



LUMEN CHRISTI
CATHOLIC PARISH

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION

31 AUGUST 2025

TWENTY-SECOND 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



SUPPORT
OUR PARISH



PARISH CENTRE

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Friday 8.30am — 2.00pm
(Closed for Lunch 12pm—12.30pm)
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*"Creation is **God's** first gift to us, a garden entrusted to our **care**. When we till and guard it with love, we become sowers of **peace** and **hope** for all **humanity**." Pope Leo XIV*

MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE...

Robert (Bob) Lloyd, Peter Lloyd, Jack Ward, Audrey Ward, John Hubbard.

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.



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
Fairly 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



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



WELCOME TO LUMEN CHRISTI PARISH

PARISH CALENDAR

Thu, 04 Sep:	Parish Lunch, The Builders Club Wollongong 12pm
Sun, 07 Sep:	Candidacy for Permanent Deacons, SFX 10.30am Mass
Sun, 07 Sep:	Canonisation of Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati
Sun, 07 Sep:	Father's Day
Sun, 07 Sep:	Hospitality weekend
Mon, 08 Sep:	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thu, 11 Sep:	Catholic Mission Launch
Fri, 12 Sep:	Consoling Mass, MDB 12.10pm
Sun, 14 Sep:	Anniversary of Good Samaritan School (2011)
Sun, 14 Sep:	Feast of the Holy Cross

10TH WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION

On Monday, 1 September 2025, the Church celebrates the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. "Seeds of Peace and Hope" is the theme chosen by Pope Francis for World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation 2025.

On the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the Day, which coincided with the publication of the Encyclical *Laudato Si'* and in the Jubilee year, "Pilgrims of Hope," the theme acquires a stronger and deeper meaning.

With the image of the seed, repeatedly cited in Jesus' preaching, Pope Leo XIV expresses the comparison of the grain of wheat, which must die in order to bear fruit (cf. Jn 12:24).

We are encouraged to spend time in prayer, participate in parish and personal initiatives that honour creation, and make practical commitments to care for our common home. Together, let us renew our call to live simply, love generously, and safeguard the beauty of God's creation for future generations to come.

Prayer for the Care of Creation

Loving Creator,
You have entrusted us with the gift of this beautiful world.
Open our eyes to see the wonder of your creation,
our hearts to cherish its beauty,
and our hands to protect and care for it.
May we live simply, act justly, and walk humbly with you,
so that future generations may share in the goodness of your creation.
Through Christ our Lord, Amen.



NEWS IN BRIEF

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 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.

JUBILEE OF RECONCILIATION, ADORATION & PRAYER

In this special Year of Jubilee, we warmly invite all parishioners and visitors to join us at St Francis Xavier Cathedral on Thursday, 4 September, from 6:30pm to 7pm for a grace-filled evening of Reconciliation, Adoration, and Benediction.

This is a precious opportunity to step away from the busyness of daily life, encounter God's mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, spend time in silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, and receive the Lord's Benediction. All are welcome to share in this moment of peace, healing, and renewal.

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. A major leak and roof damage has occurred, and based on the initial assessment, the room will not be available for use for some time. 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.

Please note: There will be no hospitality after the 10.30am Mass at Wollongong next weekend.

FR BERNARD GORDON

Fr Bernard will be taking the second part of his annual leave from Monday, 1st September, for two weeks. During this time, we are grateful to have Fr Paul Hilder back with us to assist with Masses.

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

PARISH LUNCH

Our next regular Parish Lunch will be held on Thursday, 4 September 2025, at 12 pm at The Builders Club, Wollongong. All parishioners and friends are warmly invited to come along for a relaxed meal, friendly conversation, and fellowship. A special thank you to John & Sue Meehan for organising this ongoing event and for their continued support of our parish community.

OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

A very warm welcome back for Kathy Uroda after her time of leave. Thank you to Amy Sammut for the wonderful way she has cared for St Brigid's Parish Primary School, Gwynneville. Congratulations to Kathy on her appointment as Principal at Corrimal Parish Primary School and to Amy on her appointment as Principal of St Brigid's Parish Primary School beginning in 2026. This is a wonderful recognition of her gifts and commitment, and we assure her of our support and prayers as she prepares to take on this important leadership role.

At Good Samaritan Catholic Primary School, Fairy Meadow, Principal Pauline Chrostowski will be away for a few weeks, and during her absence, Catherine Hailstone will take on the role of Acting Principal, Natalie Shelley will serve as Acting Assistant Principal, and Sergio Ambrosi will lead as Acting Religious Education Coordinator. I also congratulate Mrs Vicky Davidson on her appointment as Principal at St Anthony's Picton in 2026. May God continue to bless their efforts and guide their work in Catholic education.

Fr Bernard

CHURCHES AND MEETING ROOMS IN LUMEN CHRISTI PARISH

We kindly remind all parishioners, volunteers, and groups who access our churches and meeting rooms to take special care in ensuring the security of our parish facilities. If you are the last to leave, please make certain that all doors are properly closed and securely locked before departing. This is especially important for our churches, which are unattended. Your diligence in this matter helps us protect not only the parish buildings but also the sacred items, resources, and equipment entrusted to our care. Even a door left slightly ajar can pose a risk to our community. By working together and taking a moment to check the locks, we ensure that our parish remains a safe and welcoming environment for everyone.

ANNUAL BALGOWNIE CONSOLING MASS

The annual Consoling Mass will be offered at **Mater Dolorosa Church, Balgownie** on **Friday, 12 September at 12:10 pm**. All are welcome!

THIS WEEK'S READINGS & COMMENTARY

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 85:3,5

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.

First Reading

Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business,
and you will be better loved than a lavish giver.
The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly,
and then you will find favour with the Lord;
for great though the power of the Lord is,
he accepts the homage of the humble.
There is no cure for the proud man's malady,
since an evil growth has taken root in him.
The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables,
an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 67:4-7, 10-11. R. v.11

(R.) God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

1. The just shall rejoice at the presence of God,
they shall exult and dance for joy.
O sing to the Lord, make music to his name;
rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. **(R.)**
2. Father of the orphan, defender of the widow,
such is God in his holy place.
God gives the lonely a home to live in;
he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. **(R.)**
3. You poured down, O God, a generous rain:
when your people were starved you gave them new life.
It was there that your people found a home,
prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

You have to come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpet-ing thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 11:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you;

learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 14:1, 7-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

Communion Antiphon

Psalm 30:20

How great is the goodness, Lord,
that you keep for those who fear you.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Heaven Embossed Invitations

Hearing Our Lord's command: 'Invite the poor, the crippled, to the feast,' how do we respond as citizens of a nation which, in comparative global terms, is having a great feast? Jesus demands that we go well beyond an immigration policy which favours skilled and entrepreneurial people. They more than 'repay our courtesies' in terms of economic activity and social stability.

The majority of the poor and the crippled live in the subsistence villages, the refugee camps, and the squalor of the megacities of the Third World.

Heaven embossed invitations must be extended to such as those so that they may join in our national feast. Only then can we become the sort of people who, in the great Feast of Heaven, can join with those poor who are certain to be there.

We could pause for a moment to pray to put today's Gospel into effect so that we might hear Our Lord: 'Friend, join in the Feast. Be close to me.'

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