



# LUMEN CHRISTI

CATHOLIC PARISH

## SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION

25 JANUARY 2026

### 3RD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME, A

**“Follow Me — and I will make you fishers of people.” — Matthew 4:19**

#### WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to **Mrs Pauline Chrostowski** and **Mrs Amy Sammut**, along with the **staff** from our parish schools. Mass with both school staffs will be celebrated on Tuesday 27 January at 9:30am at St John Vianney Co-Cathedral. All are welcome!

#### PARISH CALENDAR

- Tue, 27 Jan: Mass for Parish School Staff, SJV 9.30am
- Wed, 28 Jan: Feast of St Thomas Aquinas
- Sun, 01 Feb: Feast of St Brigid, Patroness of Gwynneville
- Sun, 01 Feb: Hospitality weekend resumes
- Mon, 02 Feb: Presentation of the Lord

#### 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

##### ST BRIGID'S CHURCH, GWYNNEVILLE

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



#### PARISH CENTRE

##### Office Hours:

Monday to Friday 8.30am — 2.00pm  
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#### 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

#### COLUMBARIUM SALES

[lumenchristi.org.au/columbarium](http://lumenchristi.org.au/columbarium)

#### MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE...

Bishop Peter Ingham.

#### 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 this 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.

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

#### Entrance Antiphon

*Cf Psalm 95:1,6*

O sing a new song to the Lord;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.

In his presence are majesty and splendour,  
strength and honour in his holy place.

#### First Reading

*Isaiah 8:23 – 9:3*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light.*

#### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 26:1. 4. 13-14. R. v.1*

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

#### Second Reading

*1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17*

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

*I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters, make up the differences between you.*

#### Gospel Acclamation

*Matthew 4:23*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom  
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

#### Gospel

*Matthew 4:12-23*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.*

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!

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

Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,  
Galilee of the nations!

The people that lived in darkness

has seen a great light;

on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death

a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him.

Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

#### Communion Antiphon

*Cf Psalm 33:6*

Look toward the Lord and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.

#### REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

##### The Voice of Jesus

Two sets of two brothers were running successful family businesses. But once Jesus passed by and called them, the Gospel says, at once they left their boats and followed him. I think because, hearing his voice, they realised that Jesus was the true vocalist of God.

Irish author and mystic, John O'Donohue, once wrote, 'Something in us senses and knows how perfectly the contours of the soul fit the divine embrace.' \*

Maybe Simon Peter, Andrew, James and John sensed that, in this Jesus, there was a Soul whose contours perfectly fitted the divine embrace. They were prepared to risk everything for the chance to have their souls contoured along the same lines.

The call: 'Follow me ...', was not to an isolated individual promising to save his soul, but to two brothers and then another two brothers. Immediately, a community was being formed and its task was to bring others into that Jesus-following community.

We could pause for a moment to hear the brothers beckoning us to follow the call of that voice sounded by Our Lord Jesus Christ.

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