



**LUMEN CHRISTI**  
CATHOLIC PARISH

# SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION

3 AUGUST 2025

EIGHTEENTH 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



### PARISH CENTRE

#### OFFICE HOURS:

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

Catherine Anderton, Connie Natoli.

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

Angela Mosley, Frank Gray, Noel Meddows, Judith James, Dianne Hukins, Matthew Johnson, Pat Carr, John Gauci, Joseph Scalia.

"I entrust to Mary,  
Queen of Peace, the  
innocent victims of  
conflicts and those leaders  
who have the power to  
resolve them." *Pope Leo XIV*



*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, 04 Aug:	Feast of St John Vianney
Tue, 05 Aug:	Dedication Anniversary Co-Cathedral, (2011)
Wed, 06 Aug:	Transfiguration
Thu, 07 Aug:	Parish Lunch, The Builders Club Wollongong 12pm
Fri, 08 Aug:	Feast of St Mary of the Cross Mackillop
Thu, 14 Aug:	Vigil, Solemnity of the Assumption
Fri, 15 Aug:	Solemnity of the Assumption, SFX 7am & 12.10pm
Wed, 20 Aug:	Baptism Class, SFX 7pm
Sat, 23 Aug:	No Reconciliation available due to Ordination
Sun, 24 Aug:	Marriage Anniversaries Mass, SFX 2pm

## BISHOP BRIAN MASCORD'S PASTORAL VISITATION CONCLUDES THIS WEEKEND

This weekend marks the conclusion of Bishop Brian Mascord's Pastoral Visitation to our Lumen Christi Parish. His final visit will be at the 10am Mass at Mater Dolorosa Church, Balgownie.

The visitation has been both a busy and deeply encouraging time for our parish community. Bishop Brian's presence among us has been a blessing — from school visits and community gatherings, to moments of prayer and listening. Bishop Brian's compassionate leadership has reminded us once again of our mission to be a people of hope, disciples of Jesus who **"Come and See, Go and Make"** through our Lumen Christi pastoral plan **"Christ in You"**.

I would like to sincerely thank everyone who helped organise the various events of the visitation. In particular, a heartfelt thank you to those who worked tirelessly to prepare the Jubilee Parish Dinner — your generosity and care made it a truly joyful and memorable occasion for all.

I also want to express my deepest gratitude to every one of our parishioners. Your presence, faith and devotion make all the difference.



You may have noticed the image used throughout our visitation materials — the four churches of our parish arranged in a circle with the cross in the centre. This is not just a logo. It is a powerful reminder that we are a parish made one in the Body of Christ. The circle of unity and the cross of love through its centre remind us of the consecrated host — the Bread of Life -who unites us as a Eucharistic community **called to Reveal the Light of Christ to the World**. May that Light always shine through our lives.

May God bless you all.

Fr Bernard

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

# NEWS IN BRIEF

## FEAST OF ST JOHN VIANNEY

This month, we celebrate the Feast of St John Vianney, the humble parish priest of Ars, France, who is now the Patron Saint of Parish Priests throughout the world.

St John Vianney is known for his deep compassion, dedication to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and profound love for the Eucharist. He served tirelessly, often spending up to 16 hours a day in the confessional, offering spiritual healing and hope to thousands of pilgrims who came to Ars seeking God's mercy.

Despite struggling with his academic studies, he persevered in his vocation and was ordained a priest, living a life marked by simplicity, holiness, and pastoral care. His example reminds us that God calls ordinary people to do extraordinary things when we trust in Him.

As the patron saint of St John Vianney Co-Cathedral, Fairy Meadow, we give thanks for his intercession and guidance. His life is a powerful reminder of the call to holiness in everyday service, and his witness inspires our parish community to grow in faith, humility, and love for the Eucharist.

St John Vianney, pray for us and for all our priests.

## ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP & THE ASSUMPTION

We invite all parishioners to join us for two special Solemnities being celebrated in our parish this August:

### ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP

Friday, 8th August:

Wollongong: 7am & 12.10pm Mass

### ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Thursday 14th August—Vigil Mass

Wollongong: 6:00pm

Friday, 15th August:

Wollongong: 7:00am & 12:10pm Mass

## MENALIVE DIOCESAN WEEKEND 2025

Come along to our menALIVE weekend 9/10 August and be impacted by an encounter with the Gospel in the presence of other good men seeking to be renewed in faith and life. Cost: \$75 per person (\$60 concession).

