



LUMEN CHRISTI
CATHOLIC PARISH

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31 MAY 2026

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY, 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)
Wollongong NSW 2500

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday 8.30am — 2.00pm
(Closed for Lunch 12pm—12.30pm)

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MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE...

Carmela Sgangaarella, Dominic Timpano.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR
OUR SICK PARISHIONERS...**

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.

*"One God in
three Persons —
Father, Son and
Holy Spirit —
united in perfect
love."*



OUR

Sacraments

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.



Welcome to LUMEN CHRISTI PARISH

Parish Calendar

- Mon, 01 Jun: Fairy Meadow CWL Meeting, MDB 2pm
- Thu, 04 Jun: Parish Lunch, The Builders Club Wollongong 12pm
- Sun, 07 Jun: Hospitality weekend
- Sun, 07 Jun: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
- Mon, 08 Jun: Kings Birthday Holiday, SFX 8am
- Wed, 10 Jun: Wollongong CWL Meeting, Xavier Ctr 10am
- Fri, 12 Jun: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
- Sat, 13 Jun: The Immaculate Heart of Mary
- Sun, 14 Jun: St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal 2026
- Sun, 14 Jun: Diocesan Patronal Feast Immaculate Heart of Mary

Cathedral Exterior Renewal Project – Update #4

Recently, the Parish Finance Council and the Cathedral Project Control Group (PCG) met to review the proposed Cathedral Exterior Renewal Project and associated budget, which was accepted by the relevant councils.

The formal application and supporting documentation have now been submitted to Bishop Brian Mascord, the Diocesan Finance Council for review and approval.

The proposed project budget totals \$626,244.10 (ex GST) and includes the following works:

Project Preliminaries	\$159,385.70
Stonemason Works	\$140,650.70
Fascia, Gutter & Downpipe Works	\$117,117.00
Window Maintenance & Repairs	\$10,080.00
Door Maintenance & Repairs	\$3,255.00
Lighting Replacement	\$15,229.20
External Painting Works	\$140,049.00
Fencing Replacement	\$10,290.00
Pavers, Concrete & Resurfacing Works	\$30,187.50
Total Project Budget (Ex GST):	\$626,244.10

This important project will help preserve and renew St Francis Xavier Cathedral for future generations and in preparation for our Diocesan Anniversary and Eucharistic Congress.

If you are interested in registering as a donor towards the Cathedral Exterior Renewal Project, please visit: www.lumenchristi.org.au/sfx2026

Thank you for your generosity and support of our Cathedral.

Fr Bernard

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
Emergency Calls: 0475 815 506

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

Wollongong Public/Private
Phone: 0475 815 506



The Burning Bush

The Burning Bush in Sacred Scripture symbolises the presence of God — alive, radiant and holy. In the Book of Exodus, Moses encounters God through a bush that burns with fire yet is not consumed. From this sacred moment, God calls Moses into mission, leadership and faith.



In the Illawarra, the Flame Tree stands as a powerful local reminder of this same image. Each year, its brilliant red blossoms transform the landscape with colour and life, almost appearing as though the tree itself is aflame. Like the Burning Bush, the Illawarra Flame Tree can remind us of God's living presence among His people — a sign of hope, renewal and the fire of the Holy Spirit.

You may have already noticed some of the new red signage appearing around the Cathedral precinct. This has been inspired by the rich colours of the Illawarra Flame Tree and the image of the Burning Bush — symbols of renewal, mission and the presence of God among us.

As the Flame Tree blooms across our region, may it inspire us to recognise God at work in our own lives and communities, calling us to faith, service and renewal.

I will talk more about this when I return from leave... "I'll be back." 😊

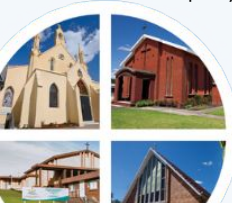
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Marriages in our parish

We congratulate the newly married couples who recently celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage within Lumen Christi Parish: Maria Alejandra Alvarado Loukianova & Finn Goddard, Natasha Stefanie Camilleri & Joseph Michael Grima, Alana Byrne & Jacque Isarin, and Caterina Giannetti & Shahab Yavari. As these couples begin their married life together, we pray that God may continue to bless them with love, faith, joy and strength in the years ahead.

Archbishop Philip Edward Wilson

A memorial plaque will soon be erected at the Bishops' Grave Site in honour of Archbishop Philip Edward Wilson, who served the Diocese of Wollongong as Bishop of Wollongong from 1996 to 2000. We give thanks for his dedicated service to the people of the Diocese, and we continue to pray for the repose of his soul.



