



LUMEN CHRISTI
CATHOLIC PARISH

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION

23 NOVEMBER 2025

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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

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*"Jesus answered,
"Everyone who belongs to the
truth listens to My voice."
John 18:36-37*



MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE...

Deceased parishioners of our parish,
Mary Caruana, Josip Halic.

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.



*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, 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
- Sun, 07 Dec: Second Sunday of Advent - Year A
- Sun, 07 Dec: Hospitality weekend
- Mon, 08 Dec: Immaculate Conception
- Tue, 09 Dec: GSFM, End of School Year Mass, SJV 9.30am
- Fri, 12 Dec: Advent Reconciliation, SFX 11am
- Sat, 13 Dec: Advent Reconciliation SBG, 4.45pm
- Sun, 14 Dec: Third Sunday of Advent (Rose Sunday)

WITNESSES OF FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE

This weekend, we join with Bishop Brian Mascord and the Diocese of Wollongong in acknowledging the enormous contribution that Catechists make to the life and mission of the Church. Catechists are among the quiet heroes of our faith — women and men who, week after week, bring the message of the Gospel to children in our local public schools. Within our Lumen Christi Parish, we give thanks to God for our catechists who bring the light of Christ into classrooms across the region. Their ministry often goes unseen, but its impact is immeasurable — shaping hearts, planting seeds of faith, and keeping alive the story of God's love in the lives of children and families. This year, we joyfully recognise the following parishioners who have reached significant milestones and received awards at the Annual Catechist Mass with Bishop Brian:



- Jo Clark – 15 years of service and recipient of the Diploma of Catechetics*
- Susanne Cole – 15 years of service*

We also take this opportunity to express our appreciation to those who will be retiring from active ministry this year:

- Melinda Mueller – 24 years of service*
- Susanne Cole – 15 years of service*
- Ana-Maria Di Pietro – 8 years of service*
- Chris Halloway – 2 years of service*

We extend to each of them our deepest gratitude. Your faith, patience, and care have touched countless lives and left an enduring mark on our parish and school communities. A very special thanks is also extended to Patricia Calabro, our devoted Parish Catechist Coordinator, whose tireless leadership, organisation, and pastoral care have supported our catechists throughout the year. 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,
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

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 open 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

JUBILEE FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

Parishioners and visitors are warmly invited to gather at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong on **Saturday, 6 December** for a special celebration honouring our Cathedral patron, Francis Xavier.

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



CONGRATULATIONS

FR BERNARD GORDON, PARISH PRIEST & DEAN OF ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHEDRAL



THIS WEEK'S READINGS & COMMENTARY

Entrance Antiphon

Revelation 5:12; 1:6

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and divinity,
and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

First Reading

2 Samuel 5:1-3

A reading from the second book of Samuel

They anointed David king of Israel.

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel.'" So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 121:1-5. R. see v.2

(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Second Reading

Colossians 1:12-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

He has taken us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light. Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God
and the first-born of all creation,
for in him were created
all things in heaven and on earth:
everything visible and everything invisible,
Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers –
all things were created through him and for him.
Before anything was created, he existed,
and he holds all things in unity.
Now the Church is his body,
he is its head.
As he is the Beginning,
he was first to be born from the dead,
so that he should be first in every way;
because God wanted all perfection
to be found in him
and all things to be reconciled through him and for him,
everything in heaven and everything on earth,
when he made peace
by his death on the cross.

Gospel Acclamation

Mark 11:9. 10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 23:35-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Lord remember me when you come into your kingdom.

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said, 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said, 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied, 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

Communion Antiphon

Psalm 28:10-11

The Lord sits as King for ever.

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The Power of Remembering

If you memorise a tune or your 'times tables', you are said to 'know it by heart'. The sort of person who will always remember me is someone who 'knows me by heart'.

Here, a tortured criminal starts his plea: 'Jesus . . .'. This is one of only two instances where Jesus is addressed by his name which means 'The Lord saves'. The good thief went on: 'remember me when you come into Your Kingdom'. Jesus 'knows him by heart' and promises that He will re-member him in Paradise.

This is an exercise of sovereignty which befits 'Christ the King'. This is all the Kingly power which you or I will ever need, but to confidently invoke it we need to position ourselves alongside Jesus, like the 'good thief'. We do this by our practical concern for the poor and by coming to Mass which re-members the Body of Christ.

We could pause for a moment to pray: 'Jesus, remember me, know me by heart, for when you do I will be in Paradise.'

SVDP CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Next Sunday 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.

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