



**LUMEN CHRISTI**  
CATHOLIC PARISH



# SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION

21 SEPTEMBER 2025

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 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:

Monday to Friday 8.30am — 2.00pm  
(Closed for Lunch 12pm—12.30pm)  
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*"When the heart is full,  
it cries — not weakness,  
but a profound act of  
humanity."  
Pope Leo XIV*



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

Rebecca Mansbridge, Agnes Pavlic,  
Rev Peter John Harrison, Maureen  
Gray, John (Barry) Purcell, Jock &  
Audrey Ward, Lina Marsili, Charlie  
Gauci.

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

Chiara Sirianni, 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

- Mon, 22 Sep: SFX FHC Parent Information, SFX 6.30pm
- Tue, 23 Sep: SBG FHC Parent Information, School Hall 6.30pm
- Wed, 24 Sep: GSFM FHC Parent Information, School Hall 6.30pm
- Thu, 25 Sep: Pastoral Council Meeting, Rigney Room 5pm
- Fri, 26 Sep: Term 3 concludes
- Sat, 04 Oct: Feast of St Francis of Assisi
- Mon, 06 Oct: Labour Day, Mass SFX 8am
- Mon, 13 Oct: Term 4 resumes
- Wed, 15 Oct: Baptism Class, SFX 7pm
- Sat, 18 Oct: Commitment Mass, SBG 5.30pm

## PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Jozo Frankovic and Rebecca Curtin, who have concluded their time of service on the Parish Pastoral Council. Their contributions and commitment to the life of our parish have been greatly appreciated. We wish them every blessing as they now devote more time to their young families.

## CARING FOR SACRED LINENS

The ministry of caring for the sacred linens at St Francis Xavier Cathedral is a quiet but vital service to the parish. Parishioners are invited to join a rotating roster to help wash, iron, and return altar purifiers, corporals, and altar cloths. By doing so, volunteers share in the dignity of preparing for the Eucharist and support the beauty of the liturgy. Those interested can contact Leanne at the Parish Office or speak with Sue Meehan. Special thanks is extended to those already serving faithfully in this ministry.



## BISHOP BRIAN MASCORD

We hold Bishop Brian, in our prayers as he prepares to journey on pilgrimage with staff from the Catholic Education Office this week. Following the pilgrimage, Bishop Brian will take a period of annual leave in October, a well-deserved time for rest and renewal after his many pastoral commitments. He will then return to serve at the upcoming sessions of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, representing our diocese and contributing to the wider mission of the Church in Australia. May this time away bring him renewed strength, peace, and joy to continue leading our diocese with faith and hope.

## 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  
Fairly Meadow

## PARISH EFT BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

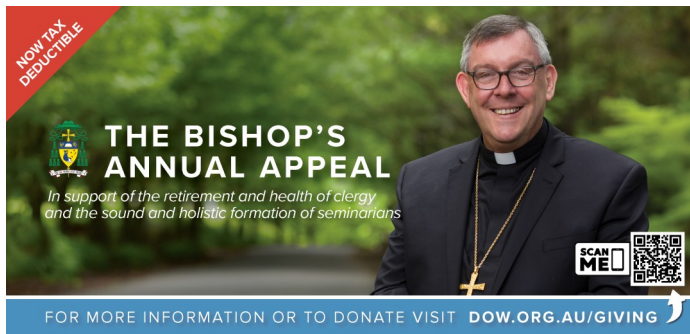
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DONATIONS & PLANNED GIVING**  
BSB: 066 711 Account: 008056  
Account Name:  
Lumen Christi Parish

**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



## BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL — 27-28 SEPTEMBER

Our parish will support Bishop Brian Mascord's Annual Appeal next weekend **27/28 September**. Your prayers and practical generosity help provide dignified care for our retired clergy and the sound formation of our seminarians—the priests of tomorrow. Bishop Brian is asking for your prayerful support and, where possible, a financial contribution to make this possible. A leaving collection will be taken up at all Masses that weekend.

To learn more or make a tax-deductible donation, visit [www.dow.org.au/giving](http://www.dow.org.au/giving) or call the Bishop's Office on **(02) 4222 2400** to make a donation over the phone.

Thank you for your support.

## TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF MGR JOHN RIGNEY MEETING ROOM

Due to the recent inclement weather, the Mgr John Rigney Room will remain closed until further notice.

We sincerely apologise for any inconvenience this will cause. If you have a meeting scheduled in the Mgr John Rigney Room, we kindly ask that you please make alternative arrangements.

