



LUMEN CHRISTI
CATHOLIC PARISH



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22 FEBRUARY 2026

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT, A

Liturgy schedule in our parish

ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHEDRAL

36 Harbour Street, Wollongong

Monday: Mass: 7am
 Tuesday: Mass: 7am
 Wednesday: Confessions: 11:30am
 Mass: 12.10pm
 Thursday: Mass: 7am
 Friday: Mass: 7am
 Adoration: 11:30am
 Confessions: 11:30am
 Mass: 12.10pm
 Stations of the Cross: 6.30pm
 Saturday: Confessions: 11am—12pm
 Sunday: Mass: 7am, 10.30am & 5pm

ST JOHN VIANNEY CO-CATHEDRAL

1 Cabbage Tree Lane, Fairy Meadow

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

MATER DOLOROSA CHURCH,

47 Balmoral Road, Balgownie

Sunday: Mass: 10am
 Children's Liturgy (3rd Sunday)

ST BRIGID'S CHURCH

119 Gipps Road, Gwynneville

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

Parish Centre

PARISH OFFICE

36 Harbour St, (P.O. Box 874)
 Wollongong NSW 2500

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday 8.30am —2.00pm
 (Closed for Lunch 12pm—12.30pm)

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MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE...

David Crowe.

**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.

*"Blessed are
those who choose
God's way—not
just in words, but
in the quiet
faithfulness of
daily life."*



OUR

Sacraments

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 Peoples.



Welcome to LUMEN CHRISTI PARISH

Parish Calendar

- Fri, 27 Feb: Stations of the Cross, SFX 6.30pm
- Sun, 01 Mar: Hospitality weekend
- Sun, 01 Mar: Second Sunday of Lent
- Mon, 02 Mar: Fairy Meadow CWL Meeting, MDB 2pm
- Tue, 03 Mar: Finance Council Meeting, Rigney Room 4pm
- Wed, 04 Mar: Pastoral Council Meeting, Rigney Room 4pm
- Thu, 05 Mar: Parish Lunch, Master Builders Club, Wollongong 12pm
- Fri, 06 Mar: Stations of the Cross, SFX 6.30pm
- Fri, 06 Mar: World Day of Prayer, Corrimal Uniting Church 10am
- Fri, 06 Mar: World Day of Prayer, Salvation Army 10am

Pastoral Council 2026

Lumen Christi Parish warmly welcomes four new members to our Parish Pastoral Council: Sarina Crocco, Patricia Calabro, Antonella Ianni, and Luisa Tobin.

The Parish Pastoral Council plays an important role in the life of our parish, working collaboratively with the Parish Priest and parish leadership to prayerfully discern pastoral needs, support the mission of the Church, and help foster a vibrant and faith-filled community across our four welcoming churches.

Please keep them in your prayers as they commence their term of service, that the Holy Spirit may guide their deliberations and bless their work for the growth of Lumen Christi Parish.

Children's Liturgy - 15 March 2026

Children's Liturgy will commence in our parish on the third Sunday of each month, beginning Sunday 15th March.

We warmly invite families to register their child for the program by visiting: lumenchristi.org.au/cl

QR codes will also be available at the doors of the church each month for parents to conveniently sign their child into the program.

We look forward to supporting our children as they grow in faith and understanding of God's Word.

St Vincent de Paul Food Donations - Fairy Meadow

Your support helps SVdP care for individuals and families in our local community. Items needed are: Long-life milk, Breakfast cereal, Porridge, Fruit juice, Rice, Tinned baked beans, Tinned vegetables, Tinned tuna or salmon, Tinned or packet soups, Packets of spaghetti or noodles Packets of mashed, potato, Tinned fruit, Peanut butter Vegemite, Honey, Jam, Coffee and Tea. Ensure all donated items are within their expiry date. **Items are to be dropped in the box located in the narthex at St John Vianney Co-Cathedral Fairy Meadow during Mass.**



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
Emergency Calls: 0475 815 506

PARISH COUNCILS

Kathy Uroda,
Chair of the Pastoral Council

Vicky Davidson,
Chair of the Finance Council

PARISH SCHOOLS

Amy Sammut, 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: LC Parish

PRESBYTERY ACCOUNT:
FOR THE CLERGY
BSB: 066 711 Account: 002286
Account Name: LC Presbytery

HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN
Wollongong Public/Private
Phone: 0475 815 506

Communion to the Inbound

Parishioners who take Holy Communion to the sick and housebound are kindly asked to please inform the server prior to Mass and indicate how many hosts are required. Only commissioned Ministers of Communion to the Inbound may take communion to the sick.

Low-Gluten Hosts

If you require a low-gluten host, please be aware that our parish provides gluten-free hosts for those who need them. To help ensure everything runs smoothly and to avoid any confusion during the distribution of Holy Communion, we kindly ask that you inform the server prior to the start of Mass.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Stations of the Cross

Join us each Friday at St Francis Xavier Cathedral during Lent at 6.30pm for Stations of the Cross.

R.C.I.A. 2026

This Lent, we ask you to please keep in your prayers our 14 RCIA candidates who will be received into the Church this Easter. If you are interested in RCIA, or know someone who may be interested in joining the 2027 program, please contact Lisa de Paiva on 4211 0506 or visit lumenchristi.org.au/rcia

Baptisms and Marriages in our Parish

During the months of January and February, we joyfully welcomed into God's family through Baptism: Camille Ashwood, Patrick Ashwood, Georgette Sabbouh, Elvie Ann Bailey, Raya Baroy, Sebastian Borg, Kiara Mauriello, Keanna Carmel Nithila Corera, Sienna Jane Williams and Florence Valentine Morrow. We also celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage for Maria Alejandra Alvarado Loukianova & Finn Goddard, and Natasha Camilleri & Joseph Grima. As a parish community, we give thanks for these sacred moments of grace and pray that the newly baptised may grow strong in faith, and that our newly married couples may be blessed with enduring love and fidelity.

**"The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.
Psalm 126:3**



Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.' The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says: He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

Communion Antiphon

Matthew 4:4

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

It is Written

Jesus was offered three shortcuts for his ministry. Firstly, exceptional powers to satisfy his own needs (bread out of stones). Secondly, when he needed to take risks, angels to keep him safe. Thirdly, when he wanted to change the world, absolute political power. These were the Temptations of Christ, but also for us. If you or I are tempted to sin, we will find the marks of this threefold pattern. We want the whole world to change to satisfy us, or we want to take stupid risks and come out unscathed, or we want to exercise total power over others. How can we try to follow Jesus without the shortcuts of the fantasy world which the Devil may offer? Note that Jesus resisted each temptation with: 'It is written'. The forty days of Lent are a perfect opportunity to read what 'is written' in the Gospels about the episodes and pattern of the life of Jesus Christ. We could pause for a moment to find what is written and to imitate what we find. That is how the Devil is defeated.

Bishop Brian Mascord



Bishop Brian Mascord celebrates eight years as Bishop of Wollongong. May God continue to bless him with good health, courage and joy as he shepherds the Church of Wollongong.

"I will give you shepherds after my own heart." (Jeremiah 3:15).

THIS WEEK'S

Readings & Commentary

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 90:15-16

When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.

First Reading

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

A reading from the book of Genesis

Creation of our first parents, and sin.

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death."' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 50:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. see v.3

(R.) Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. (R.)
2. My offences truly I know them;
my sin is always before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I have done. (R.)

3. A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. (R.)
4. Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me.
O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise. (R.)

Second Reading

Romans 5:12-19

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more.

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says:

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