



LUMEN CHRISTI
CATHOLIC PARISH

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29 MARCH 2026

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD, 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...

Rose Mercieca.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS...

Fr John Pickering, Liesl Caibal, 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.

*"Hosanna to the
Son of David!
Blessed is the one
who comes in the
name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the
highest heaven!"
— Matthew 21:9*

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

- 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)
- Sun, 05 Apr: Hospitality weekend postponed due to Easter
- Sun, 05 Apr: Easter Sunday Masses (see page 3)
- Thu, 09 Apr: Parish Lunch, The Builders Club Wollongong 12pm
- Thu, 09 Apr: Priestly Ordination of Fr Bernard Gordon (1994)
- Mon, 13 Apr: Fairy Meadow CWL Meeting, MDB 2pm

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



Men's Prayer Breakfast

The Men's Prayer Breakfast is a chance for men from across the Diocese to gather for prayer, fellowship and faith formation. It is an opportunity to begin the day grounded in Christ, strengthened by scripture, and encouraged by one another.

This month's guest speaker is Ben Galea, Chief Operating Officer for the International Eucharistic Congress, speaking on Historic Eucharistic Congress 2028.

Date: Friday 22 May 2026

Time: 6:30am–8:00am

Venue: Xavier Conference Centre

Speaker: Ben Galea

Cost: \$20 (includes breakfast)

RSVP: Tuesday 19 May 2026

Email: helen.bennett@dow.org.au or phone: 4222 2403.

For more information: dow.org.au/events/mens-prayer-breakfast



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

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Lowly Prince of Peace

Jesus entered Jerusalem, not as a warrior in the tradition of King David as many had hoped for, but riding simply on a donkey. The disciples and the crowd applauded him, but they proved fickle in their support.

On the other hand, Jesus remained steadfast in his commitment to non-violent revolutionary change of the religious and political systems so as to establish the reign of God. Why did he renounce marshalling human and angelic warriors to further his cause?

First, Jesus embodied God-for-us, and God does not want the destruction of those he has created out of love.

Second, Jesus had a premonition that an armed revolt would lead to the destruction of Jerusalem and the dispersal of the Jewish people (as occurred in 70AD).

Third, another Gospel (Luke) recounts that as Jesus laboured up Mount Calvary he turned to some wailing women and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, weep rather for yourselves and for your children.' He knew that they suffer grievously in armed uprising. This is seen in barbaric reality in our own time with women being tortured and raped in campaigns of terror, trafficked into sexual slavery, suffering the loss of sons, husband and lovers.

We could take a moment to pray that the Church of the 21st century, successor of the pacifist Church of the first three centuries, may enter on a new period of reflection on these issues, grappling with the desire to protect the innocent, yet always challenged by the man on a donkey, Divine Prince of Peace.

Next Saturday's Easter Vigils - 4 April

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.

Chrism Mass, Tue 31 March, 7pm

Everyone is very welcome to join Bishop Brian and our clergy for the Chrism Mass in St Francis Xavier Cathedral Wollongong. During this Mass of Blessing the Holy Oils, the Priests of the Diocese renew their commitment to priestly service. Please come to this beautiful Mass in which we pray together as the anointed People of God in the Diocese of Wollongong.

CWL Branch Easter Raffle

Catholic Women's League (CWL) will be selling Easter Raffle tickets before and after Masses this weekend. Wollongong CWL: **3 tickets for \$5.**

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

Thank for your support!



THIS WEEK'S

Readings & Commentary

Entrance Antiphon

Cf John 12: 1, 12-13; Ps 23: 9-10

Six days before the Passover,
when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem,
the children ran to meet him;
in their hands they carried palm branches
and with a loud voice cried out:
* Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!
O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory!
Who is this king of glory?
He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.
* Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue.
So that I may know how to reply to the wearied
he provides me with speech.
Each morning he wakes me to hear,
to listen like a disciple.
The Lord has opened my ear.
For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.
I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.
The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

1. All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.' (R.)

2. Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones. (R.)

3. They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me! (R.)

4. I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.' (R.)

Second Reading

Philippians 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

His state was divine,
yet Christ Jesus did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are,
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation

Philippians 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death
dying on the cross.
Therefore God raised him on high
and gave him a name above all other names.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

Matthew 26:14 – 27:66

Please reflect prayerfully on Matthew's Passion narrative.

Communion Antiphon

Matthew 26:42

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it,
your will be done.

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