



LUMEN CHRISTI
CATHOLIC PARISH

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7 SEPTEMBER 2025

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY, C



MASS TIME TABLE

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
Thursday	Mass: 9.30am (Italian)
Sunday	Mass: 8.30am, 10am (Italian), 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



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OUR PARISH



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"The saints are not distant stars in heaven; they are lights given to guide our earthly steps, showing us that holiness is both possible and necessary in every age." Pope Leo XIV



MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE...

Ron Mascord, Jock Ward, Audrey Ward, Dennis Tonitto, Lina Marsili.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS...

Chiara Sirianni, Angela Mosley, Joyce Milan, Noel Meddows, Judith James, Dianne Hukins, Matthew Johnson, Pat Carr, John Gauci, Joseph Scalia.



Our Sacraments & Helpful Links

SCAN TO VISIT OUR WEB PORTAL

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.



**WE ARE CALLED
TO REVEAL THE
LIGHT OF CHRIST
TO THE WORLD.**



WELCOME TO LUMEN CHRISTI PARISH

PARISH CALENDAR

- Thu, 04 Sep: Parish Lunch, The Builders Club Wollongong 12pm
- Sun, 07 Sep: Candidacy for Permeant Deacons, SFX 10.30am Mass
- Sun, 07 Sep: Canonisation of Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati
- Sun, 07 Sep: Father's Day
- Sun, 07 Sep: Hospitality weekend
- Mon, 08 Sep: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Thu, 11 Sep: Catholic Mission Launch
- Fri, 12 Sep: Consoling Mass, MDB 12.10pm
- Sun, 14 Sep: Anniversary of Good Samaritan School (2011)
- Sun, 14 Sep: Feast of the Holy Cross

PARISH STAFF

Most Reverend Brian G Mascord,
Diocesan Bishop & Parish Priest
Very Reverend Bernard L Gordon,
Vicar General & Administrator
Reverend Cang Tran,
Assistant Priest
Kevin Galea,
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Leanne Burlin,
Parish Secretary
Patricia Di Leva,
Administration Assistant

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Pauline Chrostowski,
Principal, Good Samaritan
Fairly Meadow

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

COLUMBARIUM SALES

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CANONISATION OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS AND BLESSED PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI – 7 SEPT

This Sunday, 7th September Pope Leo XIV will solemnly declare Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati as saints of the Church. Their canonisation invites us to celebrate the two young men whose lives, though separated by time and circumstance, remain a radiant witness to the power of faith.

Carlo Acutis (1991–2006), a teenager of our time devoted to the Holy Eucharist, who used his gifts in technology to spread the Gospel and highlight the beauty of Eucharistic miracles. His life reminds us that holiness is possible in the midst of contemporary life.

Pier Giorgio Frassati (1901–1925), often called the “Man of the Beatitudes,” was a young Italian layman known for his love of the poor, his dedication to justice, and his joyful spirit. He showed that authentic discipleship is lived out in service, prayer, and courage.

At the **10:30am Solemn Mass in St Francis Xavier Cathedral,** Bishop Brian Mascord will bless a new image of Saint Carlo Acutis, a gift for our Cathedral community. This blessed image will remind us of the inspiration Carlo offers to young people and all the faithful who long to live their lives in Christ. I encourage you to take home a prayer card of the saints.

Let us give thanks for the gift of these new saints and ask through their intercession that we too may live with courage, hope, and joy as faithful disciples of Christ.

May Saint Carlo Acutis and Saint Giorgio Frassati continue to inspire our parish community on our journey as Pilgrims of Hope.

Fr Bernard



Wishing our Father's HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

In the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, we pray with love and gratitude for all fathers among us, and for all fathers who are now in God's eternal care.

