



LUMEN CHRISTI
CATHOLIC PARISH

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2 NOVEMBER 2025

ALL SOULS' DAY, C



SUPPORT
OUR PARISH

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



PARISH CENTRE

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...

Deceased parishioners of our parish,
Ron Mascord, Fr Brian Ahearn, Joseph
Carvalho.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS...

Lorraine Cook, Chiara Sirianni, Angela
Mosley, Joyce Milan, Noel Meddows,
Judith James, Dianne Hukins, Matthew
Johnson, Pat Carr, John Gauci, Joseph
Scalia.

Community Life

*"And over all these put
on love" Colossians 3:14*

*"In community, we encounter
Christ in one another."*



*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.



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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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
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



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



WELCOME TO LUMEN CHRISTI PARISH

PARISH CALENDAR

Tue, 04 Nov:	GSFM Year 3 Parish Mass Attendance
Tue, 04 Nov:	Finance Council Meeting, Rigney Room
Thu, 06 Nov:	SBG Year 3 Parish Mass Attendance
Thu, 06 Nov:	Parish Lunch, The Builders Club Wollongong 12pm
Thu, 06 Nov:	Sacramental Program Session 2, SFX 3.45pm
Tue, 11 Nov:	GSFM, Feast of All Benedictine Saints, SJV 9.30am
Tue, 11 Nov:	GSFM Year 3 Parish Mass Attendance
Thu, 13 Nov:	SBG Retreat Day
Thu, 13 Nov:	Feast of All Benedictine Saints (School Feast Day)
Thu, 13 Nov:	SBG Year 3 Parish Mass Attendance

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY)

On All Souls' Day, the Church invites us to remember and pray for all the faithful departed—those who have died and are being purified in God's love before entering the fullness of heaven. It is a day of deep compassion, reflection, and hope, grounded in our belief in the Resurrection of Christ and the Communion of Saints.

While All Saints' Day celebrates those already in heaven, All Souls' Day focuses on those who are still on the journey toward eternal life. The Church, in her maternal care, offers prayers and the Eucharist on their behalf, trusting that through our intercession and God's mercy, they may soon enjoy everlasting peace.

What It Means?

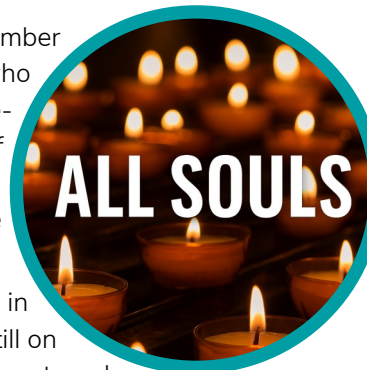
All Souls' Day expresses one of the most beautiful aspects of our Catholic faith — that love does not end with death. We remain spiritually united with those who have died, and through prayer, we continue to assist them. This is the mystery of the Communion of Saints: the living, the dead, and the saints in heaven are all bound together in Christ's love.

When we pray for the dead, we entrust them to God's mercy and express our hope that one day we will all be reunited in the joy of the heavenly kingdom. This day reminds us of our own call to holiness, repentance, and hope in God's promise of eternal life.

To have Mass offered for your deceased relatives, friends, and benefactors, please print their names clearly on an envelope. Names will be published in the Book of the Dead. Envelopes at the church doors, parish office or Go to: lumenchristi.org.au/NovemberMass

**"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen."**

Fr Bernard



NEWS IN BRIEF

MIGRANT JUBILEE CROSS

The Pilgrimage of the Migrant Jubilee Cross is an initiative of the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office and a wonderful opportunity for the Catholic Church in Australia to mark the Jubilee of Migrants. The Cross will arrive at **St Francis Xavier Cathedral on Friday, 22 November for the 12.10pm Mass**, and will depart on Sunday, 23 November after the 5.00pm Mass for details on the pilgrimage visit dow.sh/mjc

LAKESIDE MEMORIAL PARK

All Souls' Mass at Lakeside Memorial Park, 230 Kanahooka Road, Dapto, will be held next Saturday, **8 November**, celebrated by Bishop Brian Mascord. Please RSVP to Lakeside (02) 4261 1200 .

THE PROMISE REFLECTIONS

This Advent and Christmas, discover *The Promise: Advent and Christmas Daily Reflections 2025* books are now available from the Parish Office for **\$3.00each**.

YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

The St Brigid's Young Adults choir sings at the 9am Gwynneville Mass on the first Sunday of every month. You are warmly invited to join us at these Masses, and to enjoy coffee and fellowship afterwards—and perhaps lend your voice too! UOW Catholic Society also hosts a weekly Mass and Lunch on campus during semester. All students, staff, and young adults are welcome to attend: **12.30pm on Thursdays in the Clubs Room**. See @uowcathsoc for details of our upcoming retreat day or contact Ed on 0479 087 572.

JUBILEE OF RECONCILIATION, ADORATION & PRAYER

All parishioners and visitors are warmly invited to join us at St Francis Xavier Cathedral on Thursday, 6 November, from 6:30pm to 7:00pm for an evening of Reconciliation, Adoration, and Benediction.

THE NEWLY BAPTISED

Congratulations! Mia Patricevic, Daisy Mae Dickson, Pearl Mari-Olga Sorli, Edward Xavier Scott Law, Tatum Jay Rowles, Charlotte Boehme, Jace Hugh Contarin, Maya Keeley, Arya Rumiz, Cleo Joan Luxon, James Brown, Malia Ripley Glen. May the Sacrament of baptism bring joy, peace, and blessings to their Parents, Godparents, family and friends.

NEWLY MARRIED COUPLES

Our joyful best wishes to Taylah Rogers & Francis Brown and Elijah Moaga & Camelia Loto'a'atu on their recent marriages. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin their journey together in faith and love.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

'Indeed, I promise you: today you will be with me in Paradise.'

Today, many of us will visit the grave or plinth of a beloved member of the family or a friend. If you are like me, you will first tidy the area, prune any dead heads off the rose bush, place some fresh flowers and then pray.

The beautiful Catholic custom is that on this day especially – All Souls' Day – we pray for those who have died. We prayed for them when they were with us on earth. Death is no barrier to continuing that prayer. We pray for them and for ourselves that one day, when every tear is wiped away, we may join them in heavenly bliss.

What grounds our hope? Nothing more, nothing less, than the victory of Jesus Christ over death. We pray that those we love even now are sharing in the benefits of that triumph.

For most, as I expect for me, that may involve a *purging* of those traits of personality which prevent the fullest participation in the bliss of Heaven. But that bliss is what God desires for each one of them and for me.

God prays for the fulfilment of that desire whilst souls are being purged (whatever that may involve). Our praying for the dead is simply our participation in this prayer of God, our privilege which we intentionally share in. Even those not intentionally sharing our faith often say R.I.P., rest in peace, and that is a prayer!

And so we pray with confident Christian hope:

'Endless light shine on those we love, O Lord. May their souls and the souls of all those who have died, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.'

INSTALLATION OF FR BERNARD GORDON AS PARISH PRIEST

We invite all parishioners to join us for this joyful occasion on **Sunday, 16 November at the 10:30 am Mass at St Francis Xavier Cathedral**, celebrated by Bishop Brian.

FIRST AID TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

To maintain a team of qualified First Aid Officers within our parish, we are organising a First Aid course open to parishioners who wish to gain or refresh their first aid skills. If you are interested in participating, please register your interest online by going to: lumenchristi.org.au/training or contact the parish office on 4211 0500.

HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS

We are calling for volunteers to assist with monthly hospitality after the **9am Mass at St Brigid's Church, Gwynneville**, held on the first Sunday of each month.

If you are able to help with coordinating the cuppa, please contact the Parish Office.

MASS COUNT STARTS THIS WEEKEND

The annual diocesan Mass Count will commence this weekend across all four churches. This count will take place after the First Collection. Thank you to our welcomingers/ushers for your assistance.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS & COMMENTARY

Entrance Antiphon

Cf 1 Th 4:14; 1 Cor 15:22

Just as Jesus died and has risen again,
so through Jesus God will bring with him
those who have fallen asleep;
and as in Adam all die,
so also in Christ will all be brought to life.

First Reading

Job 19:1. 23-27

A reading from the book of Job

I know that my redeemer lives.

Job said:

'Ah, would that these words of mine were written down,
inscribed on some monument
with iron chisel and engraving tool,
cut into the rock for ever.
This I know; that my Avenger lives,
and he, the Last, will take his stand on earth.
After my awaking, he will set me close to him,
and from my flesh I shall look on God.
He whom I shall see will take my part:
these eyes will gaze on him and find him not aloof.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22. R. v.1 or v.4

(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

Romans 5:5-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*Having been justified by his blood, we will be saved from
God's anger through him.*

Hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

Gospel Acclamation

See Matthew 11:25

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.
Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:
they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf John 11:25-26

I am the Resurrection and the Life, says the Lord.

Whoever believes in me, even though he dies, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever.

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