



LUMEN CHRISTI
CATHOLIC PARISH

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16 NOVEMBER 2025

33RD 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
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MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE...

Deceased parishioners of our parish,
Ron Mascord, Bernard Gordon, snr, Jan
Coulson, Secondo Mancini, Alfred
Cachia.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS...

Fr John Pickering, Lorraine Cook,
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

"Love is the bond that unites
our parish community."



*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

- Wed, 19 Nov: Baptism Class, SFX 7pm
- Thu, 20 Nov: Sacramental Program Session 4, SFX 3.45pm
- Sat, 22 Nov: Diocesan Catechist Mass, SFX 9.30am
- Sat, 22 Nov: St Brigid's First Holy Communion, SBG 5.30pm
- Sun, 23 Nov: Feast of Christ the King
- Sun, 23 Nov: First Holy Communion, SFX 10.30am & 5pm
- Sun, 30 Nov: First Sunday of Advent - Year A
- Sun, 30 Nov: St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal 2025
- Wed, 03 Dec: Feast of St Francis Xavier
- Sat, 06 Dec: Jubilee Feast Day Celebration, SFX 11am - 1pm

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025

This and next weekend, 69 students from our parish will receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion — a joyful milestone in their journey of faith. We give thanks for the gift of these young parishioners and pray that their love for Jesus in the Eucharist will continue to grow throughout their lives.



Congratulations to Ari, Abigail, Alessia, Annabel, Annabelle, Archer, Archie, Ava, Bally, Beau, Ben, Brielle, Cameron, Caroline, Charlie, Chris, Della, Delta, Eleanor, Elias, Emmett, Esther, Evelyn, Evie, Finlay, Georgia, Giselle, Giulio, Henry, Hope, Imogen, Imogen, Isaac, Isabel, Isabel, Jack, Jack, Jada, Jarryd, Jaxon, Jayden, Kiara, Leo, Levi, Lewis, Liam, Luca, Lucas, Mabel, Madeleine, Maggie, Magnus, Maisie, Max, Miles, Owen, Ozzy, Quinn, Riley, Ruby, Ryan, Sebastian, Sofia, Sophie, Thomas, Timothy, Violet.

We congratulate the students from Good Samaritan Catholic Primary School, Fairy Meadow, St Brigid's Catholic Primary School, Gwynneville, and our Parish Catechists Program who have been preparing so beautifully for this special day.

A sincere thank you to our School Principals, Assistant Principals, Religious Education Coordinators, Teachers, Catechists, and Sacramental Teams for their dedication and care in preparing the children for this sacred celebration. I ask for you to pray for the children this prayer.

A Prayer for Our First Holy Communion Children

Loving Jesus, bless our children as they receive You for the first time in Holy Communion. May their hearts be filled with joy, peace, and Your presence. Help them to grow in faith and love, and to always walk closely with You. **Amen.**

May this time of grace bring joy and blessing to the children and their families as they share more fully in the life of the Church.

Fr Bernard

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,
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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

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 are at the church doors, parish office or Go to: [lumenchristi.org.au/November Mass](https://lumenchristi.org.au/November%20Mass)

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**.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION TIMETABLE

Advent, a time of preparation for the joy of Christmas, invites us to renew our hearts and deepen our relationship with God. It is a season of hope, reflection, and conversion—a time to prepare not only our homes but our spirits for the coming of Christ.

As we journey through Advent, may we take time to reflect, repent, and rejoice in the gift of forgiveness that prepares us to welcome the Christ Child with pure hearts and renewed faith.

St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong

Friday 12th December 2025, 11am to 12pm

St Brigid's Church, Gwynneville

Saturday 13th December 2025, 4.45pm

Mater Dolorosa Church, Balgownie

Sunday 14th December 2025, after 10am Mass

St John Vianney Co-Cathedral, Fairy Meadow

Tuesday 16th December 2025, after 9.30am Mass

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

Today is the World Day of the Poor. It offers us an opportunity to renew our solidarity with those who are poor in our own community and across the world.

Pope Leo XIV reminds us that “the poor are not a distraction for the Church, but our beloved brothers and sisters, for by their lives, their words and their wisdom, they put us in contact with the truth of the Gospel.”

Read the full message online:

Go to: vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en.html

SVDP CHRISTMAS APPEAL

On the **First Sunday of Advent (29th/30th November)**, our annual St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal will take place in our parish. A leaving collection will be held after each Mass to support those in need in our community during the Christmas season.

Thank you for your generous, ongoing support in bringing hope to those less fortunate.

We could take a moment to pray for contemporary persecuted Christians that their faithful endurance will win their lives.

THANK YOU HOSPITALITY TEAMS

Deepest gratitude to those who assist in the mission of hospitality and providing a welcoming environment of love, acceptance, comfort, support, care, and unity for parishioners and visitors in our parish. Our final hospitality morning tea for 2025 will be **Sunday 7th December** and will resume on Sunday 1st February 2026.

JUBILEE FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

As part of the Jubilee Year 2025, all parishioners and visitors are warmly invited to gather at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong on Saturday, 6 December 2025, for a special celebration honouring our patron saint, St Francis Xavier. The schedule will be as follows:

Reconciliation from 11am followed by Mass of the Feast of St Francis Xavier at 12:10 pm and then veneration of St Francis's relic with the Litany of the Saints.

This feast invites us to reflect on St Francis Xavier's missionary spirit and his example of courage and faith in spreading the Gospel. As we continue our Jubilee journey, let us come together to give thanks, walk in faith, and be renewed in hope.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE & PARISH CAROLS 2025

Join us as we celebrate the Lighting of the Christmas Tree and Parish Carols at St Francis Xavier Cathedral on **Friday 19th December 2025 7pm to conclude at 8.30pm.**

This joyful evening brings our parish community together in song and prayer as we prepare for the coming of Christ, the Light of the World.

The Christmas tree, shining brightly, reminds us of the hope, peace, and joy that Jesus brings to our hearts and our world.

“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.” — Isaiah 9:2

All are warmly invited to share in this special parish celebration.

MIGRANT JUBILEE CROSS

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



THIS WEEK'S READINGS & COMMENTARY

Entrance Antiphon

Jeremiah 29:11,12,14

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

First Reading

Malachi 3:19-20

A reading from the prophet Malachi

The sun of righteousness will shine on you.

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97:5-9. R. see v.9

(R.) The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

1. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp
with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
acclaim the King, the Lord. **(R.)**
2. Let the sea and all within it, thunder;
the world, and all its peoples.
Let the rivers clap their hands
and the hills ring out their joy
at the presence of the Lord. **(R.)**
3. For the Lord comes,
he comes to rule the earth.
He will rule the world with justice
and the peoples with fairness. **(R.)**

Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 21:28

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lift up your heads and see;
your redemption is near at hand.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 21:5-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Your endurance will win you your life.

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said, 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' he said, 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

Communion Antiphon

Psalm 72:28

To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The Sun of Righteousness

Our prayer can tell us a lot about the image of God we really have – holding a parking spot for us, or stopping rain on the second day of the Australian Open. But, if you were in Syria, your prayerful image of God would be as a Liberator from warfare, of a Saviour from Crimes against Humanity, of a Strengthener in time of torture and impending death.

In today's Gospel, Jesus promises his persecuted followers of every age, 'Your endurance will win your lives'. As Malachi prophesied: 'the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays'.

It is our faith that, out of the darkness of the tomb, the Son of righteousness did rise with healing in His rays, bathing the world with that light which makes the world habitable for human beings.

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