



**LUMEN CHRISTI**  
CATHOLIC PARISH

# SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION

5 OCTOBER 2025

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 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



**PARISH CENTRE**

**OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday to Friday 8.30am — 2.00pm  
(Closed for Lunch 12pm—12.30pm)  
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**Community Life**  
"And over all these put on love" Colossians 3:14

Love is the heart of our Community Life, guiding all we do in our parish community.



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

Bishop Thomas McCabe, Sr Martina Sarkis, Mary Formosa, Regina Louise Lennon, Brad Christopher Russell, Cheryl Perry.

**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.





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



# WELCOME TO LUMEN CHRISTI PARISH

## PARISH CALENDAR

- Mon, 06 Oct: Labour Day, Mass SFX 8am
- Mon, 06 Oct: Parish Office Closed
- Mon, 13 Oct: Term 4 resumes
- Tue, 14 Oct: GSFM Year 3 Parish Mass Attendance
- Wed, 15 Oct: Baptism Class, SFX 7pm
- Thu, 16 Oct: SBG Year 3 Parish Mass Attendance
- Sat, 18 Oct: Commitment Mass, SBG 5.30pm
- Sun, 19 Oct: World Mission Sunday
- Sun, 19 Oct: Catholic Mission Appeal for World Missions
- Sun, 19 Oct: Communion Commitment Mass, SJV 8.30am

## WELCOME HOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS

We have noticed with great joy a wonderful increase in parishioners and visitors joining our Lumen Christi parish community, which is such a life-giving sign of God's Spirit at work among us. Gathering together in worship strengthens our faith, but it is also in the moments of welcome and friendship that we truly grow as a parish family. To celebrate this, we warmly invite you to stay for a cuppa and some conversation after Mass this weekend at Fairy Meadow (8:30am), Gwynneville (9:00am), Balgownie (10:00am), and Wollongong (10:30am). These opportunities for hospitality allow us to meet new faces, reconnect with familiar ones, and share the joy of belonging to a vibrant and growing community. *(Pastoral Plan, Community Life)*

## MASS COUNTS—NOVEMBER 2025

The Diocese has commenced its annual Mass Count across all parishes. In Lumen Christi Parish, the Mass Count will be taken at all Masses on the weekends of **1/2, 8/9, 15/16, and 22/23 November 2025**. The Mass count will give the most complete count of people attending Mass across the Diocese. This count will be conducted by our ushers after the First Collection.

## RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CANDIDATES COMMITMENT MASSES

Candidates preparing to celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion from our parish community will be attending their Commitment Masses on Saturday 18 October at the 5:30pm Vigil Mass at St Brigid's Church Gwynneville and on Sunday 19 October at the 8:30am Mass at St John Vianney Fairy Meadow and the 10:30am Mass at St Francis Xavier Cathedral Wollongong.

We warmly ask all parishioners to keep these children and their families in prayer as they take this important step in their faith journey.

### 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

### 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

# NEWS IN BRIEF

## ST BRIGID'S PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL – ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL APPOINTMENT

Christine Perre has been successfully appointed as Assistant Principal of St Brigid's Parish Primary School, commencing in 2026.

We sincerely thank Mr Mark Boss for so generously stepping into the role in the interim. With his retirement later this year, we will have the opportunity to express our gratitude to him for his dedicated service to the school community.

Please join us in congratulating Christine on her new appointment and in thanking Mark for his faithful contribution to Catholic Education.

## CARING FOR SACRED LINENS

The ministry of caring for the sacred linens at St Francis Xavier Cathedral is a quiet but vital service to the parish.

We are calling for parishioners to assist in this ministry. Volunteers are invited to join a rotating roster to help wash, iron, and return altar purifiers, corporals, and altar cloths. By doing so, you share in the dignity of preparing for the Eucharist and help support the beauty of the liturgy. If you are able to help, please contact Leanne at the Parish Office or speak with Sue Meehan.

## WORLD TRIATHLON ACCESS TO THE CATHEDRAL 16–19 OCTOBER

Wollongong will host the World Triathlon Championship Finals from **Thursday, 16 October to Sunday, 19 October 2025**. During this time, access to St Francis Xavier Cathedral will be limited. The organisers have met with the Diocese and Parish and advised that entry to the Cathedral will only be **via Market Street**, Wollongong, through the one-way access point. Traffic control will be in place at the entry 30 minutes prior to all scheduled Masses as they will continue at their usual times. Please allow additional time when travelling to the Cathedral. We thank you for your patience and understanding.