King's Birthday - 8 June

Please note that on Monday 8 June 2026, the King's Birthday Public Holiday, Mass will be celebrated at 8:00am at St Francis Xavier Cathedral.

All parishioners and visitors are warmly invited to join us as we gather in prayer and thanksgiving.

Mass Attendance across our parish

The May 2026 National Count of Attendance was mandatory for all Catholic parishes across Australia and replaces the local November Mass Count normally conducted within the Diocese. Thank you to all our Welcomers/Collectors and Pastoral Council Members who assisted over the past four weekends with the counting across Lumen Christi Parish. Your support and generosity in helping collect this important information is greatly appreciated. The results and further details will be shared with the parish community soon. Thank you to Kathy Uroda for coordinating the counting process over the past four weeks

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Baptisms in our parish

From January to May this year, we joyfully welcomed many children into the life of the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism across Lumen Christi Parish. We give thanks for the Baptisms of Camille and Patrick Ashwood, Georgette Sabbouh, Elvie Ann Bailey, Raya Gabrielle Baroy, Sebastian Borg, Kiara Joy Mauriello, Keanna Carmel Nithila Corera, Revaan Reema Karthick, Tyla Rose Keegan, Archer Felix Jankowski, Leilani Ward, Arlo Grossmann, Hayden James Shields, Roman Roberto Hvalica, Sofia Aquilina, Xavier Frankovic, Ruby Lauren Taylor, Winter Belle Cristini, Emilio Asibey, Mateo Francesco Cardamone, Laikyn Vin Larder, Elena Jara and Cartia Rose Pierro. We continue to pray for these children and their families as they grow in faith and in the love of Christ. Please note that not all names have been published.

Wollongong Festival - 7 June

Please note that due to the Wollongong Festival Run on Sunday 7 June, road closures will be in place around Harbour Street and Cliff Road throughout the morning. However, access to St Francis Xavier Cathedral and the Cathedral precinct will remain accessible for parishioners attending Masses. Please allow additional travel time where possible.

THIS WEEK'S

Readings & Commentary

Entrance Antiphon

Blest be God the Father,
and the Only Begotten Son of God,
and also the Holy Spirit,
for he has shown us his merciful love.

First Reading

Exodus 34:4-6. 8-9

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord God, ruler of all, merciful and loving.

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said, 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

Responsorial Psalm

Dn 3:52-56. R. v.52

(R.) Glory and praise for ever!

1. You are blest, Lord God of our fathers. **(R.)**
Blest your glorious holy name. **(R.)**
2. You are blest in the temple of your glory. **(R.)**
You are blest on the throne of your kingdom. **(R.)**
3. You are blest who gaze into the depths. **(R.)**
You are blest in the firmament of heaven. **(R.)**

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Gospel Acclamation

See Apocalypse 1:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 3:16-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
God sent his Son to save the world through him.

Jesus said to Nicodemus,

'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.

No one who believes in him will be condemned;

but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already,

because he has refused to believe

in the name of God's only Son.'

Communion Antiphon

Galatians 4:6

Since you are children of God,

God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son,

the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Painting the Picture of God

When he was crucified Jesus uttered: 'It is finished.' What had finished? His earthly ministry during which he painted a picture of the most intimate communion between Himself, the Father, and the Holy Spirit, so intimate that the Church needed a new word: 'Tri-Unity' or 'Trinity' for short.

God is pulsating, shimmering light, dancing in threefold exchange of love, each being simultaneously poured into the other. God is 'Being-In-Love' and love is always relational.

You are made in the image and likeness of God. Because of the ministry of Jesus Christ, we know what that really means. We are made to live in relationship – not in solitary.

If we think that the ultimate good is to be self-sufficient/autonomous, that leads to a hellish existence.

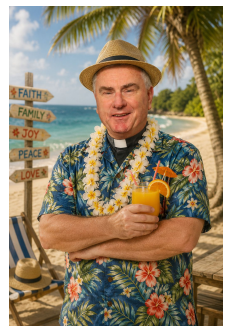
When we live with as much self-giving as is possible, we are on the way to a heavenly existence.

We could pause for a moment to give thanks for the revelation of the nature of God, and consequently of the true nature of human beings.

Fr Bernard on leave

Fr Bernard Gordon will be taking leave from 1 June 2026 and will return on 18 June 2026 for a period of rest and renewal.

We welcome back Fr Paul Hilder from the Archdiocese, who will be assisting in the parish during this time. We thank Fr Paul for his support and ministry within our Parish.



Please keep Fr Bernard in your prayers and wish him a restful and blessed break.

