



LUMEN CHRISTI
CATHOLIC PARISH

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19 APRIL 2026

THIRD 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



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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OUR

Sacraments

SCAN TO VISIT OUR WEB PORTAL



MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE...

Fr Peter Hill, Secondo Mancini, Consuelo Crisostomo.

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.

"Christ's precious blood has ransomed you."

— 1 Peter 1:18–19

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

- Sun, 19 Apr: Children's Liturgy 10am, MDB
- Mon, 20 Apr: Term 2 Resumes
- Mon, 20 Apr: Confirmation Parent Information, SFX 6.30pm
- Tue, 21 Apr: Anniversary of the death of Bishop William Murray
- Tue, 21 Apr: Confirmation Parent Information, SBGS 6.30pm
- Wed, 22 Apr: Confirmation Parent Information, GSFM 6.30pm
- Sat, 25 Apr: Anzac Day, Mass 8am
- Sat, 25 Apr: Confirmation Commitment Mass, SBG 5.30pm
- Sun, 26 Apr: Anniversary of the death of Bishop Peter William
- Sun, 26 Apr: Confirmation Commitment Mass, SJV 8.30am

National Count of Attendance – May 2026

In 2026, all parishes across Australia will participate in the National Count of Attendance, coordinated by the National Centre for Pastoral Research on behalf of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. As a result, our usual Diocesan Annual Mass Count later in the year will not take place.

When Will the Count Take Place?

The count will be conducted over the first four consecutive weekends in May 2026.

How the Count Will Be Conducted

Week 1 & Week 2 (2/3 May & 9/10 May):

The total number of people in attendance will be counted by collectors at each Mass. A slip will be completed for every Mass by the collectors.

Week 3 (16/17 May):

The total number of people in attendance will be counted, along with an indication of gender. A slip will be completed for every Mass by the collectors.

Week 4 (23/24 May):

Parishioners will be given a short form to complete and return after the prayer after communion for the count.

Why Is This Important?

This national count, conducted in the same year as the 2026 Australian Census, helps the Church to better understand participation in Mass and parish life. The data supports pastoral planning, resource allocation, and future mission initiatives.

We thank all parishioners for your cooperation and support in this important initiative.



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

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.

Good Friday - Holy Land Appeal

Thank you to all parishioners across Lumen Christi Parish for your generous support of this year's Holy Land Appeal. Your contributions assist in the care and preservation of sacred sites, the support of local Christian communities, and the continuation of important pastoral, educational, and social programs in a region that holds deep significance for our Faith. A total of **\$3,938.30** was raised. Thank you for your great support.

Project Compassion

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

Anzac Day Mass - 25 April

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

Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself. When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

Communion Antiphon

Luke 24:35

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Companionable Breaking of Bread

This story is the story of each one of us at Mass. Each Mass is structured on the Road to Emmaus travelogue.

Two men set off on a journey of their own making. At the beginning of Mass we confess that we have gone off course. The traveller helps the men on the road to Emmaus understand what had happened to Jesus of Nazareth by showing God's plan revealed in the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Liturgy of the Word, we hear Scriptures expounded, revealing more fully the true identity of Jesus of Nazareth. Every so often you will experience the burning sensation in your heart as something that is said hits home.

The traveller takes bread, blesses it, and gives it to them to eat. In that moment of bread-sharing, the two men recognised their travelling companion as the Risen Lord. Eat the bread consecrated at Mass, and we receive into our very being the Divine Companion for our journey through life.

We could pause for a moment to thank God for the privilege at every Mass of having our eyes opened so that we recognise Our Risen Lord Jesus Christ in the breaking of the bread.

Alleluia!

Children's Liturgy - Balgownie

Children's Liturgy takes place on the **third Sunday of each month during the 10:00am Mass** at Mater Dolorosa Church Balgownie.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our young parishioners to engage with the Word of God in a way that is meaningful and age-appropriate.

For more information or to register, please visit: lumenchristi.org.au/cl.

We warmly encourage families to participate in this important ministry.



THIS WEEK'S

Readings & Commentary

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 65:1-2

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.

On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always,
for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me.
So my heart was glad

and my tongue cried out with joy:
my body, too, will rest in the hope
that you will not abandon my soul to Hades
nor allow your holy one to experience corruption.
You have made known the way of life to me,
you will fill me with gladness through your presence.

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-11. R. v.11

(R.) Lord, you will show us the path of life.

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.' (R.)
2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. (R.)

3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. (R.)
4. You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:17-21

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

Gospel Acclamation

See Luke 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with

