



LUMEN CHRISTI
CATHOLIC PARISH

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION

19 OCTOBER 2025

29TH 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



SUPPORT
OUR PARISH



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...

Jason Muscat, Anton Lionel, Maria T. Phung, Nancy Corso, Lisa Galea.

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.

Community Life

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

*"We, though many, are one
body in Christ."*



*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

- Tue, 21 Oct: GSFM Year 3 Parish Mass Attendance
- Thu, 23 Oct: SBG Year 3 Parish Mass Attendance
- Tue, 28 Oct: GSFM Year 3 Parish Mass Attendance
- Thu, 30 Oct: SBG Year 3 Parish Mass Attendance
- Thu, 30 Oct: Communion Program Session 1, SFX 3.45pm
- Fri, 31 Oct: Bishop Brian Mascord, Priestly Ordination Anniversary
- Sat, 01 Nov: All Saints, SFX 7am & 12.10pm
- Sun, 02 Nov: All Souls, Usual Sunday Masses
- Sun, 02 Nov: Hospitality weekend
- Tue, 04 Nov: GSFM Year 3 Parish Mass Attendance

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – 19 OCTOBER 2025

This Sunday we join the universal Church in celebrating World Mission Sunday—a special day of prayer and support for the missionary work of the Church throughout the world.

This year's theme, inspired by Catholic Mission, reminds us of our shared call to bring the love and mercy of Christ to those most in need—especially in communities facing poverty, conflict, and isolation.

For women like Sharon, who must choose between feeding her children or selling her crops to survive, and Grace, who risked her life traveling 160 km for a safe childbirth, hope comes through the tireless ministry of Sr Jane and Kayula. Through sustainable farming, Sr Jane helps women provide for their families, while at the Chilonga Mission Hospital, Kayula ensures mothers and babies receive the dignity and care they deserve.

This World Mission Month, we invite you to extend your generosity to help strengthen the Church's life-giving work. Your prayerful and financial support can make a profound difference to the people of Zambia—bringing hope, dignity, and opportunity to those most in need.

Through your prayers and donations, you help missionaries and local Church workers continue their vital outreach—offering hope, education, medical care, and faith to people in some of the most vulnerable places on earth.

You can collect an envelope this weekend from the church doors. Your generosity will help the Church's mission continue to grow and bring Christ's light to the world.

A leaving collection will take place next weekend **Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th October**, for those who wish to contribute to this important cause.



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



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/mission



NEWS IN BRIEF

OCTOBER—MONTH OF THE ROSARY

During this special month, parishioners are warmly invited to gather and pray the Rosary together **after the 9.30am Mass each Tuesday in October** at **St John Vianney Co-Cathedral Fairy Meadow**.

ALL SAINTS' DAY & ALL SOULS' DAY MASSES

ALL SAINTS DAY, SATURDAY 1ST NOVEMBER

St Francis Xavier Cathedral:

7am Mass, 11am Reconciliation & Mass 12.10pm

ALL SOULS DAY, SUNDAY 2ND NOVEMBER

Usual Sunday Mass Times.

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. Envelopes at the church doors, parish office or Go to: lumenchristi.org.au/NovemberMass

LAKESIDE MEMORIAL PARK

All Souls' Mass at Lakeside Memorial Park, 230 Kanahooka Road, Dapto, will be held on 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. **Contact Ed on 0479087572** if you want to know more.

BISHOP BRIAN AT THE GENERAL AUDIENCE

Bishop Brian Mascord met Pope Leo XIV at the General Audience in St Peter's Square and assures our diocese that he is keeping us all in his prayers.



spouse, of a parent too young. Apply that intense urgency to those in the world crying out: 'give us this day our daily bread'. In short, pray The Lord's Prayer with meaning.

We could pause for a moment to pray to live out the consequences of the 'Our Father' lest we are threatened with a black eye!

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION COMMITMENT MASSES

This weekend we join together as a parish community to pray for **69 of our First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion students and their families**. These children are preparing to take important steps in their journey of faith—experiencing God's mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and receiving Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time.

During our Commitment Masses this weekend, the children will publicly commit to continue growing in faith, supported by their parents, families, and our parish. We ask all parishioners to keep them in your prayers as they prepare for these beautiful Sacraments of healing and love.

Commitment Masses will take place at the following times: **St Brigid's Church, Gwynneville – Saturday 5:30pm, St John Vianney Co-Cathedral, Fairy Meadow – Sunday 8:30am & St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong – Sunday 10:30am**

May this time of preparation deepen their love for Jesus and strengthen their connection to our Lumen Christi Parish.

INVITE FROM GOOD SAMARITAN SCHOOL – WELLBEING CAFÉ

Parishioners are warmly invited to Good Samaritan Catholic Primary School this **Sunday, 19 October, after the 8:30am Mass**, to the Wellbeing Café (School Canteen) for a cuppa.

Come along to meet the students and families from Good Samaritan School and share in a time of friendship and community.

Community Life, Pastoral Plan 2024 & Beyond.

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 Mascord.

Let us come together in prayer and thanksgiving as we ask God's blessing upon Fr Bernard in his ministry of leadership and service among us.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS & COMMENTARY

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 16:6,8

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

First Reading

Exodus 17:8-13

A reading from the book of Exodus

As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 120. R. v.2

*(R.) Our help is from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.*

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains:
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth. *(R.)*
2. May he never allow you to stumble!
Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel's guard. *(R.)*
3. The Lord is your guard and your shade;
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you
nor the moon in the night. *(R.)*
4. The Lord will guard you from evil,
he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming
both now and for ever. *(R.)*

Second Reading

2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:2

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

*This is how the people of God become equipped and ready
for every good work.*

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true;
remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a
child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn

the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

Gospel Acclamation

Hebrews 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 18:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

God will see those who cry to him vindicated.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."'

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

Communion Antiphon

Cf Psalm 32:18-19

Behold, the eyes of the Lord
are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The Urgent Widow

The judge in this story only gives in to the distraught widow when she threatens 'to give him a black eye' (in the Greek)! Jesus is not saying God is like the judge who needs to be battered into submission. Jesus is saying we need to pray like that widow. Think of what widows in Syria or Iraq are praying for tonight. Then think of one's own prayer. God is not the slightest bit interested in my usual trivial, self-promoting prayers. But He is interested in my being such a woeful pray-er and wants to change me. Recall an incident of really urgent, intense prayer. Most likely, it was to do with a traumatic accident or fatal disease of a baby, of a

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