



LUMEN CHRISTI
CATHOLIC PARISH

Share the GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION

26 APRIL 2026

FOURTH 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
 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



SUPPORT
OUR PARISH

Parish Centre

PARISH OFFICE

36 Harbour St, (P.O. Box 874)
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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday 8.30am — 2.00pm
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MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE...

Bishop William Murray, Bishop Peter Ingham, Elizabeth Kingston Ray, Consuelo Crisostomo, Patrick & Clare McCormack, Maureen Gray and William (Bill) McCormack, Joao Batista Pinto, Jonny Penzo, Armando & Peter Dellapina.

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.

*"The **sheep** hear his **voice**; he calls his **own sheep** by **name** and **leads** them."*

— John 10:3

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.



OUR

Sacraments

SCAN TO VISIT OUR WEB PORTAL



Welcome to LUMEN CHRISTI PARISH

Parish Calendar

- Tue, 28 Apr: GSFM Year 6 Parish Mass Attendance
- Thu, 30 Apr: State/Private Confirmation Session 1, SFX 3.45pm
- Thu, 30 Apr: SBG Year 6 Parish Mass Attendance
- Fri, 01 May: St Joseph the Worker
- Sun, 03 May: Hospitality weekend
- Sun, 03 May: Confirmation Commitment Mass, SFX 10.30am
- Mon, 04 May: Fairy Meadow CWL Meeting, MDB 2pm
- Tue, 05 May: Finance Council Meeting, Rigney Room 5pm
- Tue, 05 May: GSFM Year 6 (Parish Mass Attendance)
- Wed, 06 May: Pastoral Council Meeting, Rigney Room 5pm

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

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World Day of Prayer for Vocations

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is known as Good Shepherd Sunday”, as the Gospel at Mass always reflects on Jesus as our Good Shepherd who knows, leads, and lays down His life for His flock.

It is also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, a time when the Church invites us to pray for and support those discerning a call to the priesthood, religious life, or other forms of service in the Church.

If you or someone you know would like support in discerning their vocation—including connecting with others on a similar journey—please contact Fr Duane Fernandez, Vocations Director, at vocations@dow.org.au.

Pope Leo XIV reminds us to “Help everyone, especially young people who are discerning, to make God’s dreams for them come true. May he inspire in them the courage to say ‘yes’ to the Lord who always surprises and never disappoints.”

We also ask you to keep in your prayers our diocesan seminarians: Anthony Rewak, Quy Tran and Joshua Le, that they may continue to grow in faith, generosity, and fidelity to God’s call.

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.

Young Adults Choir

The St Brigid’s Young Adults Choir sings on first Sundays at the 9am Gwynneville Mass, as well as at other liturgies throughout the year. We would love to welcome new members. If you are 18-35, have an interest in singing, and want to connect with other young parishioners, please contact Ed Parke at edselparke1995@gmail.com No prior experience necessary!

Barabbas was a brigand, a leader of an insurrection. Our Lord knew that armed rebellion against the Romans would lead to the destruction of Jerusalem.

So, Jesus is warning his followers against the seductive voices of those who advocate the use of violence.

In particular, the successor of Peter should echo the voice of Jesus the Good Shepherd and no other. Popes of the modern era seem to be listening more attentively to the Good Shepherd, as successors of St Peter who was instructed: ‘Feed my lambs, feed my sheep’.

We could pause for a moment to attune our ears to the sound of the Shepherd’s voice and follow Him so that He may lead us to pastures where we can have life, abundantly. Alleluia!

Mass Offerings (A Vademecum)

Mass offerings, traditionally called stipends, are a long-standing and meaningful practice in the Church whereby the faithful request a priest to offer a Mass for a particular intention—most commonly for the repose of the soul of a loved one, but also for the living, in thanksgiving, or for special needs. It is essential to understand that the offering is not a payment for the Mass, as the Eucharist is the free and unmerited gift of Christ to His Church. Rather, it is a voluntary offering that expresses the giver’s faith, devotion, and participation in the sacrifice of the Mass. In making this offering, the faithful unite their intentions with Christ’s perfect offering to the Father, entrusting their prayers to the highest form of prayer the Church possesses.

The Church carefully regulates this practice to preserve its sacred character and to ensure justice and integrity. Each Mass offering is associated with a specific intention, and the priest who accepts it is bound in conscience and in justice to apply that Mass for that intention. Proper records are maintained within the parish to ensure that all intentions are honoured in a timely and transparent manner. At the same time, the Church insists that no one should ever be denied a Mass due to financial hardship, reinforcing that the offering is always voluntary.

Pastorally, Mass offerings often arise from moments of deep human experience—grief, remembrance, gratitude, or petition—and therefore should always be received with care, reverence, and compassion. Far from being a transactional practice, Mass offerings are a profound expression of the communion of saints, drawing together the living and the dead in the one sacrifice of Christ. They remain a powerful reminder that, in every Mass, the prayers of the faithful are united with Christ’s saving work for the life of the world.

Anzac Day Public Holiday Mass

Mass on **Monday, 27 April will be celebrated at 8am** at St Francis Xavier Cathedral.



THIS WEEK'S *Readings & Commentary*

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 32:5-6

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 2:14. 36-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22:1-6. R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:20-25

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation

John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 10:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly,

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

All others who have come

are thieves and brigands;

but the sheep took no notice of them.

I am the gate.

Anyone who enters through me will be safe:

he will go freely in and out

and be sure of finding pasture.

The thief comes

only to steal and kill and destroy.

I have come

so that they may have life

and have it to the full.'

Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen,

who laid down his life for his sheep

and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The Shepherd's Voice

In Jesus' time, the shepherd lead from the front: the sheep followed the sound of his voice to reach good pasture. Jesus describes other voices who might try to mislead the sheep as 'thieves and brigands'.

In John's gospel, Judas, the thief from the common purse of the disciples, led a group of temple guards and Roman soldiers to take Jesus by force.

