



LUMEN CHRISTI
CATHOLIC PARISH



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15 MARCH 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (ROSE SUNDAY), 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

Parish Centre

PARISH OFFICE

36 Harbour St, (P.O. Box 874)
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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...

Thomas Smith, Carlo Giusti, Vincenzo Demaria,
 Secondo Mancini, Allan Matthew Lennon,
 Josephine Rook, Denis Frew.

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

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

*God never tires of
 forgiving us. Lent
 is a time to return
 to Him with trust,
 knowing that His
 mercy restores
 and renews our
 lives.*

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, 16 Mar: Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral
- Tue, 17 Mar: Lenten Reconciliation after SJV, 9.30am Mass
- Tue, 17 Mar: Feast of St Patrick
- Wed, 18 Mar: Baptism Class, SFX 7pm
- Thu, 19 Mar: Feast of St Joseph, Husband of Mary
- Fri, 20 Mar: Stations of the Cross, SFX 6.30pm
- Fri, 20 Mar: Lenten Reconciliation, SFX 11am
- Sat, 21 Mar: Parish Appreciation Mass, SBG 5.30pm
- Sat, 21 Mar: Lenten Reconciliation SBG, 4.30pm
- Sun, 22 Mar: Lenten Reconciliation MDB, after 10am Mass

Correction and Clarification

The Parish wishes to apologise for an error that appeared in a recent printed parish bulletin regarding Communion hosts.

Please note that Lumen Christi Parish does provide **Low Gluten Hosts** for those who require them.

In accordance with the norms of the Catholic Church, the hosts used for the Eucharist must contain some gluten in order to be valid matter for the Sacrament. For this reason, completely gluten-free hosts cannot be used, however Low Gluten Hosts contain only a very small amount of gluten and are suitable for most people with gluten sensitivities. If you require a Low Gluten Host, please inform the sacristan or server before Mass so that it can be prepared for you. We apologise for any confusion this error may have caused and thank parishioners for their understanding.

Wollongong CWL Branch Easter Raffle

The Wollongong Branch of the Catholic Women's League (CWL) will be selling Easter Raffle tickets before and after Masses at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong and St Brigid's Church, Gwynneville on the weekends of 21-22 March and 28-29 March. **Tickets** are **3** for **\$5**. Parishioners are warmly encouraged to support the CWL through this Easter fundraiser, and your generosity is greatly appreciated.



Funeral of Thomas Francis Smith

Parishioners are invited to attend the Funeral Mass for Thomas Smith at **St Francis Xavier Cathedral on Monday 16 March at 10:00am**, presided over by Fr Bernard Gordon, PP.

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

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PARISH COUNCILS

Kathy Uroda,
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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

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Lenten Reconciliation

Fairy Meadow: Tue 17 Mar, after 9.30am Mass

Wollongong: Fri, 20 Mar, 11am - 12pm

Gwynneville: Sat 21 Mar 4.45pm - 5.20pm

Balgownie: Sun 22 Mar, after 10am Mass

Holy Week Liturgy Schedule

MON 30 MAR: MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Wollongong: 7am Mass

TUE 31 MAR: TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Wollongong: 7am Mass

Fairy Meadow: 9.30am Mass

TUE 31 MAR: THE CHRISM MASS

Wollongong: 7pm followed by refreshments

WED 1 APR: WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Wollongong: 7am Mass

Wollongong: 11am Reconciliation & 12.10pm Mass

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

THU 2 APR: MAUNDY THURSDAY

No Morning Masses

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Fairy Meadow: 6pm

Wollongong: 7pm

FRI 3 APR: GOOD FRIDAY

Stations of the Cross

Wollongong Grounds: 10am

(Reconciliation after the Stations of the Cross)

The Passion of the Lord

Wollongong & Fairy Meadow: 3pm

(Reconciliation available after the Passion)

SAT MORNING, 4 APR: HOLY SATURDAY

Wollongong 11am—12pm Reconciliation

SAT EVENING, 4 APR: EASTER VIGIL

Fairy Meadow 6pm Easter Vigil

Wollongong 7pm Easter Vigil

SUN 5 APR: EASTER SUNDAY

Wollongong 7am, 10.30am & 5pm

Gwynneville 9am

Fairy Meadow 8.30am

Balgownie 10am

parents spoke like this out of fear of the Jews, who had already agreed to expel from the synagogue anyone who should acknowledge Jesus as the Christ. This was why his parents said, 'He is old enough; ask him.'

So the Jews again sent for the man and said to him, 'Give glory to God! For our part, we know that this man is a sinner.' The man answered, 'I don't know if he is a sinner; I only know that I was blind and now I can see.' They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' He replied, 'I have told you once and you wouldn't listen.

Why do you want to hear it all again? Do you want to become his disciples too?' At this they hurled abuse at him: 'You can be his disciple,' they said 'we are disciples of Moses: we know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this man, we don't know where he comes from.' The man replied, 'Now here is an astonishing thing! He has opened my eyes, and you don't know where he comes from! We know that God doesn't listen to sinners, but God does listen to men who are devout and do his will. Ever since the world began it is unheard of for anyone to open the eyes of a man who was born blind; if this man were not from God, he couldn't do a thing.' 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

Jesus said:

'It is for judgement
that I have come into this world,
so that those without sight may see
and those with sight turn blind.'

Hearing this, some Pharisees who were present said to him, 'We are not blind, surely?' Jesus replied: 'Blind? If you were, you would not be guilty, but since you say, "We see", your guilt remains.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf John 9:11,38

The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed,
I saw and I believed in God.

Palm Branches

Palm Sunday is when we celebrate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. It is also a time to remember Jesus' suffering and entry into the glory of the Father. To help us celebrate this great liturgical experience, please bring Olive branches or palms to the Cathedral sacristy by 9am Friday 27th March.



Please note: if you are unavailable this Easter, kindly inform your roster coordinator as soon as possible.

THIS WEEK'S

Readings & Commentary

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Isaiah 66:10-11

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

First Reading

1 Samuel 16:1. 6-7. 10-13

A reading from the first book of Samuel
In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22 R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians
Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.
You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:
Wake up from your sleep,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.

Gospel Acclamation

John 8:12

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

John 9:1-41

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, for him to have been born blind?' 'Neither he nor his parents sinned,' Jesus answered, 'he was born blind so that the works of God might be displayed in him.

'As long as the day lasts

I must carry out the work of the one who sent me; the night will soon be here when no one can work.

As long as I am in the world

I am the light of the world.'

Having said this, he spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.' So they said to him, 'Then how do your eyes come to be open?' 'The man called Jesus' he answered 'made a paste, daubed my eyes with it and said to me, "Go and wash at Siloam"; so I went, and when I washed I could see.' They asked, 'Where is he?' 'I don't know' he answered.

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man.

However, the Jews would not believe that the man had been blind and had gained his sight, without first sending for his parents and asking them, 'Is this man really your son who you say was born blind? If so, how is it that he is now able to see?' His parents answered, 'We know he is our son and we know he was born blind, but we don't know how it is that he can see now, or who opened his eyes. He is old enough: let him speak for himself.' His

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