Bishop Brian Mascord	Felipe Sangao	Austin Hickey	Albert John Driscoll	John Lonergan
Bishop Peter Ingham	Nicky Sangao	Ellias Safadi	David Patrick Hill	George Esardeed
Archbishop Philip Wilson	Jithin Joseph Mohan	Ellis Safadi	Noel Cox	Jim Cummins
Bishop William Murray	Christopher Stanley Xavier	Paul Riley	John Barnes	Alan Catto
Bishop Thomas McCabe	Arnold Joseph Xavier	Don Riley	Mark Southwell	Deceased fathers in Cum-
Fr Bernard Gordon	KJ Mohan	Benjamin Flemming	John Frey	mins, Davies, Walsh &
Fr Cang Tran	Late William Lake	Gavin Flemming	Domenico Raschilla	Dwyer families
Ron Mascord	Austin Xavier	Samir Boshen	Rosario Mazzola	John Judge
Bernard Lagan Gordon, Snr	Sunep Jamir	John Borg	John Costabile	Tom Judge
John Merritt	Louis Xavier	Ian Van Weringin	Marc Costabile	Pat Judge
Jim Bates	Late Joseph Xavier	Safadi	Vittorio Costabile	Jim Judge
David Crowe	Robert James (Bob) Lloyd	Boshen	Michal Chomicz	Michael Judge
Bernard Faughlin	Francesco Antonio Tassone	Riley	Karl Bajda	Jim Kelly
Vitaniello Di Giorgio	Antonio Tassone	Flemming families	John Bajda	Colin Simms
Giovanni Ruscigno	Bruno Tucci	Peppino Curcio	Anton Saverimuttu	Barry Devenish
Godfrey Gatungu Maina	Ottario Ficchi	Raffaele Curcio	Emmanuel Joseph	Angelo Sciberras
Elijah Kamau Mwatha	Michele Ficchi	Serafino Mastroianni	Victor Saverimuttu	John Walker
Vallo (Bill) Killar	Antonio Ficchi	Francesco Mastroianni	Mark Dowler	Glenn Reagan
Gennaro Curcio	Darren McGoldrick	Pietro Spinelli	Peter Dowler	Levi Parinas
Fiore Mercuri	Andrew Chora	Giovanni Ambrosi	Michael Zerafa	Ronald Parinas
Serafino Vescio	Michael Di Leo	Francesco Ambrosi	Alby Jackson	Fernando Gejon
Raffaele Curcio	Ces Chora	Dr Peter Thanh My Nguyen	Sydney Ace Manlucot	Virgilio Galvan Jr
Giovanni Filippi	Jan Chorazyczewski	Joseph Kusters	Neil Martin Modina	Joaquin Lapuz
Ugo Romano	Bronislaw Luczka	Sjef Kusters	Willie Manlucot	Gil Lapuz
Federico Romano	Henryk Luczka	Julian Sztaba	Cesar Modina	Rannze Ragan
Lorenzo Bastianon	Gordon Herbert Deutscher	Newton Joseph Pereira	Rodesendo Gomez	Joseph Echano
Lorenzo Bastianon	Desmond Coleman Trainor	Daljit Khorana	Jozo Frankovic	Oliver Lapuz
Andrew Bastianon	Gary Howard	Dominic George	Zeljko Frankovic	Rolando Tiga
Allan Keely Griffiths	John Meehan	Neil Walker	Hector Salazar	Manny Echano
Ron Lunnon	Bill Meehan	Thomas Cassidy	Jose Caibal	Angelo Lapuz
Archie Imbesi	Mick Woolley	Secondo Mancini	Vicente Estrada	Roden Ilagan
Tony Corso	Peter Marchioro	Antonio Mendicino	Romualdo Estrada	John Hurley
Will Clark	Corrado Spaccavento	John Muscat	Danilo Estrada	Eastamislaio Sy
David McAlary	Vincenzo Demario	Markus Sumartono	Vincent Estrada	Dominique Bally Kpokro
James Hodgson	John Hubbard	Yohanes Lonis	Joseph Estrada	Louis Faddoul
John McLean	Giuseppe Mercurio	Balthasar Metom	Dino Estrada	David Coates
Vivian Tila	Odoardo Mercuri	Antonius Herlambang	Greg Santos	Rev Peter John Harrison
Alfred Bezzina	William Bentick	Blasius Lonis	Michael John Collins	Max Field
Jose Quinto	William Potter	Yoseph Kiik	Brett Hofman	Sandrino Curcio
Cyril Thomas Mallon	William Clarke	Edi Sulistiono	Armando Dellapina	Greg Santiago
Giovanni Apolloni	James Potter	Michael De Battista	Aldo Dellapina	Heliodoro Cueva
Aldo Dalla Valle	Herb Gardiner	Frank Smith	Emilio Fogliati	
Peter Dawson	Bernard Potter	Patrick McNamara	Paul Hvalica	
Andrew Payne	Luke Potter	Kevin McNamara	Terry DeSena	
Allan Matthew Lennon	James Potter	James Vincent Kavanagh	Peter Dellapina	
Brad Russell	Matthew Potter	Dick Lee Shoy	Larry Malady	
Angelo Galea	Ewen Cameron	Gareth Lee Shoy	Leo Boyle	
Adam Russell	Harrison Reh	John Lee Shoy	Giovanni Penzo	
Walter Cornish	Frank Potter	Francis Ah Yong	Joe Edward	
Clement Joseph Potter	Ray Phillips	Fr Greg Meere	Nilu Edward	
Edward Alamango	Ray Beames	John Purcell	Austin Tissaverasinge	
Anthony Alamango Jnr	Jack Sharples	Victor Purcell	Wenceslaus Anthony	
Tony Alamango	Allen Hill	Charles Hambly	Austin McAlary	
Guzeppi Gravino	A Di Milia	John Wilkinbough	Mick Comensoli	
Carlos Sangao	Darrell Southam	William (Bill) McCormack	Carmine Carratelli	
Rob Petrovski	Kell Southam	Patrick Joseph Lacey	Frank Scanu	
Anton Stringer	Robert Ryan Snr	William James McCormack	Thomas Taprell	
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Asher Almonguera	Rocco Ianni	Kyle Gray	Paul Gilbert	
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Alfredo Almonguera Jr	Luis "Papi" Gomez Romero	Denis Frew	Kpokro Bally Jonas	
Ric Almonguera	Henry Douglas Gardiner	Justin Frew	Yao Gedrges	
Ronie Almonguera	Henry Gerald Gardiner	Russell Frew	Kouakou Pierre	
Albert Almonguera	Thomas Henry Malcolm	William Tobin	Thomas & Vincent	
John Cerroni	James Phillip Malcolm	Philip John Driscoll OAM	Peter Drewe	



