



LUMEN CHRISTI
CATHOLIC PARISH

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION

24 AUGUST 2025

TWENTY-FIRST 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
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"When we welcome others with open hearts, we reveal the face of Christ; in our smiles, our listening, and our kindness, we make the Church a true home for all."
Pope Leo XIV



MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE...

Filomena Maruca, Therese Joseph, Sandra Xavier.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS...

Angela Mosley, Joyce Milan, 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

- Wed, 20 Aug: Baptism Class, SFX 7pm
- Sun, 24 Aug: Marriage Anniversaries Mass, SFX 2pm
- Tue, 26 Aug: Finance Council Meeting, Rigney Room 5pm
- Thu, 04 Sep: Parish Lunch, The Builders Club Wollongong 12pm
- Sun, 07 Sep: Candidacy for Permeant Deacons, SFX 10.30am Mass
- Sun, 07 Sep: Canonisation of Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati
- Sun, 07 Sep: Father's Day
- Sun, 07 Sep: Hospitality weekend
- Mon, 08 Sep: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Thu, 11 Sep: Catholic Mission Launch

CELEBRATING MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES

We congratulate parishioners from our parish who are celebrating significant wedding anniversaries this year. At the Significant Marriage Anniversaries Mass this Sunday in St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Bishop Brian Mascord will bless all married couples present.

This Mass is a beautiful opportunity for us as a parish family to celebrate the witness of love, faithfulness, and perseverance shown by these couples. Their commitment to each other through the joys and challenges of life is an inspiring testimony to the sacrament of marriage.

30 Years of Marriage

- Marion & Andrew Payne – (22 Apr 1995)**
- Giovanna & Sandrino Curcio – (5 Aug 1995)**
- Alison & Cameron Eaton – (23 Sept 1995)**

50 Years of Marriage

- Lorraine & Michael Tobin – (1 Mar 1975)**
- Elizabeth & Earl Swinney – (21 Mar 1975)**
- Maria & Peter Hubbard – (4 Oct 1975)**

60 Years of Marriage

- Lyn & Paul Gilbert – (20 Feb 1965)**

“Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.” — 1 Corinthians 13:7-8

Let us keep these couples in our prayers and give thanks to God for their faithful witness to the vocation of Christian marriage. We encourage all parishioners to join in this joyful celebration and to congratulate these couples for their many years of shared love, mutual support, and service to one another, to the Church, and to the wider community.

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

WOLLONGONG HOSPITAL

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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

NEWS IN BRIEF

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 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 on Father's Day Sunday, September 7.

Please note that the Intention list will close 1 September.

COMMUNION TO THE INBOUND

We are seeking parishioners who are willing to take Holy Communion to aged care centres, parishioners' homes and patients at Wollongong Hospital. This is a deeply rewarding ministry, bringing the presence of Christ to those who are unwell and often in need of comfort.

A **Parish Formation Session** for those interested will be held on **Saturday, 27 September at 9:30 am** at St Francis Xavier Cathedral Wollongong. Current and new ministers are invited to attend.

To register, please visit our formation & training page: Go to: lumenchristi.org.au/training

JUBILEE OF RECONCILIATION, ADORATION & PRAYER

In this special Year of Jubilee, we extend a warm invitation to all parishioners and visitors of our Lumen Christi Parish to gather at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, on **Thursday, 4 September**, from **6:30 pm to 7pm**, for a grace-filled evening.

This short but powerful time of Reconciliation, Adoration, and Benediction offers a precious opportunity to step away from the busyness of daily life and enter into the quiet presence of the Lord. The evening will begin with the Sacrament of Reconciliation, where we can open our hearts to God's mercy and be renewed in His love. We will then enter into Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, a time to silently reflect, pray, and rest in the presence of Christ, truly present in the Eucharist. The evening will conclude with the solemn rite of Benediction, receiving the blessing of Christ Himself as we go forth. Whether you seek forgiveness, peace, healing, or simply wish to spend time with the Lord, you are most welcome to come and share in this moment of spiritual renewal and grace.

Fr Cang



ETERNAL PEACE GROTTO NICHES

The Eternal Peace Grotto, located in the grounds of St Francis Xavier Cathedral, is a sacred space for prayer, reflection, and remembrance. Limited columbarium niches are available for the interment of the cremated remains of our loved ones, providing a dignified resting place.

Families are encouraged to make arrangements in advance to secure a niche for themselves or loved ones. If you are interested, please complete our online enquiry form at: lumenchristi.org.au/columbarium.

Once we receive your enquiry, Leanne from our parish office will contact you to arrange an appointment.

The Eternal Peace Grotto is a place of hope, peace, and eternal rest — a beautiful expression of our faith in the Resurrection.

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, **Sunday 31 August 2025**.

To register your child for the program

Go to: lumenchristi.org.au/sacramental

PARISH LUNCH

Our next Parish Lunch will be held on Thursday, 4 September 2025, at 12 pm at The Builders Club, Wollongong. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a relaxed meal together, catch up with friends, and share in great conversation. All parishioners and friends are warmly invited – just come along and join us for good food and fellowship!

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 are essential.

Go to: www.trybooking.com/DDQBT or join via zoom: <https://dowcatholic.zoom.us/j/93224045718>

For more information: Denis Bristow on 0412 699 929.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS & COMMENTARY

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 85:1-3

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

First Reading

Isaiah 66:18-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

They will gather all of your people from all nations.

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 116. R. Mk 16:15

(R.) Go out to all the world
and tell the Good News.

1. O praise the Lord, all you nations,
acclaim him all you peoples! (R.)
2. Strong is his love for us;
he is faithful for ever. (R.)

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

The Lord disciplines those he loves.

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

Gospel Acclamation

John 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 13:22-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf Psalm 103:13-15

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord;
you bring forth bread from the earth
and wine to cheer the heart.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Can the Dalai Lama be saved?

'[People] from east and west, north and south . . . will feast in the Kingdom of God.' Amongst those people, will there be Buddhists, Muslims, Hindus, atheists?

The surprising answer of Catholic Christianity is: 'Yes, but always through the working of the Holy Spirit of Our Lord Jesus Christ, who can prompt the heart of any person anywhere at any time with divine grace so that that person strives to lead a life of compassion and justice and not harming innocent creatures.' Obviously, this work of the Holy Spirit could encompass millions if not billions of people who have never heard the Gospel.

If the slogan: 'No salvation outside the Church' is taken to mean no one can be saved unless he/she is a baptised member of the Catholic Church then it is a heresy explicitly condemned by Popes.

Nevertheless, we must pray and work for the conversion of all people so that they might have the advantage of all the aids of Word and Sacrament which we draw on as direction and strength on our journey towards the destiny which God desires for each one of us.

We could pause for a moment to acknowledge the boundless mercy of God, but also praying that all peoples might share our privilege of participating in that Holy Communion which is the foretaste of the banquet prophesied by Jesus in today's Gospel.

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