



**LUMEN CHRISTI**  
CATHOLIC PARISH

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**5 APRIL 2026**

**EASTER 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**

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**OFFICE HOURS**

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**OUR**  
*Sacraments*

SCAN TO VISIT OUR WEB PORTAL



**MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE...**

Rosemary Kingston Storey, Janina Seweryn, Joseph Blasi, Matthew Hansen.

**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.

*"He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay."*  
 — Matthew 28:6

**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

- Wed, 08 Apr: Wollongong CWL Meeting, Xavier Centre 10am
- 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
- Wed, 15 Apr: Baptism Class, SFX 7pm
- Sun, 19 Apr: Children's Liturgy 10am, MDB
- Mon, 20 Apr: Other Schools Confirmation Parent Meeting, 6.30pm
- Tue, 21 Apr: St Brigid's Confirmation Parent Meeting, 6.30pm
- Tue, 21 Apr: Anniversary of the death of Bishop William Murray
- Wed, 22 Apr: Good Samaritan, Confirmation Parent Meeting, 6.30pm

## Easter Message of Peace

Dear Parishioners and Friends, Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

At Easter we celebrate the resurrection of our Saviour, Jesus Christ! God's love has conquered sin, suffering, and death. The empty tomb proclaims a message of hope to the whole world — life is stronger than death, light is stronger than darkness, and peace is stronger than fear.

When the risen Christ first appeared to His disciples, His greeting was simple yet powerful: "**Peace be with you.**" These words, spoken in the midst of uncertainty and fear, remain at the heart of the Easter message. Christ offers us His peace — a peace that does not depend on changing circumstances, but flows from the deep assurance that God walks with us in every moment of our lives.

In our world today of wars, division, and uncertainty, families face challenges, communities long for unity, and nations continue to search for lasting peace. Easter reminds us that the peace of Christ is not distant or abstract; it is a living gift offered to each of us. When we open our hearts to the risen Lord, His peace renews our courage, restores our hope, and strengthens our commitment to love and serve one another.

We see this Easter hope alive in the faith and generosity of our community. Through prayer, worship, service, and acts of kindness, we continue to build a parish that reflects the light of our Risen Lord to those around us.

May this Easter season renew your hearts with faith, fill your homes with joy, and grant you the peace that only Christ can give.

On behalf of our clergy and parish team, I wish each of you and your families a blessed and joyful Easter.

**Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Fr Bernard

### 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,  
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

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## *Easter Sunday Hospitality*

Please note that due to the Easter festivities we will not have the hospitality cuppa after Mass this weekend. Thank you for your understanding. Hospitality Sunday will resume Sunday 3rd May.

## *Parish Lunch*

The next Parish Lunch will be held this **Thursday 9 April at 12pm** at the Builders Club, Wollongong. All parishioners and friends are warmly welcome to join us for a time of fellowship and community. Please note that due to Holy Week, the Parish Lunch has been transferred to this new date.

## *CWL Easter Raffle Winners*

Congratulations to the Wollongong & Fairy Meadow Catholic Women's League (CWL) Branches on their successful Easter Raffle. We thank all who supported the raffle and contributed to this wonderful parish initiative. The winners are Don and Francesca (Wollongong CWL) Gerard and Mark (Fairy Meadow CWL).

## *Mother's Day Intention*

Our mothers have given us life, nourishment and loving commitment for many years. On Mother's Day we honour those who reflect the strong, tender and intimate love of God. We warmly invite you to bring your mother, grandmother or any woman who has shown you a mother's love to Mass on **Sunday 10 May to receive our Mother's Day blessing.**

If you would like to include an Intention on our list for Mother's Day, whether your mother is with us or now rests in God's peace. You can go to:

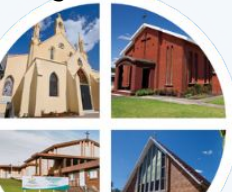
[www.lumenchristi.org.au/mothersday](http://www.lumenchristi.org.au/mothersday)

or collect a Mother's Day envelope from the doors of the church or at the parish centre. The names of the mothers given to us will be published in the parish bulletin on the weekend of Mother's Day. The list will close on 3rd May.

