

# 24TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME, B

15 SEPTEMBER 2024

JESUS SAID 'BE OPENED'

And his ears were opened

## MASS TIMETABLE

### St Francis Xavier Cathedral, 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
Saturday	Confessions: 11am—12pm
Sunday	Mass: 7am, 10.30am & 5pm

### St John Vianney Co-Cathedral, Fairy Meadow

Tuesday	Mass: 9.30am
Sunday	Mass: 8.30am
	Mass: 4.30pm (Vietnamese)

### Mater Dolorosa, Balgownie

Sunday	Mass: 10am
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### St Brigid's Church, Gwynneville

Thursday	Mass: 9.30am
Saturday Vigil	Mass: 5.30pm
Sunday	Mass: 9am



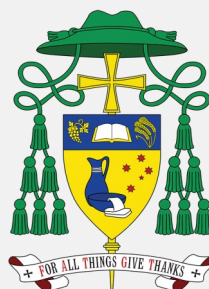
## LUMEN CHRISTI CATHOLIC PARISH

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

Bob Lloyd, Anne Simington, Secondo Mancini, Zelma McAlary,  
Margaret & Paul Gray.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS ...

Lawrence Cook, Dianne Hukins, Matthew Johnson, Pat Carr, Bill  
Sharpe, Ron Cooper, John Gauci, Joseph Scalia.



## PARISH CENTRE

**Office Hours:** Monday to Friday 8.30am —2.00pm  
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**Kathy Uroda,** Principal, St Brigid's Gwynneville  
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## 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 People.



# WELCOME TO LUMEN CHRISTI PARISH

## PARISH CALENDAR: SEP—NOV 2024

**Wed, 11 Sep:** CWL Wollongong Branch Mtg, Xavier Ctr 10am  
**Sun, 15 Sep:** Our Lady of Sorrows, MDB 10am  
**Sun, 22 Sep:** SVdP Wollongong 100year Mass, SFX 10.30am  
**Thu, 03 Oct:** Parish Lunch, The Builders Club 12pm  
**Sun, 06 Oct:** Hospitality Weekend  
**Wed, 09 Oct:** CWL Wollongong Branch Mtg, Xavier Ctr 10am  
**Mon, 14 Oct:** CWL Fairy Meadow Branch Mtg, MDB 2pm  
**Sat, 26 Oct:** Commissioning of Icons, SFX 12.10pm  
**Sun, 03 Nov:** Hospitality Weekend  
**Mon, 04 Nov:** CWL Fairy Meadow Branch Mtg, MDB 2pm  
**Tue, 05 Nov:** Finance Council Meeting  
**Wed, 06 Nov:** Pastoral Council Meeting  
**Thu, 07 Nov:** Parish Lunch, The Builders Club 12pm  
**Wed, 13 Nov:** CWL Wollongong Branch Mtg, Xavier Ctr 10am

## SACRAMENTS

- ♦ **Baptisms:** By appointment only. Baptism preparation session must be completed. Contact the parish office or book online [lumenchristi.org.au/baptism](https://lumenchristi.org.au/baptism)
- ♦ **Marriages:** A preliminary appointment needs to be made at least 6 months prior to Wedding Date (**No Sunday weddings in our parish**)
- ♦ For Pastoral and Sacramental needs, please contact the parish office during office hours

## HELPFUL LINKS

- ♦ **Register in our Parish:** [lumenchristi.org.au/register](https://lumenchristi.org.au/register)
- ♦ **Volunteer in our Parish:** [lumenchristi.org.au/volunteering](https://lumenchristi.org.au/volunteering)
- ♦ **Parish Councils:** [lumenchristi.org.au/parishcouncils](https://lumenchristi.org.au/parishcouncils)
- ♦ **Mass for you at Home:** [youtube.com/massforyouathome](https://youtube.com/massforyouathome)
- ♦ **Mass/Prayer Intentions:** [lumenchristi.org.au/intentions](https://lumenchristi.org.au/intentions)
- ♦ **Light a Votive Candle:** [lumenchristi.org.au/votive](https://lumenchristi.org.au/votive)
- ♦ **Online Donations:** [lumenchristi.org.au/donate](https://lumenchristi.org.au/donate)
- ♦ **Join Planned Giving:** [lumenchristi.org.au/support](https://lumenchristi.org.au/support)
- ♦ **Columbarium:** [lumenchristi.org.au/columbarium](https://lumenchristi.org.au/columbarium)
- ♦ **Sacramental Programme:** [lumenchristi.org.au/sacramental](https://lumenchristi.org.au/sacramental)
- ♦ **Young Adults:** [lumenchristi.org.au/YoungAdults](https://lumenchristi.org.au/YoungAdults)
- ♦ **Privacy Policy:** [privacy.lumenchristi.org.au](https://privacy.lumenchristi.org.au)
- ♦ **St Brigid's School:** [sbgdow.catholic.edu.au](https://sbgdow.catholic.edu.au)
- ♦ **Good Samaritan School:** [gsfmdow.catholic.edu.au](https://gsfmdow.catholic.edu.au)

