



LUMEN CHRISTI
CATHOLIC PARISH

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14 JUNE 2026

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY, A

Liturgy schedule in our parish

ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHEDRAL

36 Harbour Street, 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

1 Cabbage Tree Lane, Fairy Meadow

Tuesday: Mass: 9.30am
 Sunday: Mass: 8.30am, 4.30pm (Vietnamese)

MATER DOLOROSA CHURCH,

47 Balmoral Road, Balgownie

Sunday: Mass: 10am
 Children's Liturgy (3rd Sunday)

ST BRIGID'S CHURCH

119 Gipps Road, Gwynneville

Saturday: Mass: 5.30pm
 Thursday: Mass: 9.30am
 Sunday: Mass: 9am



SUPPORT
OUR PARISH

Parish Centre

PARISH OFFICE

36 Harbour St, (P.O. Box 874)
Wollongong NSW 2500

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...

Judith Crowe, Margaret Bartley, Pat O'Donnell,
Teresa Borg.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS...

Quynh Vu, Margaret Wolfe, Duc Trong Nguyen,
Jacek McLaurin, Angela Mosley, Brian Mattock,
Jim Lyon, Teresa George, Chiara Sirianni, Joyce
Milan, Noel Meddows, Dianne Hukins,
Matthew Johnson, Pat Carr,
John Gauci, Joseph Scalia,
Liesl Caiba.

*"Mary treasured
all these things
and pondered
them in her
heart."
(Luke 2:19)*

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 Peoples.



OUR

Sacraments

SCAN TO VISIT OUR WEB PORTAL



Welcome to **LUMEN CHRISTI PARISH**

Parish Calendar

- Wed, 17 Jun: Baptism Class, SFX 7pm
- Sun, 21 Jun: Children's Liturgy 10am, MDB
- Wed, 24 Jun: The Nativity of St John the Baptist
- Mon, 29 Jun: Saints Peter and Paul
- Thu, 02 Jul: Parish Lunch, The Builders Club Wollongong 12pm
- Fri, 03 Jul: Term 2 concludes
- Sun, 05 Jul: Hospitality weekend
- Mon, 06 Jul: Fairy Meadow CWL Meeting, MDB 2pm
- Wed, 08 Jul: Wollongong CWL Meeting, Xavier Ctr 10am
- Wed, 15 Jul: Fr John Rigney (1838)

Patronal Feast of the Diocese of Wollongong

This weekend, 13–14 June 2026, the Diocese of Wollongong celebrates the Immaculate Heart of Mary, our diocesan patroness.

As we honour the Immaculate Heart of Mary, we turn to Mary, the Mother of the Church, who continues to accompany the people of God with her maternal love, tenderness and care. Across our parishes, schools, ministries, communities and Marian shrines, we are reminded that Mary walks with us on our journey of faith and continually leads us to her Son, Jesus Christ.

Mary pondered the mysteries of Christ in her heart and remained faithful to God's plan throughout her life. Her example teaches us how to listen to the voice of God, trust in His providence and remain steadfast in hope, even amid the challenges and uncertainties of life. She stands as a model of discipleship, showing us what it means to say "yes" to God and to live faithfully according to His will.

As the Patroness of our Diocese, Mary holds a special place in the life of the Church in Wollongong. Through her intercession, we pray for our Bishop, clergy, religious and lay faithful; for our families and schools; for those who are sick, lonely or burdened; and for all who seek the love and mercy of Christ.

On this Patronal Feast, let us renew our trust in the maternal care of the Blessed Virgin Mary and entrust to her the future of our Diocese. May she continue to guide us as we seek to live the Gospel with courage and joy, and may she help us become a people of faith, hope and charity.

As we prepare for the future and continue the mission entrusted to us by Christ, we pray that the Immaculate Heart of Mary will inspire us to be a Church that is welcoming, compassionate and missionary in spirit.

Together we pray:

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mother of Hope and Consolation, watch over the Diocese of Wollongong. Guide us always to your Son, Jesus Christ, and strengthen us in faith, hope and love. Pray for us and for all the people of our Diocese. Amen.

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 Office Coordinator

Patricia Di Leva,
Administration Assistant

WOLLONGONG HOSPITAL
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PARISH COUNCILS

Kathy Uroda,
Chair of the Pastoral Council

Vicky Davidson,
Chair of the Finance Council

PARISH SCHOOLS

Amy Sammut, 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: LC Parish

PRESBYTERY ACCOUNT:
FOR THE CLERGY
BSB: 066 711 Account: 002286
Account Name: LC Presbytery

HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN

Wollongong Public/Private
Phone: 0475 815 506



St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

This weekend, the St Vincent de Paul Conferences of Wollongong, Fairy Meadow and Gwynneville will conduct their annual Vinnies Winter Appeal as a leaving collection at all Masses.

