



LUMEN CHRISTI
CATHOLIC PARISH

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12 APRIL 2026

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, 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...

Jade Young, Tadeusz Seweryn, Marie Joyce.

**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.

"Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

— John 20:29

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



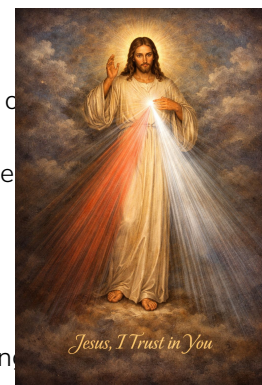
Welcome to LUMEN CHRISTI PARISH

Parish Calendar

- 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: Term 2 Resumes
- 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

Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the first Sunday of Easter and highlights the mercy of God revealed through the Eucharist. Instituted by Pope John Paul II in 2000, inspired by the revelations of Sister Faustina Kowalska, this feast centres on the words, "Jesus, I trust in You." In the Gospel (John 20:19-31), Jesus appears to the disciples, offering them the forgiveness of sins. Within our parish community, this day is a special opportunity to gather in prayer and participate in the Eucharist as one community of faith. We are also invited to live out this mercy in practical ways—through acts of kindness, forgiveness, and service to one another. Divine Mercy Sunday reminds us that no sin is greater than God's mercy, and together as a parish, we are called to be witnesses of that mercy in our daily lives.



Celebrating new life in our parish community

Congratulations to our newest members of the parish: Jared Wagner, Marc Baxter, Nuno Dias, Ngan (Candace) Dong, Nicole Stojanovska, Mason Boubonnais, Lacey Russell, Nathaniel Russell, Freya Swindells, Skye Swindells, Isaac Rowland, Lucy Rowland, Olivia Rowland and Arienne Edmunds. We give thanks for their journey of faith and warmly welcome them into our parish community.

Special thanks to Lisa de Paiva, Josobel Saverimuttu, Marie Smith and Jenny Bell for accompanying our candidates on this pilgrimage of faith.

Do you know someone interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the faith? Visit: lumenchristi.org.au/rcia

Anzac Day Mass - 25 April

Bishop Brian Mascord will offer the Anzac Day Mass at **St Francis Xavier Cathedral on Saturday 25th April at 8am.** All Welcome!

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
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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 special 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 peace. You can do by the following:

Go to: 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.

Confirmation Commitment Masses

On the weekend of 25–26 April and 3 May, candidates preparing for Confirmation will attend their Commitment Mass at the following times:

- **Saturday 25 April** – 5:30pm Vigil (St Brigid's)
- **Sunday 26 April** – 8:30am (St John Vianney)
- **Sunday 3 May** – 10:30am (St Francis Xavier)

Candidates will have a prayer card with their name. If you are presented with a card, you are invited to pray for that particular child as they prepare for Confirmation, walking this journey of faith with them.

Thank you for your support

Guided by our *Christ in You Pastoral Plan*, the members of the Finance Council sincerely thank you for your faithful and generous support throughout 2025. Your stewardship enables the mission of our parish to flourish in worship, service, and outreach.

We are pleased to advise that the parish audit has now been completed. We invite you to view the **2025 Annual General Report**, which reflects our shared commitment to transparency, accountability, and the responsible stewardship of God's gifts: lumenchristi.org.au/agr2025

A member of the Finance Council will speak at all Masses this weekend to share a brief update.

We give thanks for your continued support as we journey together in Christ.

disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

Communion Antiphon

Cf John 20:27

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Undoubtable Wounds

Thomas was granted the gift of seeing the Risen Lord bearing the wounds of His crucifixion. Thomas was invited to touch them. Responding, he simply cries out: 'My Lord and my God.'

Thomas does not declare his belief in the Resurrection as such. That was all too apparent. Rather, he declares his faith in the identity of the risen Jesus Christ: 'My Lord and my God.'

Pope Francis used to say we can only join Thomas in this faith by touching the wounds of Christ. Those wounds are to be found in the body of someone wounded. This can be in a myriad of ways. We have to bend down and touch those wounds in whatever means of healing is available to us. Otherwise we simply engage in philanthropy at a distance. We end up believing in a semblance of God, but not God embodied in the Risen Lord Jesus Christ always bearing his wounds.

Sometimes we struggle with our faith – after all, it is an astounding claim that Jesus of Nazareth is God embodied for us. You, or any other person intrigued by Jesus, are invited to touch the wounds of Christ and let the patience of God take care of the timing of the response of faith.

We could pause for a moment, praying to be counted amongst those who receive the Blessing promised to those who have not seen the Risen Lord as such, but who touch his wounds and proclaim, 'My Lord and my God.'

Wollongong Triathlon - 18/19 April 2026

As the Wollongong Triathlon weekend approaches on 18th & 19th April, please note that there will be **no change** to access to the Cathedral driveway during this time.

For full traffic and transport details, including event maps, please visit: runwollongong.com.au/traffic-transport

We encourage parishioners to allow a little extra travel time due to increased activity in the area.



THIS WEEK'S *Readings & Commentary*

Entrance Antiphon

1 Peter 2:2

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:2-4. 13-15. 22-24. R. v.1

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

1. Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:

'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:

'His love has no end.' **(R.)**

2. I was thrust, thrust down and falling
but the Lord was my helper.

The Lord is my strength and my song;
he was my saviour.

There are shouts of joy and victory
in the tents of the just. **(R.)**

3. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoiled or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens.

Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time.

This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation

John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side.

The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the