## COMMUNION TO THE INBOUND

A **Parish Formation Session** for those interested will be held next **Saturday, 27 September at 9:30 am** at St Francis Xavier Cathedral Wollongong. Current and new ministers are invited to attend. To register please go to: [lumenchristi.org.au/training](http://lumenchristi.org.au/training)

## WOLLONGONG WORLD TRIATHLON 15-19 OCTOBER

We have been informed that Wollongong will host the World Triathlon Championship Finals from Wednesday 15 to Sunday 19 October 2025. The event precinct and expo are centred around Lang Park / Marine Drive, with racing and activities across the foreshore. We will provide an update on accessing the Cathedral once more information has been provided.



with the news that he was about to lose his position, his catastrophic reversal of fortune, he cut a deal with his debtors to help secure his future. Jesus gave him full marks for being astute and shrewd.

Jesus laments the fact that many of his followers, 'children of the light,' are not as smart in the face of the Great Reversal – which He is inaugurating in which 'the hungry will be filled with good things and the rich sent empty away' (Mary's Magnificat). We should be using our money ('mammon') to alleviate the myriad hungers of the world, not to buy our way into Heaven, but so that we become the sort of person who will be able to enjoy the heavenly companionship of those who hungered. We could take a moment to pause and take stock of the use of our resources which are passing, so that we may be received into the eternal habitation.

## OCTOBER—MONTH OF THE ROSARY

The Month of the October is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Rosary, a devotion that draws us closer to Jesus through the intercession of His Blessed Mother. The Rosary invites us to reflect on the mysteries of Christ's life, death, and resurrection, and to bring our personal intentions before God in prayer.

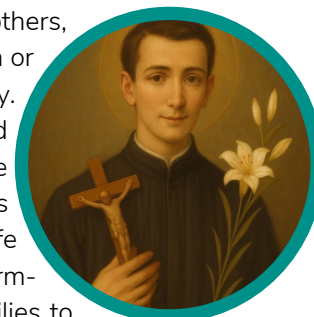


During this special month, parishioners are warmly invited to gather and pray the Rosary together **after the 9.30am Mass each Tuesday in October** at **St John Vianney Co-Cathedral Fairy Meadow**.

## MASS FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS

A special Mass with the Blessing for Expectant Mothers will be held on **Tuesday 14 October at 9:30am** in **St John Vianney Co-Cathedral, Fairy Meadow**.

This Mass will be offered for all mothers, especially those preparing to give birth or experiencing difficulties in pregnancy. The blessing is linked to St Gerard Majella (1726–1755), known as "The Mothers' Saint," whose intercession is sought for unborn children, safe delivery, and mothers in need. We warmly encourage all parishioners and families to join us in this grace-filled celebration followed by a cuppa!



## WITNESS OF HOPE—CAROLINE CHISHOLM

This weekend collect your Witness of Hope prayer card featuring Caroline Chisholm. Known as the "Emigrant's Friend," Caroline devoted her life to supporting immigrants and families in need, offering practical care and Christian compassion. May her witness inspire us to live with generosity and hope in our own lives.

# THIS WEEK'S READINGS & COMMENTARY

## Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.  
Should they cry to me in any distress,  
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

## First Reading

**Amos 8:4-7**

A reading from the prophet Amos

*The Lord God spoke against those who buy the poor for money.*

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy  
and try to suppress the poor people of the country,  
you who say, "When will New Moon be over  
so that we can sell our corn,  
and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat?  
Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel,  
by swindling and tampering with the scales,  
we can buy up the poor for money,  
and the needy for a pair of sandals,  
and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.'  
The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob,  
'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 112:1-2. 4-8. R. see vv.1. 7**

**(R.)** Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

1. Praise, O servants of the Lord,  
praise the name of the Lord!  
May the name of the Lord be blessed  
both now and for evermore! **(R.)**
2. High above all nations is the Lord,  
above the heavens his glory.  
Who is like the Lord, our God,  
who has risen on high to his throne  
yet stoops from the heights to look down,  
to look down upon heaven and earth? **(R.)**
3. From the dust he lifts up the lowly,  
from the dungheap he raises the poor  
to set him in the company of princes,  
yes, with the princes of his people. **(R.)**

## Second Reading

**1 Timothy 2:1-8**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

*Let prayers be offered to God for everyone; he wants all people to be saved.*

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have

been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans. In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

## Gospel Acclamation

**2 Corinthians 8:9**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,  
to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

## Gospel

**Luke 16:1-13**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes."

'Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty."

'The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.

'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

## Communion Antiphon

**Psalm 118:4-5**

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;  
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

## REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

### Reversal of Fortunes

Jesus, surprisingly, found something appealing about this steward who was in the rapacious lending business. What was it? Faced

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