



LUMEN CHRISTI
CATHOLIC PARISH

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION

14 SEPTEMBER 2025

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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



SUPPORT
OUR PARISH



PARISH CENTRE

OFFICE HOURS:

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“Never underestimate the gift you are: by your teaching and example, you draw children and youth into friendship with Jesus.”

Pope Leo XIV

MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE...

Beniamino Mazzaro, Colin Meiklejohn, Edith Ryan, Maureen Gray, Lina Marsili, Christopher and Bridget Armitage, Jock & Audrey Ward, Chiara Ambrosi.

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

- Mon, 15 Sep: Our Lady of Sorrows
- Mon, 15 Sep: Mater Dolorosa Church, Balgownie (1908)
- Wed, 17 Sep: Baptism Class, SFX 7pm
- Sun, 21 Sep: SVdP Annual Diocesan Mass, SFX 10.30am
- Mon, 22 Sep: FHC Parent Night, SFX 6.30pm
- Tue, 23 Sep: St Brigid's School FHC Parent Night, Hall 6.30pm
- Wed, 24 Sep: Good Samaritan School, FHC Parent Night, Hall 6.30pm
- Thu, 25 Sep: Pastoral Council Meeting, Rigney Room 5pm
- Fri, 26 Sep: Term 3 concludes
- Sat, 04 Oct: Feast of St Francis of Assisi

PLANTING SEEDS OF FAITH

This weekend we give thanks for the gift of our Catechists and the important ministry they carry out in our parish. Week after week, these faithful parishioners go into our local public schools to share the love of Jesus with more than five hundred children. From Balgownie Primary School, Coniston Primary School, Fairy Meadow Demonstration School, Gwynneville Primary School, Keiraville Primary School, Mt Ousley Primary School, Mt St Thomas Primary School, Pleasant Heights Primary School, Towradgi Primary School and Wollongong Primary School, our Catechists bring the message of hope and faith into classrooms and hearts.



We are deeply grateful for the generosity and dedication of our Catechists, who offer their time and witness so that young people can come to know Christ. A very special word of thanks goes to Patricia Calabro, whose tireless work behind the scenes ensures our schools and teachers receive the support they need.

As we celebrate their service, we also extend an invitation to you. Have you ever considered becoming a Catechist or assisting as a Helper in the classroom? No prior teaching experience is necessary—training, resources, and ongoing support are provided. What matters most is a willingness to share your faith, a love for children, and a generous heart. Even one hour a week can make a lasting difference in a child's life.

If you feel God might be calling you to this ministry, or if you would like to learn more, please email patricia.calabro@dow.org.au

Together, let us continue to plant seeds of faith and hope in the next generation, trusting in Jesus' words:

“Let the little children come to me” (Matthew 19:14).

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,
General Manager
Leanne Burlin,
Parish Secretary
Patricia Di Leva,
Administration Assistant

WOLLONGONG HOSPITAL

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PASTORAL & FINANCE COUNCILS

Lisa de Paiva,
Chair of the Pastoral Council
Vicky Davidson,
Chair of the Finance Council

PARISH SCHOOLS

Kathy Uroda,
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:
Lumen Christi Parish

PRESBYTERY ACCOUNT:
FOR THE CLERGY
BSB: 066 711 Account: 002286
Account Name:
Lumen Christi Parish Presbytery

COLUMBARIUM SALES

lumenchristi.org.au/columbarium

NEWS IN BRIEF



BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL — 27-28 SEPTEMBER

Our parish will support Bishop Brian Mascord's Annual Appeal the of weekend **27/28 September**. Your prayers and practical generosity help provide dignified care for our retired clergy and the sound formation of our seminarians—the priests of tomorrow. Bishop Brian is asking for your prayerful support and, where possible, a financial contribution to make this possible. A leaving collection will be taken up at all Masses that weekend.

To learn more or make a tax-deductible donation, visit www.dow.org.au/giving or call the Bishop's Office on **(02) 4222 2400** to make a donation over the phone.

Thank you for your support.

TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF MGR JOHN RIGNEY MEETING ROOM

Due to the recent inclement weather, the Mgr John Rigney Room will remain closed until further notice.

We sincerely apologise for any inconvenience this will cause. If you have a meeting scheduled in the Mgr John Rigney Room, we kindly ask that you please make alternative arrangements.

FR BERNARD GORDON

Fr Bernard returns from annual leave this week—we hope he had a restful break. He'll begin resuming his regular diocesan and parish duties over the coming days. A big thank you to Fr Paul Hilder for assisting with Masses in our parish. I am sure we will see you again!



Kevin Galea, GM.

