Intention list will close 1 September.

## ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP – WITNESS OF HOPE

This weekend, parishioners will receive a *Witness of Hope* prayer card to honour **St Mary of the Cross MacKillop**, Australia's first canonised saint. Mary MacKillop dedicated her life to the education of poor children and the care of those in need. With deep faith and perseverance, she co-founded the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart and lived by the words: **"Never see a need without doing something about it."** Mary's legacy continues to inspire Australians to live with compassion, courage, and trust in God's providence. May this prayer card be a reminder of her enduring witness and the hope she brought to so many.



## THANK YOU

A big thank you to all our hospitality teams across Lumen Christi Parish in our parish churches and parish schools during Bishop Brian Mascord's Pastoral Visitation. Your warm welcome made it a grace filled experience for all.

to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful.

'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

### Communion Antiphon

**Psalm 147:12,14**

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,  
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

### REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

#### The Gospel and the Commonwealth

Jesus lived in a remote part of the Roman Empire where the majority eked out an existence. One of the few ways in which redistribution of wealth could occur was by voluntarily giving to the poor. So Jesus instructs his followers: 'Sell your possessions and give generously to those in need.'

We live in a very different society: 'The Commonwealth of Australia.' 'Common-wealth' indicates that the wealth of this nation, its people and resources, are meant to be directed to the common good.

So, we must respond to Our Lord's command in ways very different to what was possible in his day.

We have a compulsory taxation system which forces us to give up some of our possessions, some of our wealth to the common-wealth. Taxation and social justice policies help fulfil Our Lord's command to create a society more humane than anything remotely possible under the Roman Empire. And that would please Our Lord. Why?

In part because those in need are helped. But, perhaps in greater part, because it makes us larger hearted people. We have to arrive at the moment of death with a heart so capacious that it can include the billions of people we hope inhabit heavenly existence.

## THE LEGACY OF POPE FRANCIS

Bishop Brian Mascord will speak on the Legacy of Pope Francis, 2pm on Saturday, 6 September at the Xavier Centre. All are warmly invited to hear Bishop Brian Mascord reflect on the lasting impact of Pope Francis in a 40-minute presentation, followed by a Q&A session.

Free entry, but bookings essential.

Go to: [www.trybooking.com/DDQBT](http://www.trybooking.com/DDQBT)

For more information please contact:

Denis Bristow on 0412 699 929.



# THIS WEEK'S READINGS & COMMENTARY

## Entrance Antiphon

*Cf Psalm 73:20,19,22,23*

Look to your covenant, O Lord,  
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.  
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,  
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

## First Reading

*Wisdom 18:6-9*

A reading from the book of Wisdom

*Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.*

That night had been foretold to our ancestors,  
so that,  
once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in,  
they would joyfully take courage.  
This was the expectation of your people,  
the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies;  
for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes  
you made us glorious by calling us to you.  
The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret  
and this divine pact they struck with one accord:  
that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike;  
and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

## Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 32:1. 12. 18-20. 22. R. v.12*

*(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.*

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;  
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.  
They are happy, whose God is the Lord,  
the people he has chosen as his own. *(R.)*
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine. *(R.)*
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.  
The Lord is our help and our shield.  
May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you. *(R.)*

## Second Reading

*Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*We will look for the city designed and built by God.*

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended. It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead, and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

## Gospel Acclamation

*Matthew 24:42. 44*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

You know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

## Gospel

*Luke 12:32-48*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*See that you are prepared.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom. 'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. 'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.' Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says

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