## *Newly Baptised in our Parish*

This Easter weekend, we joyfully welcome Jared Wagner, Marc Baxter, Nuno Dias, Ngan (Candace) Dong, Nicole Stojanovska, Mason Bourbonnais, Lacey Russell, Nathaniel Russell, Freya Swindells, Skye Swindells, Isaac Rowland, Lucy Rowland, Olivia Rowland, and Arienne Edmunds into our parish community. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their journey of faith into a life of baptismal grace.

*May the risen Christ guide and strengthen them as they grow in faith.*



## **REFLECTION** by Fr Michael Tate

Dawn has Broken – The Son is Risen

Women go to the tomb as dawn is breaking. The Power of Darkness which had Jesus unjustly sentenced, cruelly tortured and buried in the pitch blackness of the tomb, is conquered by the Son-Rise of all sun rises flooding our world and the whole of human history with Divine Light and Energy.

This is the heart of our faith as Catholic Christians, which we celebrate with bon-fire (good fire) in darkness at the Easter Vigil. From that earthly element we light the Easter candle and the Exsultet is sung: 'Be glad, let earth be glad as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King.'

The resurrection itself is nowhere described in the gospels, but we do have appearances of the Risen Lord Jesus. The first appearance was to a woman, Mary of Magdala. A title given to her by the early church was 'Apostle to the Apostles' because she was the bearer of the message which the male disciples initially did not believe. But eventually they too believed that Death had been done to death because the Son had risen.

Christ's body was transfigured by the energy of Divine Love and we can, by grace, participate in that resurrection life of Our Lord. A glorious destiny awaits us, as indeed it awaits the whole cosmos as it is to be transformed by that resurrection life recreating the whole of creation.

We could take a moment to pray that we, along with all that matters, are graced with the life-giving energy of the Risen Son and that we may join Mary of Magdala in spreading the Good News of Christ's victory over death. Alleluia!

## *Project Compassion*

Please return your Project Compassion offerings to our churches or parish office. **Donations will be finalised to transfer to Caritas by 20th April 2026.** Thank you for your ongoing support of Caritas.

## *Easter Monday Mass – 6 April*

Mass on Easter Monday (6 April) will be celebrated at **8am at St Francis Xavier Cathedral.**

## *Thank you to the Maltese Community*

We extend our sincere thanks to the generous donors of the Maltese Community for their kind donation of the new statue of the Risen Lord at St Francis Xavier Cathedral. This beautiful gift has been made possible with the support of the Cringila Maltese Community Centre and its President, Mr Louis Parnis. Mr Parnis warmly invites all parishioners to gather at St Francis Xavier Cathedral for the official blessing of this new statue. Further details will be provided soon.

# THIS WEEK'S *Readings & Commentary*

## Entrance Antiphon

*Cf Psalm 138:18,5-6*

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.  
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.  
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

## First Reading

*Acts of the Apostles 10:34. 37-43*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

## Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24*

(R.) This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad.

## Second Reading

*Colossians 3:1-4*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians  
*Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.*  
Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

*The sequence is said by the second reader.*

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.  
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;  
and Christ, the undefiled,  
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.  
Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!  
Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.  
Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.  
The tomb the Living did enclose;  
I saw Christ's glory as he rose!  
The angels there attesting;  
shroud with grave-clothes resting.  
Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.  
That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.  
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

## Gospel Acclamation

*1 Corinthians 5:7-8*

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;  
let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

## Gospel

*Matthew 28:1-10*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew  
*He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee.*

After the sabbath, and towards dawn on the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala and the other Mary went to visit the sepulchre. And all at once there was a violent earthquake, for the angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled away the stone and sat on it. His face was like lightning, his robe white as snow. The guards were so shaken, so frightened of him, that they were like dead men. But the angel spoke, and he said to the women, 'There is no need for you to be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said he would. Come and see the place where he lay, then go quickly and tell his disciples. "He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him." Now I have told you.' Filled with awe and great joy the women came quickly away from the tomb and ran to tell the disciples.

And there, coming to meet them, was Jesus. 'Greetings!' he said. And the women came up to him and, falling down before him, clasped his feet. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers that they must leave for Galilee; they will see me there.'

*The renewal of baptismal promises takes place after the Homily.*

## Communion Antiphon

*1 Corinthians 5:7-8*

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;  
therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

