



LUMEN CHRISTI
CATHOLIC PARISH

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION

26 OCTOBER 2025

30TH 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
(Closed for Lunch 12pm—12.30pm)
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MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE...

Dr Peter Floro, William McCormack,
Mike Laigo, Ruth Brimbey Uy.

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.

Community Life

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

"We, though many, are one
body in Christ."



*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

- Sun, 26 Oct: World Mission Appeal
- Tue, 28 Oct: GSFM Year 3 Parish Mass Attendance
- Thu, 30 Oct: SBG Year 3 Parish Mass Attendance
- Thu, 30 Oct: Sacramental Program Session 1, SFX 3.45pm
- Fri, 31 Oct: Bishop Brian, Priestly Ordination Anniversary (1992)
- Sat, 01 Nov: All Saints, SFX 12.10pm
- Sun, 02 Nov: All Souls, Usual Sunday Masses
- Sun, 02 Nov: Hospitality weekend
- Tue, 04 Nov: GSFM Year 3 Parish Mass Attendance
- Tue, 04 Nov: Finance Council Meeting

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

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
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

WORLD MISSION APPEAL 2025

Last weekend the universal Church celebrated World Mission Sunday, a special day of prayer and support for the missionary work of the Church throughout the world.

This year's Mission appeal reminds us of our shared call to bring Christ's love and mercy to those most in need—especially in communities experiencing poverty, conflict, and isolation.

Through your prayers and generosity, you help missionaries and local Church workers continue their life-giving outreach—bringing hope, education, medical care, and faith to vulnerable communities.

Envelopes are available at the church doors and pews. The Mission Appeal and leaving collection will take place this weekend, Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 October. Please contribute generously.

Thank you for your support.



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/mission



FIRST AID TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

To maintain a team of qualified First Aid Officers within our parish, we are organising a First Aid course open to parishioners who wish to gain or refresh their first aid skills.

If you are interested in participating, please register your interest online by going to: lumenchristi.org.au/training or contact the parish office on 4211 0500.

Training will be conducted at a later date at Wollongong First Aid Unanderra.



NEWS IN BRIEF

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.

Readings for next Sunday will be as follows:

First Reading: Job 19:1, 23–27

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 22. R. v.1 or v.4 (R.)

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading: Romans 5:5–11

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 11:25

Gospel: Matthew 5:1–12

Communion Antiphon (Mass 1): Cf. John 11:25–26

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. Envelopes at the church doors, parish office or Go to: lumenchristi.org.au/NovemberMass

LAKESIDE MEMORIAL PARK

All Souls' Mass at Lakeside Memorial Park, 230 Kanahooka Road, Dapto, will be held on Saturday, **8 November**, celebrated by Bishop Brian Mascord. Please RSVP to Lakeside (02) 4261 1200 .

THE PROMISE REFLECTIONS

This Advent and Christmas, discover *The Promise: Advent and Christmas Daily Reflections 2025* books are now available from the Parish Office for **\$3.00each**.

YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

The St Brigid's Young Adults choir sings at the 9am Gwynneville Mass on the first Sunday of every month. You are warmly invited to join us at these Masses, and to enjoy coffee and fellowship afterwards—and perhaps lend your voice too!

UOW Catholic Society also hosts a weekly Mass and Lunch on campus during semester. All students, staff, and young adults are welcome to attend: **12.30pm on Thursdays in the Clubs Room**. See @uowcathsoc for details of our upcoming retreat day. **Contact Ed on 0479087572** if you want to know more.

JUBILEE OF RECONCILIATION, ADORATION & PRAYER

All parishioners and visitors are warmly invited to join us at St Francis Xavier Cathedral on Thursday, 6 November, from 6:30pm to 7:00pm for an evening of Reconciliation, Adoration, and Benediction.

Take this special opportunity to pause, encounter God's mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and spend time in silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

DR PETER FLORO—RIP

It is with deep sadness that we share the news of the passing of Dr Peter Floro on Monday, 14 October 2025.

Dr Floro was a well-known and very respected General Practitioner in Wollongong, whose dedication, compassion, and care touched the lives of many within our local community and beyond. Through his many years of service, he brought comfort and healing to countless families, earning the admiration and affection of his patients and colleagues alike.

He was the beloved husband of Kerrie, and loving father of Benjamin, Kate, and Alicia Floro. Dr Floro will be remembered not only for his professional excellence but also for his kindness, generosity, and devotion to his family and faith.

We keep Kerrie, Benjamin, Kate, Alicia, and all who mourn his loss in our prayers during this time.

The Requiem Funeral Mass for Dr Peter Floro will be celebrated at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong, on Thursday, 30 October at 11am.

May the Lord grant him eternal rest and peace. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

Fr Bernard

INSTALLATION OF FR BERNARD GORDON AS PARISH PRIEST

We invite all parishioners to join us for this joyful occasion on **Sunday, 16 November at the 10:30 am Mass at St Francis Xavier Cathedral**, celebrated by Bishop Brian Mascord.

Let us come together in prayer and thanksgiving as we ask God's blessing upon Fr Bernard in his ministry of leadership and service among us.



THIS WEEK'S READINGS & COMMENTARY

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 104:3-4

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

First Reading

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens.

The Lord is a judge
who is no respecter of personages.
He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man,
he listens to the plea of the injured party.
He does not ignore the orphan's supplication,
nor the widow's as she pours out her story.
The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted,
his petitions will carry to the clouds.
The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds,
until it arrives he is inconsolable
nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him,
acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement.
And the Lord will not be slow,
nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:2-3, 17-19, 23, R. v.7

(R.) The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The just call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress. (R.)
3. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. (R.)

Second Reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

All that remains is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing. The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave

me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

2 Corinthians 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 18:9-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The publican returned to his home justified; the pharisee did not.

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else, 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf Psalm 19:6

We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Standing in the Humus of Life

This parable begins 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray'. But only one of them actually prayed: 'God be merciful to me, a sinner'. The other informs God how well he is doing in the piety stakes. Notice that he strings together a whole lot of verbs, all in the first person singular! This means he is in mortal danger of staying in the first person singular after death, which is Hellish.

The other is said to be 'humble'. I like the English companion word: 'humus'. He is well-grounded, knows where he is standing, sometimes in the manure of life.

It takes courage and humility to admit to God exactly where we stand. We can do so in Confession, or less formally simply praying: 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner'.

We could pause for a moment to humbly pray so that we may hope to hear Our Lord say: 'This woman, this man, this boy, this girl, went home at rights with God.'

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