



LUMEN CHRISTI
CATHOLIC PARISH

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GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION

01 MARCH 2026

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT, A

Liturgy schedule in our parish

ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHEDRAL

36 Harbour Street, 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
 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



SUPPORT
OUR PARISH

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, Frank Smith, Patrick McNamara.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR
OUR SICK PARISHIONERS...**

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

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

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.



OUR

Sacraments

SCAN TO VISIT OUR WEB PORTAL



Welcome to **LUMEN CHRISTI PARISH**

Parish Calendar

- Mon, 02 Mar: Fairy Meadow CWL Meeting, MDB 2pm
- Tue, 03 Mar: Finance Council Meeting, Rigney Room 5pm
- Wed, 04 Mar: Pastoral Council Meeting, Rigney Room 5pm
- 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
- Sun, 08 Mar: Third Sunday of Lent
- Fri, 13 Mar: Parish Office Closed, Staff Retreat
- Fri, 13 Mar: Stations of the Cross, SFX 6.30pm

Hospitality This Weekend

Our Parish Hospitality Weekend is held on the first Sunday of each month, and everyone is warmly invited to stay and enjoy a cuppa and a chat after Mass: St John Vianney Co-Cathedral (after the 8.30am Mass), St Brigid's Church (after the 9.00am Mass), Mater Dolorosa Church, Balgownie (after the 10.00am Mass), and St Francis Xavier Cathedral (after the 10.30am Mass). Please come along—all are welcome!

Parish Staff on Retreat

The Lumen Christi Parish staff will be attending their annual retreat on **Friday, 13th March 2026**. As a result, the Parish Office will be closed on this day. Mass will be celebrated as usual.

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. Please place **items in drop-off box located in the narthex at St John Vianney Co-Cathedral Fairy Meadow before or after Mass.**

Stations of the Cross

Join us each Friday at **St Francis Xavier Cathedral during Lent at 6.30pm** for Stations of the Cross. This beautiful Lenten devotion invites us to walk with Christ on His journey to Calvary, reflecting prayerfully on His Passion and deepening our preparation for Easter.

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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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



Jesus, Master, Teach Me

Teach me, teach me, dearest Jesus,
In Thine own sweet loving way,
All the lessons of perfection
I must practise day by day.

Teach me Meekness, dearest Jesus,
Of Thine own the counterpart;
Not in words and actions only,
But the meekness of the heart.

Teach Humility, sweet Jesus,
To this poor, proud heart of mine,
Which yet wishes, O my Jesus,
To be modeled after Thine.

Teach me Fervor, dearest Jesus,
To comply with every grace,
So as never to look backward,
Never slacken in the race.

Teach me Poverty, sweet Jesus,
That my heart may never cling,
To whate'er its love might sever,
From my Saviour, Spouse, and King.

Teach me Chastity, sweet Jesus,
That my every day may see
Something added to the likeness
That my soul should bear to Thee.

Teach Obedience, dearest Jesus,
Such as was Thy daily food
In Thy toilsome earthly journey
From the cradle to the rood.

Teach Thy Heart, to me, dear Jesus,
Is my fervent, final prayer;
For all beauties and perfections
Are in full perfection there.

Mass for the Unborn

A Mass for the Unborn will be offered on
Wednesday 25th March at the **12.10pm Mass** at
St Francis Xavier Cathedral. All parishioners are
warmly invited to attend and unite in prayer for the
gift and sanctity of human life.

Parish Appreciation Mass

Parish Appreciation Mass will be held on **Saturday 21 March 2026 at 5.30pm**. This special Mass is an opportunity for us to give thanks to God for the many parishioners who generously serve in the ministries and life of Lumen Christi Parish. Following Mass, we look forward to gathering together in gratitude and fellowship. Kindly RSVP your attendance by 15 March 2026 by completing the online form at: lumenchristi.org.au/rsvp.



Life Membership Honours – St Vincent de Paul Conference, Gwynneville

On 16 February 2026 two members of the St Vincent de Paul Society, Gwynneville Conference, were awarded Life Membership of the Society — a rare and significant honour for any Conference, and especially meaningful within a Conference of just five active members.

Peter Daly – recognised for over **26 years** of dedicated service and **Don MacShane** – recognised for over **60 years** of extraordinary commitment and service.

Their faithful service to those in need, lived quietly and consistently over many decades, is a powerful witness to the spirit of St Vincent de Paul and the Gospel call to charity. On behalf of our Conference, I extend heartfelt congratulations and sincere gratitude to Peter and Don for their remarkable contribution to our parish and the wider community.

Michael Tobin (President).



THIS WEEK'S *Readings & Commentary*

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 26:8-9

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.

First Reading

Genesis 12:1-4

A reading from the book of Genesis

The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing. 'I will bless those who bless you: I will curse those who slight you. All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.' So Abram went as the Lord told him.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22

**(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **(R.)**
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **(R.)**

Second Reading

2 Timothy 1:8-10

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy
God has saved us, and called us to be holy.

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace.

This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
His face shone like the sun.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

Communion Antiphon

Matthew 17:5

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

We have to get rid of the idea that the soul is a dot of energy in some hidden core of our body. In fact, the body is in the soul. There is no part of my body which is not immersed in my soul. It is my whole person, bodysoul, which needs to be saved. As Thomas Aquinas says: 'If only my soul is saved, I am not saved.' Today's Gospel does not portray an out-of-body experience of religious ecstasy. Jesus' body was translucent, totally radiant with Divine Light. Further, this transfiguration was not a solitary experience for Jesus. Peter, James and John witnessed it precisely because it told them what our Heavenly Father desired as their destiny beyond martyrdom, if only they would listen to Jesus. Heavenly salvation will involve my whole person, bodysoul, being transformed. But could a person, during their earthly existence, share in the transfiguration experience of Christ? We could pause for a moment to 'Google' or otherwise get hold of my favourite story of a saint – St Seraphim of Sarov – and pray that we may share with his disciple the bodily experience of 'immeasurable wellbeing' – 'infinite joy in our hearts'.

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