Bless our

FATHER'S

May God bless all fathers with love, strength, and guidance, and may St Joseph watch over them always.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS & COMMENTARY

Entrance Antiphon

Psalm 118:137, 124

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

First Reading

Wisdom 9:13-18

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Who can comprehend the will of God?

What man can know the intentions of God?
Who can divine the will of the Lord?
The reasonings of mortals are unsure
and our intentions unstable;
for a perishable body presses down the soul,
and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.
It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth,
laborious to know what lies within our reach;
who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?
As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted
Wisdom
and sent your holy spirit from above?
Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened
and men been taught what pleases you,
and saved, by Wisdom.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1

(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Second Reading

Philemon 12-17:Phlm 9-10, 12-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon

Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 118:135

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant,
and teach me your laws.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 14:25-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. 'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf Psalm 41:2-3

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Hate your father

I am told that, in most Middle Eastern languages, there is no word for 'prefer'. Perhaps influenced by extremes of heat and cold, the vocabulary of 'love' and 'hate' is used instead. No one can imagine Jesus 'hating' Joseph, but he clearly gave preference to his mission, even as a precocious 12 year old in the Temple.

In today's Gospel, Jesus was preparing his followers, imminently and over the generations, for persecution. This would include real-life situations of families denouncing a son or daughter, or a brother turning over a brother to the authorities.

Imagine a Chinese Catholic hearing this Gospel this morning, and this afternoon being betrayed by family members for remaining loyal to the successor of St Peter. Jesus exhorts such a follower to prefer this cross over what the family considers politically correct. We could pause for a moment to pray for all families, torn apart for allegiance to Jesus in His Church, that they may be re-united in the peace of the Risen Lord.

UPDATE – MGR JOHN RIGNEY ROOM

Work has now commenced on repairing the Mgr John Rigney Room following recent roof damage. The room will remain closed until further notice while repairs are underway.

Please note: There will be no hospitality after the 10:30am Mass at Wollongong this weekend.

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