To register please visit the diocesan website:

[dow.org.au/events/menalive-diocesan-weekend-2025](https://dow.org.au/events/menalive-diocesan-weekend-2025)

or email: [jude.hennessy@dow.org.au](mailto:jude.hennessy@dow.org.au)



There are two partners of conversation we need: With God we call it prayer. The Our Father is the conversation of the children of God with their heavenly Father. With other people, real dialogue might reveal something about them such that we need to respond wholeheartedly.

And then, draw closer to Our Lady who was the greatest conversation partner with God: 'Be it done unto me according to Thy word.' She is constantly trying to draw us into her conversation with God.

We could pause for a moment to ask Our Lady to help us to learn and practise the language of Heaven: 'now, and at the hour of our death.' Amen.

## LUMEN CHRISTI PARISH PRAYER

*(To be read together at the conclusion of the Prayers of the Faithful)*

Merciful God,  
you have called us out of darkness  
into the Light of Christ.

We gather as the parish community of Lumen Christi.  
In Baptism, we were consecrated as your children.

In Confirmation, the Spirit of truth  
strengthened us to bear witness to your Word.

We are nourished at the table of the Eucharist.

May our gifts always contribute to  
building up the Body of Christ.

Help us to reveal Christ's love  
to the world through all we say and do.

Amen.

## FATHER'S DAY INTENTIONS

Let us pray for all our fathers. Whether they are living or have been called to eternal life, you are invited to join our parish in honouring all our fathers.

If you would like to include an Intention on our list for Father's Day Go to: [lumenchristi.org.au/fathersday](https://lumenchristi.org.au/fathersday) or collect a Father's Day envelope from the doors of the church or at the parish office.

The names of the fathers given to us will be published on Father's Day Sunday, September 7.

Please note that the Intention list will close 1 September.

## DIACONATE ORDINATION OF DARREN MCDOWELL

Bishop Brian Mascord will ordain Darren McDowell to the Diaconate on  
**Saturday, 23rd August 2025 at 10am at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong.**

All are welcome to attend this special celebration.

Please note: There will be no confessions held at the Cathedral on this day.



# THIS WEEK'S READINGS & COMMENTARY

## Entrance Antiphon

**Psalm 69:2,6**

O God, come to my assistance;  
O Lord, make haste to help me!  
You are my rescuer, my help;  
O Lord, do not delay.

## First Reading

**Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23**

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes

*What do people gain by all their work?*

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity! For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

## Responsorial Psalm

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

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

1. You turn men back into dust  
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'  
To your eyes a thousand years  
are like yesterday, come and gone,  
no more than a watch in the night. **(R.)**
2. You sweep men away like a dream,  
like grass which springs up in the morning.  
In the morning it springs up and flowers:  
by evening it withers and fades. **(R.)**
3. Make us know the shortness of our life  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?  
Show pity to your servants. **(R.)**
4. In the morning, fill us with your love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:  
give success to the work of our hands. **(R.)**

## Second Reading

**Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

*Seek the things that are above where Christ is.*

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god;

and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Matthew 5:3**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

**Luke 12:13-21**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*To whom will all this wealth of yours go?*

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do; I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

## Communion Antiphon

**Wisdom 16:20**

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven,  
endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

## REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

### Stop Talking to Yourself

Conversation is what makes us human: we are word animals. Anyone who has been in hospital for some time knows that it is the lack of conversation which starts to tell. We need mouth to mouth resuscitation.

Did you notice in today's Gospel that the rich landowner is constantly murmuring to himself. He poses questions which he answers. He is so bound up with his possessions that there is no room in his life for real conversation with people or with God. In muttering to himself, the rich man was becoming dehumanised and in danger that at the moment of death, he could find himself monologuing for all eternity, and that is a Hellish existence. He, and we, need to learn the language of Heaven and we begin that on earth.

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