



LUMEN CHRISTI CATHOLIC PARISH

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION

18 JANUARY 2026

2ND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME, A

“This is the Lamb of God” — John 1:29

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please invite anyone seeking baptism for their child to visit:

lumenchristi.org.au/baptism for details.

PARISH CALENDAR

- Sun, 18 Jan: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Sun, 25 Jan: The Conversion of Saint Paul
- Mon, 26 Jan: Australia Day Mass, SFX 9am
- Tue, 27 Jan: Term 1 Resumes
- Wed, 28 Jan: Feast of St Thomas Aquinas

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
Adoration: 11:30am
Confessions: 11:30am
Mass: 12.10pm
- Friday Mass: 7am
Confessions: 11am—12pm
- Saturday Mass: 7am, 10.30am & 5pm
- Sunday

ST JOHN VIANNEY CO-CATHEDRAL, FAIRY MEADOW

- Tuesday Mass: 9.30am
- Sunday Mass: 8.30am, 4.30pm
(Vietnamese)

MATER DOLOROSA, BALGOWNIE

- Sunday Mass: 10am

ST BRIGID'S CHURCH, GWYNNEVILLE

- Thursday Mass: 9.30am
- Saturday Vigil Mass: 5.30pm
- Sunday Mass: 9am



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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...

Fr Pierre Lavoipierre (Archdiocese of Durban),
Secondo Mancini & Mendicino Family, Michael
Piazza, Rosa Zanin.

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 next **Monday 26 January at 9am.**

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES – MASS OF THE ANOINTING

On the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, the Mass of the Anointing will be celebrated at **St Francis Xavier Cathedral during the 12:10pm Mass on Wednesday 11 February.** Bishop Mascord will offer this Mass, and all are warmly welcome to attend and pray for the sick and those in need of God's healing.

CLERGY APPOINTMENTS

Bishop Mascord announced the following appointments:

- Fr James Arblaster** — St Michael's Parish, Nowra
- Fr Victor Vincent** — St Paul's, Camden Parish, residing at Oaks
- Fr Darren McDowell** — St Michael's Parish, Nowra
- Fr Sinh Le** — St Mary of the Cross Mackillop Parish, Oran Park
- Fr Joseph Vuong Nguyen** — St Therese West Wollongong & Immaculate Conception Unanderra Parishes.

Please keep our assistant priests in your prayers.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Entrance Antiphon

Psalm 65:4

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
and shall sing to you,
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

First Reading

Isaiah 49:3. 5-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv.8. 9.

(R.) Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

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

The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Gospel Acclamation

John 1:14. 12

Alleluia, alleluia! The Word of God became flesh and dwelt

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

among us. He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God. Alleluia!

Gospel

John 1:29-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf Psalm 22:5

You have prepared a table before me,
and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The Perfume of Holiness

What does it mean to be 'holy'? It does not mean 100% morally correct, or separate from the great mass of people: 'Holier than thou! It means being so close to God that God's holiness rubs off.

We are adopted members of the Holy Family, and something rubs off.

Each one of us has heard at our baptism 'You are my beloved son/daughter'. We have been adopted into God's family and that brings us into close proximity to God.

So, if St Paul were writing to us today, as he did to the Corinthians, this is how it would run: '... to the church of God that is in [your town], made up of those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called holy.'

But, we are not alone. In a multitude of places there are people who have also been baptised and therefore share a certain family resemblance. How is the 'togetherness' held together? By being in communion with the Bishop of Rome, the official role of the Pope.

We might pause for a moment to thank God that we are amongst the baptised who can receive St Paul's greeting: 'Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.'

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