



LUMEN CHRISTI
CATHOLIC PARISH

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9 NOVEMBER 2025

DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA



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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Community Life

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

*"In community, we encounter
Christ in one another."*



MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE...

Deceased parishioners of our parish,
Allan Kelley Griffiths.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS...

Lorraine Cook, 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

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

- Tue, 11 Nov: GSFM, Feast of All Benedictine Saints, Mass SJV 9.30am
- Tue, 11 Nov: GSFM Year 3 Parish Mass Attendance
- Thu, 13 Nov: SBG Retreat Day
- Thu, 13 Nov: SBG Year 3 Parish Mass Attendance
- Thu, 13 Nov: Sacramental Program Session 3, SFX 3.45pm
- Sat, 15 Nov: St Brigid's First Holy Communion, SBG 5.30pm
- Sun, 16 Nov: Good Samaritan, First Holy Communion, SJV 8.30am
- Sun, 16 Nov: Fr Bernard Gordon, Installation Mass SFX, 10.30am
- Wed, 19 Nov: Baptism Class, SFX 7pm
- Thu, 20 Nov: Sacramental Program Session 4, SFX 3.45pm

INSTALLATION OF FR BERNARD GORDON AS PARISH PRIEST AND DEAN OF ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHEDRAL

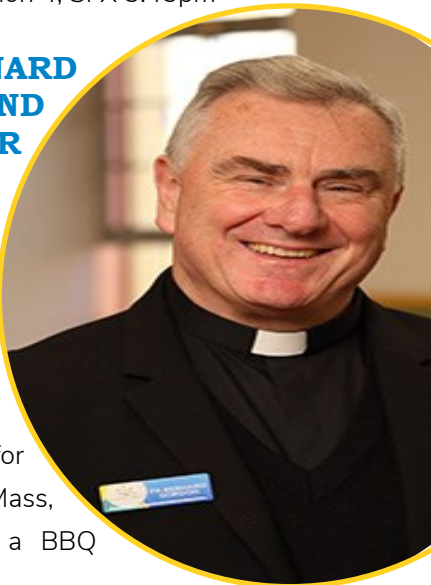
Next Sunday, 16 November, Bishop Brian Mascord, Bishop of Wollongong will install Fr Bernard Gordon as Parish Priest of Lumen Christi Parish and Dean of St Francis Xavier Cathedral.

All parishioners are warmly invited to join us for this special occasion at the 10:30 am Mass, celebrated by Bishop Brian, followed by a BBQ sausage sizzle in the Cathedral grounds.

This installation marks a significant milestone in the life of our parish. The Diocese of Wollongong was established in 1951. As of 1952, Bishop Thomas McCabe became the first Bishop of Wollongong and also served as Parish Priest of St Francis Xavier Cathedral Parish, a tradition that has continued until this year with Bishop Brian's decision to appoint a parish priest in his place.

Lumen Christi (Light of Christ) Parish is the Catholic parish of central Wollongong, encompassing St Francis Xavier Cathedral (Wollongong), St John Vianney Co-Cathedral (Fairy Meadow), St Brigid's Church (Gwynneville), and Mater Dolorosa Church (Balgownie).

As we celebrate this new chapter in the life of our parish, let us pray for Fr Bernard and for the continued growth of our parish family in faith, hope, and love. Special thanks to Bishop Brian for his work as our parish priest over these last eight years. May God bless him abundantly as he serves as the Bishop of our beautiful Diocese.



NEWS IN BRIEF

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/November Mass

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**.

PILGRIMAGE OF THE MIGRANT JUBILEE CROSS

The Pilgrimage of the Migrant Jubilee Cross is an initiative of the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office and a wonderful opportunity for the Catholic Church in Australia to mark the Jubilee of Migrants. The Cross will arrive at St Francis Xavier Cathedral on **Friday, 21 November for the 12.10pm Mass**, and will depart on Sunday, 23 November after the 5.00pm Mass for details on the pilgrimage visit dow.sh/mjc.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion will be celebrated for many of our young parishioners on **Sunday, 16 November at 8.30am St John Vianney, Fairy Meadow** (parishioners are invited to morning tea after the Mass), **Saturday, 15 & 22 November at 5.30pm, St Brigid's, Gwynneville**, and **Sunday, 23 November at 10.30am & 5pm St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong**.

Please keep these children and their families in your prayers during this special time. May they grow in their love for Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, find joy in sharing His life with others, and always remain close to Him in faith, hope, and love. May this sacred milestone deepen their friendship with Christ and strengthen the bonds of our parish family.

FEAST OF ALL BENEDICTINE SAINTS

The Feast of All Benedictine Saints will be celebrated on **Tuesday, 11 November**, with Mass offered **9.30am at St John Vianney Co-Cathedral, Fairy Meadow**. This special celebration honours all saints who have lived according to the Rule of St Benedict. We give thanks for their example of prayer, work, and community life, and we pray that the Benedictine spirit of peace, hospitality, and service may continue to guide and inspire us.