## PARISH EFT BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

### CHURCH ACCOUNT: DONATIONS & PLANNED GIVING

**BSB:** 066 711 **Account:** 008056

**Account Name:** Lumen Christi Parish

### PRESBYTERY ACCOUNT: FOR THE CLERGY

**BSB:** 066 711 **Account:** 002286

**Account Name:** Lumen Christi Parish Presbytery



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY –116 YEARS

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, also known as Mater Dolorosa or Mother of Sorrows.

On this special day, we reflect on the Seven Sorrows of Our Blessed Mother, including moments such as the Prophecy of Simeon, Losing Jesus in the Temple, and The Crucifixion.

Happy Anniversary to our Mater Dolorosa Community! For 116 years, nestled in the foothills of the escarpment. We give thanks to God for the countless blessings.

## BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL—21/22 SEPT

Our faith calls us to help one another through prayer and action. Offering dignified support and care for our retired clergy, who have always cared for us; and a sound and holistic formation of our young seminarians, our future priests, are my responsibilities as your Bishop. I seek your prayers and practical support to help me ensure that I can do this. Our parish appeal will be held next weekend. Information will be provided how to donate. Your donation to this appeal is very much appreciated.

+ Bishop Brian Mascord

## CROSS + GENERATION TECHNOLOGY

CatholicCare Wollongong are again running the popular Cross + Generation technology program, at Holy Spirit College, Bellambi. The program pairs students with seniors to assist you with technology. Bring in your device, either your phone, laptop or tablet and the students will assist you with becoming more confident and familiar with downloading apps, sending messages, using google maps or other help you may need. Refreshments will be provided at each session.

Sessions are held 9.30am – 11am on Thursday 24 October, Thursday 7 November, Thursday 21 November 9.30-11am, Thursday 5 December 9.30-11am. To register contact Jane Hollier on 0417018152 or [janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au](mailto:janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au)

*For more information on bequests please visit: [lumenchristi.org.au/bequest](https://lumenchristi.org.au/bequest)*

# NEWS IN BRIEF

## GOOD SAMARITAN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL FAIRY MEADOW

Pauline Chrostowski has been appointed as the new Principal of Good Samaritan Catholic Primary School, Fairy Meadow, beginning at the start of the 2025 school year. Pauline is currently the Principal of St Pius X Catholic Parish Primary School and is a parishioner of the Parish and Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Unanderra.

We would also like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Lisa Tyson for her dedicated work as Acting Principal. Lisa has made a significant and positive impact during her time at Good Samaritan Catholic Primary School, Fairy Meadow.

## THANK YOU —FR DAVID HORE

A heartfelt thank you to Fr David Hore, Redemptorist Priest from Kogarah for assisting with some parish Masses over the past two weekends. His support has been greatly appreciated. We pray for Fr Bill Goldman who was unable to supply due to ill health. Please keep Fr Bill in your prayers for a speedy recovery.

## UOW CATHOLIC SOCIETY PAST STUDENTS

Were you a member of the University of Wollongong Catholic Society/Newman Society, or the Wollongong Teachers College St Thomas More Society? UOW CathSoc would love to hear from you! Complete this form to register your interest to join a new past students' network: [tinyurl.com/UOWCSPastStudents](https://tinyurl.com/UOWCSPastStudents) All UOW students, staff, and visitors are welcome along to our Mass on Campus during semester (12:35pm Thursdays, Clubs Room, Building 11)

## CALL FOR GARDEN HELPERS



The Wollongong Gardening Team is seeking volunteers to assist with watering and weeding. If you can spare just one hour a week to help keep our parish grounds looking beautiful, we would greatly appreciate your support! Please contact the parish office if you are able to lend a hand.

## BLESSING OF NEW ICONS

All parishioners of Lumen Christi are warmly invited to attend the commissioning of two new icons at St Francis Xavier Cathedral on Saturday, 26th October 2024, at 12:10 pm. The newly commissioned icons depict the Last Supper, featuring symbols from Bishop Mascord's crest, and Pentecost. These will be installed above the two sacristy doors, complementing the existing icons in the Cathedral.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Atelaite Moala for her generous bequest of these icons in loving memory of her late husband, Mu'a K'i Peito Lahi Moala.

