



**LUMEN CHRISTI**  
CATHOLIC PARISH

# SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION

28 DECEMBER 2025

## HOLY FAMILY, A

*“Rise, take the **child** and **his mother**, and flee to **Egypt.**” – Matthew 2:13*

### HAPPY NEW YEAR

On behalf of Bishop Brian, Fr Cang, Fr Anthony, Fr Joseph, Kevin, Leanne, and Trish, we wish all parishioners and visitors a safe, joyful, and blessed New Year. May 2026 bring hope, peace, and many blessings.

### PARISH CALENDAR

- Thu, 01 Jan: Mary Mother of God, Mass SFX 9am
- Thu, 01 Jan: Anniversary of Lumen Christi 4 Years (2022)
- Sun, 04 Jan: The Epiphany of the Lord
- Sun, 11 Jan: The Baptism of the Lord
- Thu, 29 Jan: Catechists Meeting, Rigney Room 10am

### MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

#### ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHEDRAL, WOLLONGONG

- Mon 29 Dec Mass: 7am
- Tue 30 Dec Mass: 7am
- Wed 31 Dec Mass: 7am
- Confessions: 11:30am
- Mass: 12.10pm
- Thu 1 Jan Mass: 9am
- Fri 2 Jan Mass: 7am
- Adoration: 11:30am
- Confessions: 11:30am
- Mass: 12.10pm
- Sat 3 Jan Confessions: 11am—12pm
- Sun 4 Jan Mass: 7am, 10.30am & 5pm

#### ST JOHN VIANNEY CO-CATHEDRAL, FAIRY MEADOW

- Tue 30 Dec **No Mass**
- Sun 4 Jan Mass: 8.30am, 4.30pm (Vietnamese)

#### MATER DOLOROSA, BALGOWNIE

- Sun 4 Jan Mass: 10am

#### ST BRIGID'S CHURCH, GWYNNEVILLE

- Thu 1 Jan **No Mass**
- Sat 3 Jan Vigil Mass: 5.30pm
- Sun 4 Jan Mass: 9am



### PARISH CENTRE

#### Office Hours:

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### 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](http://lumenchristi.org.au/columbarium)

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

Damiano Sorace, Mary Duck, Jim Cummins, Thelma & Alan Catto, Deceased members of Cummins, Davies, Walsh & Dwyer Families.

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

Fr John Pickering, Sr Monica Barlow, Duc Trong Nguyen, Angela Mosley, Brian Mattock, Jim Lyon, Teresa George, Lorraine Cook, Chiara Sirianni, Joyce Milan, Noel Meddows, Dianne Hukins, Matthew Johnson, Pat Carr, John Gauci, Joseph Scalia.



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 Peoples.



## NEWS IN BRIEF

### WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

A warm welcome to all visitors joining us at Lumen Christi Parish this weekend. We are blessed to have you with us and hope you feel at home in our parish community. If you are new and would like to become a parishioner, we invite you to register at: [lumenchristi.org.au/register](http://lumenchristi.org.au/register).

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Please refer to the Mass times for this week on page 1. The full liturgical schedule will resume on 3rd January.

### DIARY DATE FOR CATECHIST MEETING

The first 2026 Lumen Christi Parish Catechist Meeting will be held on **Thursday 29th January 2026 at 10am in the Mgr John Rigney Room**. Catechists are required to attend to receive their resources for the year. Please RSVP your attendance to our Coordinator Patricia by email: [patricia.calabro@dow.org.au](mailto:patricia.calabro@dow.org.au).

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

#### Entrance Antiphon

Luke 2:16

The shepherds went in haste,  
and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

#### First Reading

Sirach 3:2-6. 12-14

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

*Whoever fears the Lord honours his parents.*

#### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 127:1-5

(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

#### Second Reading

Colossians 3:12-21

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

*Concerning the Christian life in the world.*

#### Gospel Acclamation

Colossians 3:15. 16

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,  
and the fullness of his message live within you.

Alleluia!

#### Gospel

Matthew 2:13-15. 19-23

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*Take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt.*

After the wise men had left, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you, and escape into Egypt, and stay there until I tell you, because Herod intends to search for the child and do away with him.' So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, left that night for Egypt, where he stayed until Herod was dead. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken through the prophet:

*I called my son out of Egypt.*

After Herod's death, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you and go back to the land of Israel, for those who wanted to kill the child are dead.' So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, went back to the land of Israel. But when he learnt that Archelaus had succeeded his father Herod as ruler of Judaea he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he left for the region of Galilee. There he settled in a town called Nazareth. In this way the words spoken through the prophets were to be fulfilled:

*He will be called a Nazarene.*

#### Communion Antiphon

Baruch 3:38

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

#### REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

##### Two Holy Families

Herod is seeking to annihilate all the male children in Bethlehem. The child Jesus is in mortal danger. 'Arise, take the child and his mother, and flee into Egypt.' And Joseph did so. That night and by night, such was the urgency.

Have you ever thought: What if Egyptian border guards had turned back this refugee family? What if, instead of finding safe haven and sanctuary, this desperate family had been denied entry? The Divine plan to rescue Jesus from a murderous tyrant depended not only on Joseph but, also, on the Egyptian people.

And so we discover two Holy Families in this Gospel episode. One is the little Holy Family with Joseph, Mary and Jesus. The other is the larger Holy Family of humanity embodied in those Egyptians who provided sanctuary, who opened their land to allow Joseph, Mary and Jesus to settle out of danger.

We might pause for a moment to ask: Can we be as hospitable and open as the Egyptians of today's Gospel? Another baby in another family of refugees may depend on our answer!

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