We take this opportunity to thank the dedicated members of our local St Vincent de Paul Conferences for their generous service and commitment to assisting those in need throughout our community. Through home visitation, practical support and compassionate care, they bring hope to many individuals and families experiencing hardship.

We invite parishioners to support this important ministry. Your generous donation will help provide food, clothing, household assistance, emergency relief and support to those facing difficulties during the winter months.

Thank you for your generosity and for helping our local St Vincent de Paul Conferences continue their vital work in our community.

Prayer for the Longest Night

All parishioners are warmly invited to participate in a special time of prayer on the Longest Night of the Year, either at home or in community.

A communal prayer gathering will take place following at the 5:30pm Vigil Mass at St Brigid's Church, Gwynneville, next Saturday 20 June. Those unable to attend are encouraged to create a quiet space at home, light a candle, and spend time in prayer for those who may be experiencing loneliness, isolation, grief, illness, or other burdens during this winter season.

May the light of Christ shine brightly in every darkness and bring comfort, peace and hope to all.

Cathedral Filming 21 June 2026

Please note that filming will take place during the 10:30am Mass at St Francis Xavier Cathedral on Sunday 21 June, celebrated by Bishop Brian Mascord.

The filming will during this Mass, parishioners may be included in video footage or photographs.

Welcome Back Fr B

Fr Bernard returns to the parish this week following a short period of leave. We pray that he has enjoyed a restful and refreshing break and wish him every blessing as he resumes his ministry among us.

National Mass Attendance Count May

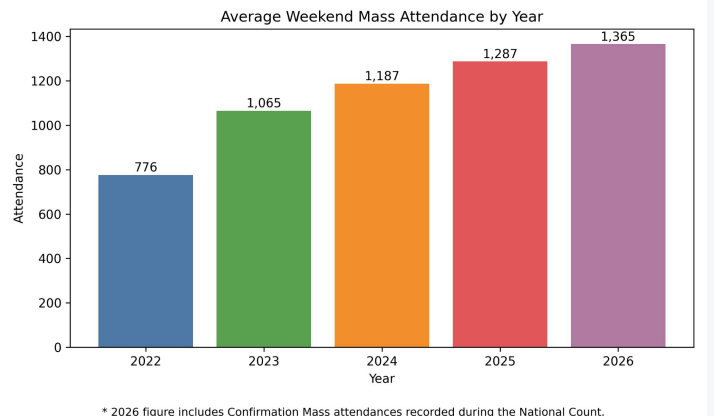
Lumen Christi Parish continues to be a vibrant and growing faith community.

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference National Count of Attendance demonstrates continued growth in Mass attendance across Lumen Christi Parish over the past five years.

Average weekend attendance has increased from 776 parishioners in 2022 to 1,365 parishioners in 2026, representing an increase of almost 76% over the period.

This growth reflects the vitality of our parish community across St Francis Xavier Cathedral, St John Vianney Co-Cathedral, St Brigid's Church, and Mater Dolorosa Church.

Average Weekend Attendance 2022-2026



We thank all parishioners for their faithful witness and commitment to building a welcoming and faith-filled parish community.

Farewell Doris Barnes

Doris Barnes, is leaving our parish to enjoy a well-earned move to sunny Queensland.

We thank Doris and her late husband John for their many years of faithful support, friendship and commitment to St Brigid's Church and Lumen Christi Parish. Their generosity and dedication have been a blessing to our parish community, and we are deeply grateful for all they have contributed over the years.

Please keep Doris in your prayers as she begins this new chapter. We wish her every happiness, good health and God's abundant blessings in her new home.

May God continue to watch over and guide her always.



THIS WEEK'S

Readings & Commentary

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 26:7,9

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help.
Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

First Reading

Exodus 19:2-6

A reading from the book of Exodus

You will be a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 99:2-3. 5. R. v.3

(R.) We are his people:
the sheep of his flock.

1. Cry with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. (R.)
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. (R.)
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading

Romans 5:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

We have been reconciled to God through the death of his Son; we are saved by his life.

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

Mark 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near;
repent and believe the Good News!
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 9:36 – 10:8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He summoned his twelve disciples, and sent them out.

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd.

Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

Communion Antiphon

Psalm 26:4

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek:
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Guts in a Knot

When Jesus saw the crowds 'he felt sorry for them'. The Greek original actually says 'his guts were in a knot'. When Jesus saw a desperate need he found it stomach-churning stuff.

Our bodies often tell us what we should pray for. Another good signal is tears, not only of sadness but also of joy.

Body-felt impulse and prayer go together, whether celebrating good things or confronting bad things. This is what our Lord wants and, where possible, leading to effective action... labourers in the harvest.

So, when our body gives us the signal – stomach in a knot, or tremendous joy flooding into our lives – follow the body's signals. Pray for the person or the situation concerned. You can be sure that your prayer will be authentic.

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