



LUMEN CHRISTI
CATHOLIC PARISH

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28 SEPTEMBER 2025

26TH 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:

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*"The parish priest is the heart of the parish, guiding God's people with the Word, the Sacraments, and love."
Pope Leo XIV*



MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE...

Antonio Franceschini, Elisabetta Rossi.

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

- Thu, 02 Oct: Jubilee Adoration, Prayer & Reconciliation SFX 6.30pm
- Mon, 06 Oct: Labour Day, Mass SFX 8am
- Mon, 13 Oct: Term 4 resumes
- Tue, 14 Oct: GSFM Year 3 Parish Mass Attendance
- Wed, 15 Oct: Baptism Class, SFX 7pm
- Thu, 16 Oct: SBG Year 3 Parish Mass Attendance
- Sat, 18 Oct: Commitment Mass, SBG 5.30pm
- Sun, 19 Oct: World Mission Sunday
- Sun, 19 Oct: Catholic Mission Appeal for World Missions
- Sun, 19 Oct: Communion Commitment Mass, SJV 8.30am

FR BERNARD GORDON APPOINTED DEAN OF ST FRANCIS CATHEDRAL AND PARISH PRIEST OF LUMEN CHRISTI PARISH

Bishop Brian Mascord has appointed Fr Bernard Gordon as Parish Priest of Lumen Christi Parish, Wollongong. His installation will take place during the **10:30am Mass on Sunday, 16th November 2025 at St Francis Xavier Cathedral**. All parishioners and visitors are warmly invited to join this special celebration, which will be followed by a sausage sizzle in the Cathedral grounds. We offer our warm congratulations to Fr Bernard Gordon.



PRIESTLY ORDINATIONS

Bishop Mascord has announced that Deacons Darren McDowell, Sinh Le, and Joseph Nguyen will be ordained to the Priesthood for the Diocese of Wollongong by Bishop Brian Mascord. The ordination will take place at **10am on Saturday, 13th December 2025 at All Saints Church, Shellharbour**. This is a moment of grace for our diocese as these men answer God's call to serve His people as priests. Darren, Sinh, and Joseph have each walked a journey of prayer, formation, and dedication, and now they prepare to offer their lives in the service of Christ and His Church. Please keep them and their families in your intentions, and join us in praying that their priestly ministry will be filled with joy, courage, and fidelity to the Gospel.

BISHOP OF WOLLONGONG

Most Reverend Brian G Mascord,
Diocesan Bishop

PARISH STAFF

Very Reverend Bernard L Gordon,
Vicar General, Dean of the Cathedral
& Parish Priest

Reverend Cang Tran,
Assistant Priest

Kevin Galea,
General Manager

Leanne Burlin,
Parish Secretary

Patricia Di Leva,
Administration Assistant

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Principal, St Brigid's Gwynneville

Pauline Chrostowski,
Principal, Good Samaritan
Fairy Meadow

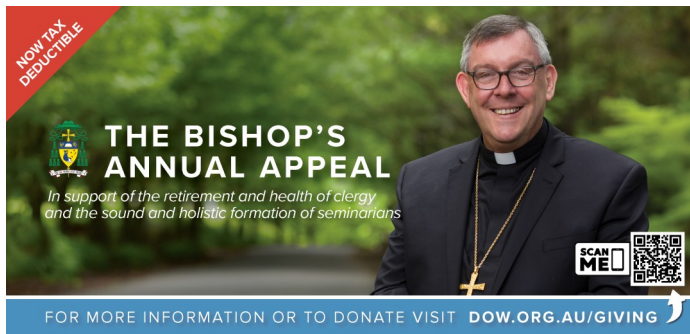
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ACCOUNT DETAILS

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

NEWS IN BRIEF



BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL — THIS WEEKEND 27-28 SEPTEMBER

Our parish will support Bishop Brian Mascord's Annual Appeal this 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.

Thank you to our seminarians Anthony Rewak, Quy Tran and Joshua Lee who will be speaking to us about the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Their presence among us is a blessing, and their words have reminded us of the importance of supporting the mission of the Church through this appeal.

To learn more or make a tax-deductible donation, visit 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.

MGR JOHN RIGNEY MEETING ROOM

The Mgr John Rigney Room has now reopened. Thank you for your patience during necessary renewal work. The room is once again available for parish meetings and gatherings. Please ensure that you book your meetings through the Parish Office.

WORLD TRIATHLON ACCESS TO THE CATHEDRAL 16-19 OCTOBER

Wollongong will host the World Triathlon Championship Finals from Thursday, 16 October to Sunday, 19 October 2025. During this time, access to St Francis Xavier Cathedral will be limited. The organisers have met with the Diocese and Parish and advised that entry to the Cathedral will only be via Market Street, Wollongong, through the one-way access point. Traffic control will be in place at the entry 30 minutes prior to all scheduled Masses as they will continue at their usual times. Please allow additional time when travelling to the Cathedral. We thank you for your patience and understanding.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate Insects, Heaven and Hell

The rich man ('Dives') is so totally self-absorbed in the self-indulgence of his wealth that he does not even notice poor Lazarus at his gate. He created such a huge chasm between himself and the poor that not one crumb of food or companionship could cross over to Lazarus.

This chasm, created by Dives, was fixed at the moment of his death so that not one part of the life of Paradise could cross over to him – not even a drop of water. Hell is not a punishment sent by God. It is simply the continuation of the Divide which some have chosen as that which defines who they are. Hell is of our own making.

We could pause for a moment to check that we are making such choices that we become amongst those 'carried gently by the angels into Paradise'.

OCTOBER—MONTH OF THE ROSARY

The Month of October is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Rosary, a devotion that draws us closer to Jesus through the intercession of His Blessed Mother. 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**.



We warmly encourage all parishioners and families to join us in this grace-filled celebration followed by a cuppa!

JUBILEE OF RECONCILIATION, ADORATION & PRAYER

In this special Year of Jubilee, we warmly invite all parishioners and visitors to join us at **St Francis Xavier Cathedral** this **Thursday, 2 October**, from **6:30pm to 7pm** for a grace-filled evening of Reconciliation, Adoration, and Benediction.

This is a precious opportunity to step away from the busyness of daily life, encounter God's mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, spend time in silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, and receive the Lord's Benediction. All are welcome to share in this moment of peace, healing, and renewal.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS & COMMENTARY

Entrance Antiphon

Daniel 3:31,29,30,43,42

All that you have done to us, O Lord,
you have done with true judgement,
for we have sinned against you
and not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name
and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

First Reading

Amos 6:1. 4-7

A reading from the prophet Amos

You who give yourself to licentiousness and revelry will be exiled.

The almighty Lord says this:

Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion
and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria.
Lying on ivory beds
and sprawling on their divans,
they dine on lambs from the flock,
and stall-fattened veal;
they bawl to the sound of the harp,
they invent new instruments of music like David,
they drink wine by the bowlful,
and use the finest oil for anointing themselves,
but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all.
That is why they will be the first to be exiled;
the sprawlers' revelry is over.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145:6-10. R. v.2

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **(R.)**
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. **(R.)**
3. He upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Timothy 6:11-16

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

Obey the commandments until the coming of the Lord.

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth

in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,

who at the due time will be revealed
by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all,
the King of kings and the Lord of lords,
who alone is immortal,
whose home is in inaccessible light,
whom no man has seen and no man is able to see:
to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

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 16:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

During your life good things came your way just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted while you are in agony.

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things come your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours."

'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning, so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."

Communion Antiphon

Cf Psalm 118:49-50

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,
by which you have given me hope.

This is my comfort when I am brought low.

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