No, our Lord was referring to the terrible reality which could be inflicted on his followers, as even happens today: the beheadings by ISIL in Iraq, the rape and enslavement of women in Nigeria, the displacement from homelands in Syria. The True Cross is not to be found in splinters of wood but in the various means by which suffering is inflicted on those whose allegiance to Jesus Christ does not waiver.

Peter could not, would not, grasp this. His head was full of political fantasy, easy sovereignty. Jesus rebuked Peter quite savagely: 'Satan, get behind me.' Only after the resurrection, believing that our Lord had conquered the worst that death could do, did Peter follow Jesus to crucifixion, upside down at the base of the Vatican Hill.

We could take a moment to pray for and, where possible, give appropriate political support to, our fellow Christians wherever they are persecuted, forced to bear the true cross of suffering. May God give those Christian martyrs victory in the embrace of the resurrection power of Jesus Christ.

## COME & SEE, GO & MAKE PATHWAY UPDATE

Introduction to Parish Renewal (Module 103) What is "parish renewal"? How do we recognise and honour all that is good in our communities and courageously move forward into the future? Then we can walk the path of renewal of heart, culture, and practice, and rediscover our reason for being. **REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL: Xavier Centre Wollongong**

2nd October 2024, 7-9.30pm

Register Online: October: [dow.sh/oct2024](https://dow.sh/oct2024)

## WE ARE BEARERS OF CHRIST'S LOVE BY

- ◆ Loving as Christ loves by consoling and challenging
- ◆ We encounter Jesus and are transformed by his love
- ◆ We allow ourselves to be seen through the eyes of mercy
- ◆ Then we see others through the eyes of mercy
- ◆ Jesus sees us as we are—this is challenging for us
- ◆ Jesus calls us through mercy to conversion of life
- ◆ Our **mission** is to share the love, mercy, and new way of life Jesus gives us
- ◆ We are called to help others become disciples of the Lord
- ◆ We help them to share our life of Baptism in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit
- ◆ To evangelise is to share the Gospel of God's grace that others may live in God's Love and the promise of Eternal Life

## WOLLONGONG SVDP CENTENARY

The Wollongong SVDP Conference is to celebrate this remarkable centenary milestone, a combined Diocesan Mass will be held next **Sunday, 22nd September** at **St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong** at **10:30 am**, followed by refreshments in the Xavier Centre. All are welcome!

*For more information on our Columbarium please visit: [lumenchristi.org.au/columbarium](https://lumenchristi.org.au/columbarium)*



### Entrance Antiphon

**Cf Sirach 36:18**

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,  
that your prophets be found true.  
Hear the prayers of your servant,  
and of your people Israel.

### First Reading

**Isaiah 50:5-9**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*I gave my body to those who struck me.*

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.  
My vindicator is here at hand.  
Does anyone start proceedings against me?  
Then let us go to court together.  
Who thinks he has a case against me?  
Let him approach me.  
The Lord is coming to my help,  
who dare condemn me?

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 114:1-6. 8-9. R. v.9**

**(R.)** I will walk in the presence of the Lord,  
in the land of the living.

1. I love the Lord for he has heard  
the cry of my appeal;  
for he turned his ear to me  
in the day when I called him. **(R.)**
2. They surrounded me, the snares of death,  
with anguish of the tomb;  
they caught me, sorrow and distress.  
I called on the Lord's name.  
O Lord my God, deliver me! **(R.)**
3. How gracious is the Lord, and just;  
our God has compassion.  
The Lord protects the simple hearts;  
I was helpless so he saved me. **(R.)**
4. He has kept my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears  
and my feet from stumbling.  
I will walk in the presence of the Lord  
in the land of the living. **(R.)**

### Second Reading

**James 2:14-18**

A reading from the letter of St James

*Faith without good works is dead.*

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

### Gospel Acclamation

**Galatians 6:14**

Alleluia, alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

**Mark 8:27-35**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*You are the Christ ... the Son of Man was destined to suffer much.*

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

### Communion Antiphon

**Cf Psalm 35:8**

How precious is your mercy, O God!

The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

### REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

#### **Peter: earthquaked and then upside down**

Here in our Australian democracy we hardly feel the force of the famous gospel passage in which Jesus forewarns his disciples of the high cost of following him. We trivialise the meaning of taking up the cross to make it refer to bearing a chronic ailment, or putting up with a particularly irritating family member or work colleague: 'It/he/she is the cross I have to bear.'

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