## OCTOBER—MONTH OF THE ROSARY

The Month of October is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Rosary, a devotion that draws us closer to Jesus through the intercession of His Blessed Mother. During this special month, parishioners are warmly invited to gather and pray the Rosary together **after the 9.30am Mass each Tuesday in October commencing this week at St John Vianney Co-Cathedral Fairy Meadow.**

We might take a moment to pause to get our perception of human beings correct so that our response may prepare us for the free gift of heavenly life.

## MASS FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS

A special Mass with the Blessing for Expectant Mothers will be held on **Tuesday 14 October at 9:30am in St John Vianney Co-Cathedral, Fairy Meadow.** We warmly encourage all parishioners and families to join us in this grace-filled celebration followed by a cuppa! A prayer card is on it's way!



## CATHEDRAL EXTERIOR WORKS

The exterior of St Francis Xavier Cathedral requires much-needed repairs and repainting. The last full repaint of the Cathedral exterior was completed in 1999, and in 2009 some repairs were undertaken. However, the entire exterior of the Cathedral is now under review to assess what is needed to give the building a proper uplift and restoration.

To ensure that it is carried out carefully and in line with heritage and safety requirements, we are working closely with Wollongong City Council on the scope of works, which will guide the detailed planning, approvals, and project delivery. We will keep you updated as we work on this exciting project.

## PARISH HYMNALS

We are grateful for the many kind comments we have received from parishioners and across the Diocese about the beauty and quality of our new parish hymnals. They have truly enriched our worship and helped lift our voices in praise. Our new hymnals are also lighter and easier to handle, making them more convenient for all parishioners to use.

Unfortunately, it seems that a small number of hymnals have gone missing along the way. **We kindly ask all parishioners to ensure that hymnals remain in the church and are returned to their place after each Mass.**

## LABOUR DAY MASS—6TH OCTOBER

Mass will be offered by Fr Joseph Pothenparampil at 8am Monday 6th October on Labour Day Public Holiday at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong.

## NOVEMBER MASSES

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. You can obtain envelopes at the church doors and office or Go to: [lumenchristi.org.au/NovemberMass](http://lumenchristi.org.au/NovemberMass)

# THIS WEEK'S READINGS & COMMENTARY

## Entrance Antiphon

*Cf Esther 4:17*

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,  
and there is none that can resist your will.  
For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,  
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;  
you are the Lord of all.

## First Reading

*Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4*

A reading from the prophet Habakkuk

*The just will live by faithfulness.*

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help  
while you will not listen;  
to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear  
and you will not save?  
Why do you set injustice before me,  
why do you look on where there is tyranny?  
Outrage and violence, this is all I see,  
all is contention, and discord flourishes.  
Then the Lord answered and said,  
'Write the vision down,  
inscribe it on tablets  
to be easily read,  
since this vision is for its own time only:  
eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive;  
if it comes slowly, wait,  
for come it will, without fail.  
See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights,  
but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

## Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8*

*(R.)* If today you hear his voice,  
harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord. *(R.)*
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand. *(R.)*
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' *(R.)*

## Second Reading

*2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14*

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

*Never be ashamed of witnessing the Lord.*

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

## Gospel Acclamation

*1 Peter 1:25*

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord stands for ever;  
it is the word given to you, the Good News.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

*Luke 17:5-10*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*If you had faith!*

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.  
'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."

## Communion Antiphon

*Lam 3:25*

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,  
to the soul that seeks him.

## REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

### Breast Feeding into Heaven

The loving gaze of a mother towards her newborn simply gives rise to the obligation to feed the baby. There is no special reward for doing her motherly duty. This is how Jesus sees 'good works'. If we perceive our relationships with people correctly, then so-called 'good works' are no more than our duty and don't deserve special congratulatory access to Heaven.

If we saw human beings as 'formed from the dust of the earth, . . . a manifestation of God in the world, a sign of his presence, a trace of his glory' (St John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae* 34.2), then that perception leads to certain ways of relating which are obliging. Like the servant in the story, we will have done no more than our duty. Nevertheless, doing that sort of duty you and I are becoming the sort of creature who can love unreservedly. We are being readied to receive the free gift of heavenly life.

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