



LUMEN CHRISTI
CATHOLIC PARISH

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION

12 OCTOBER 2025

28TH 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



SUPPORT
OUR PARISH



PARISH CENTRE

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Friday 8.30am — 2.00pm
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Community Life

"And over all these put on love" Colossians 3:14

Building unity through God's love in all we do.



MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE...

Deceased clergy of our parish, Jason Muscat, Wilfred Moon, Maria Di Bono.

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, 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: Commitment Mass, SJV 8.30am
- Sun, 19 Oct: Commitment Mass, SFX 10.30am
- Tue, 21 Oct: GSFM Year 3 Parish Mass Attendance

WORLD TRIATHLON ACCESS TO THE CATHEDRAL 16-19 OCTOBER

Wollongong will host the World Triathlon Championship Finals from this **Thursday, 16 October to Sunday, 19 October 2025**. During this time, access to St Francis Xavier Cathedral will be limited. **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 which will continue at their usual times. Please allow additional time when travelling to the Cathedral. We thank you for your patience and understanding.

MASS FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS

This **Tuesday 14th October at 9.30am** in **St John Vianney Co-Cathedral Fairy Meadow** a Mass will be offered with the Blessing for Expectant Mothers. We warmly encourage all parishioners and families to join us in this grace-filled celebration followed by a cuppa! This weekend, parishioners will receive a prayer card for Expectant Mother's through the intercession of **St Gerard Majella**, patron of mothers.



ALL SAINTS' DAY & ALL SOULS' DAY MASSES

ALL SAINTS DAY, SATURDAY 1ST NOVEMBER

St Francis Xavier Cathedral:
7am Mass, 11am Reconciliation & Mass 12.10pm

ALL SOULS DAY, SUNDAY 2ND NOVEMBER

Usual Sunday Mass Times.

NOVEMBER MASSES

To have Mass offered for your deceased relatives, friends, and benefactors, please print their names clearly on an envelope. Names will be published in the Book of the Dead. You can obtain envelopes at the church doors and office or Go to: lumenchristi.org.au/NovemberMass

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

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

NEWS IN BRIEF

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. We are calling for parishioners to assist in this ministry. Volunteers are invited to join a rotating roster to help wash, iron, and return altar purifiers, corporals, and altar cloths. By doing so, you share in preparing for the Holy Eucharist and thus help support the beauty of the liturgy. Please contact Leanne at the Parish Office or speak with Sue Meehan.

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.**

PARISH HYMNALS

We are grateful for the many positive comments we have received from parishioners and across the Diocese about the beauty and quality of our new parish hymnals. They have truly enriched our worship and helped lift our voices in praise. Our new hymnals are also lighter and easier to handle, making them more convenient for all parishioners to use.

Unfortunately, it seems that a small number of hymnals have gone missing along the way. **We kindly ask all parishioners to ensure that hymnals remain in the church and are returned to their place after each Mass.**

BISHOPS ANNUAL APPEAL—THANK YOU

Thank you for your generous support of the recent Appeal collection. In addition to the donations made online, a gift of **\$4,000.45** has been forwarded to Bishop Brian as our parish's response to his appeal.

Your support will assist priests who are unwell, provide care for our retired clergy, and contribute to the formation of our seminarians — ensuring the ongoing life and mission of the Church in our Diocese.

THANK YOU

Last week, clergy from across the Diocese gathered in Mittagong for the annual retreat, a time of prayer, reflection, and spiritual renewal. I would like to sincerely thank Fr Anthony Ha and Fr Joseph Pothenparampil for continuing the liturgical timetable in the parish during my and Fr Cang's absence. Your faithful service and support are deeply appreciated.

Fr Bernard

ST TERESA OF CALCUTTA

An image of Saint Teresa of Calcutta will soon find its home in our Cathedral. This image has been generously donated through the kindness of an anonymous donor, for which we are deeply grateful. It will be placed in a visible space within the Cathedral to inspire all who enter to follow Christ with a heart full of love.

Saint Teresa, affectionately known to the world as Mother Teresa, is one of the most beloved saints of our time. Born in 1910 in Skopje (present-day North Macedonia), she entered religious life with the Sisters of Loreto before founding the Missionaries of Charity in Calcutta, India. From the crowded streets and slums, she ministered tirelessly to the poorest of the poor—those abandoned, sick, hungry, or forgotten by society. With only a simple white sari and rosary beads in hand, she showed the world what it means to live the Gospel: to serve Christ in the “distressing disguise” of the poor.

Her spirituality was rooted in deep prayer and an unwavering trust in God's providence. She often reminded the world that “faithfulness, not success” is what God asks of us. Her life was marked by extraordinary humility, yet also by a courage and strength that came from her absolute conviction that every human being is a child of God, infinitely loved.

Canonized as a saint by Pope Francis in 2016, Saint Teresa continues to inspire Christians and non-Christians alike across the globe. Her simple yet powerful words — “Do small things with great love” — are a guiding light for our parish community of Lumen Christi. Just as she brought comfort, dignity, and love to those in need, we too are called to bring Christ's presence into the lives of others, whether in our homes, our schools, our workplaces, or our neighbourhoods.

This new image in the Cathedral will not only honour her legacy, but will also stand as a challenge to us. It will remind us that holiness is not found in grand gestures but in everyday acts of kindness, in being present to those who are lonely, in feeding the hungry, in visiting the sick, and in building a community where Christ's love is made visible.

At a later date, the image will be solemnly blessed in the Cathedral. This blessing will mark its dedication as a focal point for prayer and inspiration for generations to come.

We pray that through the intercession and example of Saint Teresa of Calcutta, our parish community may grow ever more faithful to Christ, revealing his light through our deeds of love and lives of service.

“If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one.” – St. Teresa of Calcutta

THIS WEEK'S READINGS & COMMENTARY

Entrance Antiphon

Psalm 129:3-4

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.

First Reading

2 Kings 5:14-17

A reading from the second book of the Kings

Naaman returned to Elisha, the prophet, and acknowledged the Lord.

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said, 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2

(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. (R.)
2. The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. (R.)
3. All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy. (R.)

Second Reading

2 Timothy 2:8-13

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.

Remember the Good News that I carry. 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:

If we have died with him, then we shall live with him.
If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him.

If we disown him, then he will disown us.
We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful,
for he cannot disown his own self.

Gospel Acclamation

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

For all things give thanks to God,
because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 17:11-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to God except this foreigner.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf Psalm 33:11

The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Leprosy, AIDS and Salvation

Like the other nine lepers, the Samaritan was cured of his skin disease. Unlike the other nine, he thanked Jesus and expressed faith in Jesus as the agent of his divine healing. Only to him did Jesus say: 'Your faith has brought you salvation.'

So, 'salvation' is evidently more than physical cure. Every aspect of this man's personality, bodily, socially, relationship with God, was made whole. Being brought to this 'holistic' situation we call 'salvation'.

This Gospel assures us that there is nothing which makes me 'taboo' to Jesus. Jesus is only too willing to reach out to that part of me which is dis-eased, ill-at-ease with myself, other people, creation, or God. Having faith in Him allows the full force of His love to heal me, to take effect.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we might join the Samaritan walking along the road to final salvation, praising God.]

MASS COUNTS—NOVEMBER 2025

The Diocese has commenced its annual Mass Count across all parishes. In Lumen Christi Parish, the Mass Count will be taken at all Masses in November.

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