At the beginning of St John's Gospel, we usually translate it to read that the Word of God 'became flesh and dwelt amongst us'. (John 1:14) The Greek word translated 'dwelt' could be better translated 'pitched his tent among us'! The Divine Presence is once again travelling around, this time embodied in Jesus of Nazareth. He personally is the true tent of God's Presence. Death temporarily dismantled this tent but, as our Lord foresaw, the tent would be raised again in three days. There is another way in which God's Presence is especially focused in the world, namely in you and me! St Paul calls the Christian community at Corinth: 'A holy building or temple in which God's Spirit dwells.' Does our parish, does our Church, rise to the challenge and act in ways which reveal to the world who we are: Tabernacles of God's Presence in the world, Tents in whom God has chosen to dwell.

CATHOLIC MISSION—THANK YOU

Catholic Mission sincerely thanks all parishioners of Lumen Christi Parish for the generosity in supporting the Church in Zambia and missionaries such as Sr Jane and Kayula. Lumen Christi Parishioners raised **\$7,645.30**. Your kindness helps women like Sharon gain skills to support their families, mothers like Grace give birth with dignity, and supports Church programs bringing hope to communities around the world.



DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST LAUNCH

The Diocese of Wollongong invites men of all ages to the launch of the Men's Prayer Breakfast Series, a new initiative designed to encourage and support one another in faith and mission.

Enjoy a breakfast buffet, a time of shared prayer and reflection, and an inspiring talk from guest speaker Peter Abela. The event will be held at the Xavier Conference Centre, 38 Harbour Street, Wollongong, and is organised by the Office of Renewal and Evangelisation in collaboration with menALIVE.

For more information, contact Helen Bennett at Bishop's Office on 4222 2403 or email helen.bennett@dow.org.au

THIS WEEK'S READINGS & COMMENTARY

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Revelation 21:2

I saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem,
coming down out of heaven from God,
prepared like a bride adorned for her husband.

First Reading

Ezekiel 47:1-2. 8-9. 12

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

*I see water flowing from the temple and all who were
touched by it were saved.*

The angel brought me to the entrance of the Temple, where a stream came out from under the Temple threshold and flowed eastwards, since the Temple faced east. The water flowed from under the right side of the Temple, south of the altar. He took me out by the north gate and led me right round outside as far as the outer east gate where the water flowed out on the right-hand side. The man went to the east holding his measuring line and measured off a thousand cubits; he then made me wade across the stream; the water reached my ankles. He measured off another thousand and made me wade across the stream again; the water reached my knees. He measured off another thousand and made me wade across again; the water reached my waist. He measured off another thousand; it was now a river which I could not cross; the stream had swollen and was now deep water, a river impossible to cross. He then said, 'Do you see, son of man?' He took me further, then brought me back to the bank of the river. When I got back, there were many trees on each bank of the river. He said, 'This water flows east down to the Arabah and to the sea; and flowing into the sea it makes its waters wholesome. Wherever the river flows, all living creatures teeming in it will live. Fish will be very plentiful, for wherever the water goes it brings health, and life teems wherever the river flows. Along the river, on either bank, will grow every kind of fruit tree with leaves that never wither and fruit that never fails; they will bear new fruit every month, because this water comes from the sanctuary. And their fruit will be good to eat and the leaves medicinal.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 45:2-3. 5-6. 8-9. R. v.5

(R.) The waters of the river gladden the city of God.

1. God is for us a refuge and strength,
a helper close at hand, in time of distress:
so we shall not fear though the earth should rock,
though the mountains fall into the depths of the sea. *(R.)*
2. The waters of a river give joy to God's city,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.
God is within, it cannot be shaken;
God will help it at the dawning of the day. *(R.)*
3. The Lord of hosts is with us:
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
Come, consider the works of the Lord,
the redoubtable deeds he has done on the earth. *(R.)*

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 3:9-11. 16-17

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

You are the temple of God.

You are God's building. By the grace God gave me, I succeeded as an architect and laid the foundations, on which someone else is doing the building. Everyone doing the building must work carefully. For the foundation, nobody can lay any other than the one which has already been laid, that is Jesus Christ.

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Gospel Acclamation

2 Chronicles 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

I have chosen and sanctified this house, says the Lord,
that my name may remain in it for all time.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 2:13-22

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

He spoke about the temple of his own body.

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market'. Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up'. The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

Communion Antiphon

Cf 1 Pet 2:5

Be built up like living stones,
into a spiritual house, a holy priesthood.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Tents of God's Presence

The tabernacle in our churches should look like a tent with a cloth covering and 'tent flaps' at the front.

Why a tent? Because when the Jewish people escaped slavery in Egypt, they wandered through the wilderness for forty years carrying a tent where God's presence was especially strongly experienced. It was where they went for guidance and to pray for protection – to the travelling dwelling place of God.

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