COMMUNION TO THE INBOUND

A **Parish Formation Session** for those interested will be held on **Saturday, 27 September at 9:30 am** at St Francis Xavier Cathedral Wollongong. Current and new ministers are invited to attend.

To register, go to: lumenchristi.org.au/training

What his Heavenly Father willed was that Jesus Christ should remain steadfast in the face of adversity, should remain true to his mission to teach and embody the mercy, the forgiveness, the all-inclusive love of God for every human being.

When Jesus persevered (not my will but thine be done), the Cross was the inevitable result. Death appeared to have won the battle to ensure a death dominated world.

But three days later, our Lord appeared to St Thomas bearing the marks of the wounds of the Cross but now indelibly imprinted on his resurrection body.

That is victory, that is triumph. A victory and a triumph in which we are all called to share.

WOLLONGONG WORLD TRIATHLON 15-19 OCTOBER

We have been informed that Wollongong will host the World Triathlon Championship Finals from Wednesday 15 to Sunday 19 October 2025. The event precinct and expo are centred around Lang Park / Marine Drive, with racing and activities across the foreshore. We will provide an update accessing the Cathedral once more information has been provided.



OCTOBER—MONTH OF THE ROSARY

The Month of the Holy Rosary October is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Rosary, a devotion that draws us closer to Jesus through the intercession of His Blessed Mother. The Rosary invites us to reflect on the mysteries of Christ's life, death, and resurrection, and to bring our personal intentions before God in prayer.

During this special month, parishioners are warmly invited to gather and pray the Rosary together **after the 9.30am Mass each Tuesday in October at St John Vianney Co-Cathedral Fairy Meadow**. This is a beautiful opportunity to deepen our faith, strengthen our parish community in prayer, and honour Our Lady who always leads us to her Son. All are welcome!

MASS FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS

A special Mass with the Blessing for Expectant Mothers will be held on **Tuesday 14 October at 9:30am** in **St John Vianney Co-Cathedral, Fairy Meadow**.

This Mass will be offered for all mothers, especially those preparing to give birth or experiencing difficulties in pregnancy. The blessing is linked to St Gerard Majella (1726–1755), known as "The Mothers' Saint," whose intercession is sought for unborn children, safe delivery, and mothers in need.

We warmly encourage all parishioners and families to join us in this grace-filled celebration.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS & COMMENTARY

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Galatians 6:14

We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

First Reading

Numbers 21:4-9

A reading from the book of Numbers

When those that were afflicted looked upon it, they were healed.

On the way through the wilderness, the Israelites lost patience. They spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt to die in this wilderness? For there is neither bread nor water here; we are sick of this unsatisfying food.' At this God sent fiery serpents among the people; their bite brought death to many in Israel. The people came and said to Moses, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you. Intercede for us with the Lord to save us from these serpents.' Moses interceded for the people, and the Lord answered him, 'Make a fiery serpent and put it on a standard. If anyone is bitten and looks at it, he shall live.' So Moses fashioned a bronze serpent which he put on a standard, and if anyone was bitten by a serpent, he looked at the bronze serpent and lived.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 77:1-2. 34-38. R. v.7

(R.) Do not forget the works of the Lord!

1. Give heed, my people, to my teaching;
turn your ear to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable
and reveal hidden lessons of the past. *(R.)*
2. When he slew them then they would seek him,
return and seek him in earnest.
They would remember that God was their rock,
God the Most High their redeemer. *(R.)*
3. But the words they spoke were mere flattery;
they lied to him with their lips.
For their hearts were not truly with him;
they were not faithful to his covenant. *(R.)*
4. Yet he who is full of compassion
forgave their sin and spared them.
So often he held back his anger
when he might have stirred up his rage. *(R.)*

Second Reading

Philippians 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

He humbled himself, therefore God had exalted him.

The state of Jesus was divine,
yet he did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,

and became as men are;
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you,
because by your cross you have redeemed the world.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 3:13-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The Son of Man must be lifted up.

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'No one has gone up to heaven
except the one who came down from heaven,
the Son of Man who is in heaven;
and the Son of Man must be lifted up
as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,
so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.
Yes, God loved the world so much
that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost
but may have eternal life.
For God sent his Son into the world
not to condemn the world,
but so that through him the world might be saved.'

Communion Antiphon

John 12:32

When I am lifted up from the earth,
I will draw everyone to myself, says the Lord.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The Triumph of the Cross

What other religion would have as its central symbol two rough hewn planks of wood fashioned into an instrument of torture on which our Founder, Jesus of Nazareth, was cruelly done to death? And yet, today, we speak of 'The Triumph of the Cross'. Where is the triumph?

Let us rid ourselves of one terrible answer: that our heavenly Father willed that Jesus Christ should suffer that tortured death. What sort of cruel despot would I be called on to worship if that were the case?

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