



LUMEN CHRISTI
CATHOLIC PARISH

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22 MARCH 2026

FIFTH 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...

Elias Safadi, Marie Melide.

**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.

*"I am the
resurrection and
the life. Whoever
believes in me,
even though they
die, will live."*

John 11:25

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

- Wed, 25 Mar: Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord &
- Wed, 25 Mar: Mass for the Unborn SFX 12.10pm
- Fri, 27 Mar: Stations of the Cross, SFX 6.30pm
- Sun, 29 Mar: Palm Sunday
- Tue, 31 Mar: Mass of the Chrism, SFX 7pm
- Thu, 02 Apr: Term 1 concludes
- Thu, 02 Apr: Mass of the Lord's Supper (see page 3)
- Fri, 03 Apr: Stations of the Cross, SFX Grounds 10am
- Fri, 03 Apr: Celebration of the Lord's Passion (see page 3)
- Sat, 04 Apr: Easter Vigil (see page 3)

Cathedral Parking Supports Our Parish Community

Lumen Christi Parish plays an important role in serving both our worshipping community and the wider city of Wollongong. In 2026 during major events at WIN Stadium and the Wollongong Entertainment Centre, parishioners and volunteers from St Brigid's Catholic Primary School and Good Samaritan Catholic Parish School assist with parking in the Cathedral grounds.

This initiative is an expression of our Catholic mission of service, hospitality, and stewardship, engaging with the wider community while also supporting parish and school activities through fundraising. Due to the nature of the events the volunteers are always doing their best to ensure that first priority is given to parishioners attending Mass. If you would like to support the parish and schools through this initiative, please contact: Kathy Uroda – kathy.uroda@dow.org.au. New volunteers are always welcome!

Fr Bernard

CWL Easter Raffles

Wollongong & Fairy Meadow CWL Raffle tickets will be on sale after all Masses this weekend.

Wollongong CWL: Get **3 tickets for \$5**.

Fairy Meadow CWL: Get **3 tickets for \$5 or \$2 each**.

Thank for your support!

Easter Vigils at Wollongong and Fairy Meadow

Candles will be provided at the Easter Vigil Masses in Wollongong and Fairy Meadow. Please **do not** bring wax candles, as this helps ensure that the pews and carpets remain clean.



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



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

MON 6 APR: EASTER MONDAY

Wollongong 8am

here, my brother would not have died.' At the sight of her tears, and those of the Jews who followed her, Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer.

I knew indeed that you always hear me,

but I speak

for the sake of all these who stand round me,

so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus,

here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and

hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his

face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

Communion Antiphon

Cf John 11:26

Everyone who lives and believes in me

will not die for ever, says the Lord.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Rage against Death

This Gospel tells us that Our Lord was moved with compassion in an almost violent way, raging against the seeming finality of death. The raising of Lazarus was a demonstration of his power to rob death of its supposed supremacy.

But, Our Lord did not set Lazarus completely free! You may think that to be raised from the dead was not a bad start, but Lazarus was still shuffling: bound, constrained, constricted by the past. To those gathered around the tomb Jesus issued the command: 'Set him free, unbind him.' It was the collective effort of others which enabled Lazarus to walk as a liberated son of God.

You may find yourself commanded by the Lord to help unbind a person who has had a deadening experience which has drained them of life. We get the courage to respond because it is the command of the One who definitively conquered death.

We could pause for a moment to resolve to help liberate others already helped by the grace of Him whom we believe to be the Resurrection and the Life.



THIS WEEK'S

Readings & Commentary

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 42:1-2

Give me justice, O God,
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,
for you, O God, are my strength.

First Reading

Ezekiel 37:12-14

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 129. R. v.7

(R.) With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Second Reading

Romans 8:8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he will give life to your own mortal bodies.

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

Gospel Acclamation

See John 11:25. 26

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

John 11:1-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I am the resurrection and the life.

There was a man named Lazarus who lived in the village of Bethany with the two sisters, Mary and Martha, and he was ill. – It was the same Mary, the sister of the sick man Lazarus, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair. The sisters sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.' The disciples said, 'Rabbi, it is not long since the Jews wanted to stone you; are you going back again?'

Jesus replied:

'Are there not twelve hours in the day?

A man can walk in the daytime without stumbling because he has the light of this world to see by;

but if he walks at night he stumbles,

because there is no light to guide him.'

He said that and then added, 'Our friend Lazarus is resting, I am going to wake him.'

The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he is able to rest he is sure to get better.'

The phrase Jesus used referred to the death of Lazarus, but they thought that by 'rest' he meant 'sleep', so Jesus put it plainly,

'Lazarus is dead; and for your sake I am glad I was not there because now you will believe. But let us go to him.'

Then Thomas – known as the Twin – said to the other disciples, 'Let us go too, and die with him.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. Bethany is only about two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to sympathise with them over their brother.

When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.'

'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.'

Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.'

Jesus said: 'I am the resurrection and the life.

If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live,

and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.

Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in a low voice, 'The Master is here and wants to see you.'

Hearing this, Mary got up quickly and went to him. Jesus had not yet come into the village; he was still at the place where Martha had met him.

When the Jews who were in the house sympathising with Mary saw her get up so quickly and go out, they followed her, thinking that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

Mary went to Jesus, and as soon as she saw him she threw herself at his feet, saying, 'Lord, if you had been

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