



LUMEN CHRISTI
CATHOLIC PARISH

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION

11 JANUARY 2026

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD, A

“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased”. — Matthew 3:17

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Jesus is baptised in the Jordan, and the Father proclaims, “This is my beloved Son.” As we recall our own baptism, please invite anyone seeking baptism for their child to visit: lumenchristi.org.au/baptism for details.

PARISH CALENDAR

- Fri, 16 Jan: Anniversary of Dedication of St Brigid's Church
- Sat, 17 Jan: Anniversary Deceased, Archbishop Philip Wilson (2021)
- Sun, 18 Jan: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Sun, 25 Jan: The Conversion of Saint Paul
- Mon, 26 Jan: Australia Day Mass, SFX 9am

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

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
Sunday	Mass: 8.30am, 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



PARISH CENTRE

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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

COLUMBARIUM SALES

lumenchristi.org.au/columbarium

MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE...

Archbishop Philip Wilson, Riccardo Bonayog,
Mary (Marie) Gaudry, Maria Demaria.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS...

Fr John Pickering, Duc Trong Nguyen,
Angela Mosley, Brian Mattock,
Jim Lyon, Teresa George,
Chiara Sirianni, Joyce Milan,
Noel Meddows, Dianne
Hukins, Matthew Johnson,
Pat Carr, John Gauci,
Joseph Scalia.



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.



NEWS IN BRIEF

AUSTRALIA DAY MASS—26 JANUARY

Bishop Brian Mascord will offer the Australia Day Mass at St Francis Xavier Cathedral on Monday 26 January at 9:00am. Please join us for a cuppa after Mass. All are welcome.

EDWARD MCNAMARRA—RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of Edward (Ted) John McNamarra, who passed away on 18 December 2025, and we extend our condolences to his wife Colleen—a treasured choir member and devoted parishioner. A Memorial Mass will be offered at St Francis Xavier Cathedral on Saturday 17 January at 12:30pm, and all parishioners are warmly invited to attend.

MASS ATTENDANCE 2025

Lumen Christi Parish's weekend Mass counts across November 2025 recorded an average attendance of **1,287**. Attendance continues to trend upward, with 2025 the **highest average** in the past four years (up **100** from 2024). We have been placed among the top three parishes in the Diocese—an excellent result. Thank you for your faithful commitment to our parish. The next count will be conducted in November 2026.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Matthew 3:16-17

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered:

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

First Reading

Isaiah 42:1-4. 6-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Here is my servant, my chosen one in whom I am well pleased.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 28:1-4. 9-10. R. v.11

(R.) The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Second Reading

Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power.

Gospel Acclamation

See Mark 9:8

WE ARE CALLED
TO REVEAL THE
LIGHT OF CHRIST
TO THE WORLD.

Alleluia, alleluia! The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus was baptised, the heavens were opened and the Spirit of God came upon him.

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you,' he said 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him.

As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. A voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'

Communion Antiphon

John 1:32,34

Behold the One of whom John said:

I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

A Whisper Echoing Heaven

Let us focus on Jesus' mystical experience as he emerged from the waters of the River Jordan.

'Suddenly the heavens opened.' Heaven and earth are communicating again! If heaven appeared closed to humankind it is now open again. 'And he saw the spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him.' Jesus experienced a sense of being hovered over by the Divine presence 'in dove-like fashion'.

'And a voice spoke from Heaven: "This is my Son, the beloved, my favour rests on him".' In the Jewish tradition this sort of intuitive sensation is called the bat qol, the daughter of a voice, a whisper echoing heaven.

Each of us has shared in the baptism of Our Lord, been incorporated into His baptism. Divine love and power streamed from heaven to earth into each one of you; the Holy Spirit hovered gently over you; and deep down, at the intimate wellspring of your life, the Divine voice was heard whispering:

'You are my beloved daughter' or 'You are my beloved son,' 'My favour rests on you.'

We could pause for a moment to resolve to recall each morning the heavenly whisper at our baptism and then re-echo it in our lives.

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