



LUMEN CHRISTI
CATHOLIC PARISH

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7 JUNE 2026

CORPUS CHRISTI, 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...

Margaret Bartley, John McMahon, Katrina Meehan, Nancy Hubbard, Thomas & Mary Malcolm, Domenico Timpano, Cliff & Pat Traynor.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS...

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.

*"The **Bread** of Life
strengthens us
for the **journey**
and **unites** us as
one **Body** in
Christ."*

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

- Mon, 08 Jun: Kings Birthday Holiday, SFX 8am
Wed, 10 Jun: Wollongong CWL Meeting, Xavier Ctr 10am
Fri, 12 Jun: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Sat, 13 Jun: The Immaculate Heart of Mary
Sun, 14 Jun: St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal 2026
Sun, 14 Jun: Diocesan Patronal Feast Immaculate Heart of Mary
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

Help Renew Our Cathedral for Future Generations

St Francis Xavier Cathedral has stood at the heart of Catholic life in Wollongong for more than a century. It has been the place where generations have gathered to celebrate Baptisms, Confirmations, Weddings, Ordinations and Funerals, and continues to serve as the spiritual home of our Diocese.

The proposed project, valued at approximately \$626,000 (ex GST), includes significant restoration and maintenance works to the Cathedral's exterior, including stonework repairs, painting, gutters, downpipes, windows, doors, lighting and surrounding areas. These works are necessary to preserve the heritage and beauty of our Cathedral and to ensure it remains safe, welcoming and inspiring for generations to come.

As we look ahead to future diocesan celebrations, including our Diocesan Anniversary and Eucharistic Congress, this project presents an important opportunity to renew and preserve one of the most significant Catholic landmarks in our region.

We cannot undertake this project alone. We invite parishioners, former parishioners, local businesses, families and friends of the Cathedral to consider supporting this important work. Every contribution, large or small, will help ensure that this sacred place continues to proclaim the Gospel and serve the people of God for many years to come.

If you would like to register your interest as a donor and receive updates about the project, please visit: www.lumenchristi.org.au/sfx2026.

Together, we can honour the sacrifices of those who built this Cathedral before us and leave a lasting legacy for future generations.

Thank you for your generosity, prayers and ongoing support of our beautiful Cathedral of St Francis Xavier Wollongong.

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
Emergency Calls: 0475 815 506

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



Margaret Bartley - RIP

It is with great sadness that we share the news that Margaret Bartley, of St Brigid's, died on 21 May 2026.

Margaret's family was always at the centre of her world and remained one of her proudest achievements. She was a woman of deep integrity who lived her life in service to others.

Over many years, Margaret made a significant contribution that will be remembered with gratitude throughout our parish and diocesan community, such as:

*Life Member of the Catholic Women's League, serving faithfully in many leadership roles at parish, diocesan and state level

*A voluntary member of the Centacare Advisory Board

*The Bethzatha group

*Organising committee for the annual Diocesan Multicultural Mass.

Margaret's faithfulness, kindness, dedication, gentle presence and unwavering commitment to others were deeply appreciated by all who knew her. She will be greatly missed. Please keep Margaret's family and all who loved and knew her in your prayers.

Margaret's Funeral will be celebrated at St Brigid's Church, Gwynneville, on Saturday 13 June 2026 at 10.30am.

"Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace."

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

Next weekend, 13-14 June, the St Vincent de Paul Conferences will conduct their annual Vinnies Winter Appeal as a leaving collection at all Masses.

Welcome Back Fr Paul Hilder

Over the years, many parishioners have come to know and appreciate Fr Paul Hilder during his visits to Wollongong. We are delighted to welcome Fr Paul back to Lumen Christi Parish. Fr Paul will be with us over the next two weekends, assisting with our Masses and parish celebrations, before returning again in February 2027. We thank him for his generosity and priestly ministry and wish him a happy and enjoyable stay among us.



King's Birthday - 8 June

Please note that this Monday 8 June 2026, the King's Birthday Public Holiday, Mass will be celebrated at 8:00am at St Francis Xavier Cathedral.

All parishioners and visitors are warmly invited to join us as we gather in prayer and thanksgiving.

Do you know someone who is thinking about becoming a Catholic?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a journey of faith, prayer, formation and community for adults who are exploring the Catholic faith.

RCIA is open to:

- Those who have never been baptised and would like to learn more about Christianity and the Catholic Church.
- Baptised Christians from other denominations who wish to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church.

If you, or someone you know, would like to find out more, please visit our parish website and complete the enquiry form: lumenchristi.org.au/rcia

We warmly welcome all who are seeking to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ and explore the Catholic faith.

Three Niches Available - Southern Side

Three Columbarium niches have become available on the southern side of St Francis Xavier Cathedral.

If you are interested in purchasing a niche, please contact Leanne Burlin at the Parish Office or email wollongong@dow.org.au.

Join Our Baptism Team

Lumen Christi Parish is seeking parishioners who would like to become part of our Baptism Team.

The Baptism Team assists in welcoming families seeking Baptism for their children, helping them feel connected to the parish community. Team members may assist with preparation sessions, welcome families at Baptism celebrations, and support parents as they take this important step in the faith life of their child.

This is a rewarding ministry that helps share the love of Christ and the hospitality of our parish with young families.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact the Parish Office for further information.

We would love to hear from you.



THIS WEEK'S *Readings & Commentary*

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 80:17

He fed them with the finest wheat
and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

First Reading

Deuteronomy 8:2-3. 14-16

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

He gave you food which you and your ancestors did not know.

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 147:12-15. 19-20. R. v.12

(R.) Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

1. O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!
Zion, praise your God!
He has strengthened the bars of your gates,
he has blessed the children within you. (R.)
2. He has established peace on your borders,
he feeds you with finest wheat.
He sends out his word to the earth
and swiftly runs his command. (R.)
3. He makes his word known to Jacob,
to Israel his laws and decrees.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his decrees. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Though we are many, we form a single body because we share this one loaf.

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

Gospel Acclamation

John 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 6:51-58

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

Jesus said to the Jews:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;
and the bread that I shall give
is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly,

if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink his blood,
you will not have life in you.

Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood
has eternal life,

and I shall raise him up on the last day.

For my flesh is real food
and my blood is real drink.

He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood
lives in me

and I live in him.

As I, who am sent by the living Father,
myself draw life from the Father,
so whoever eats me will draw life from me.

This is the bread come down from heaven;
not like the bread our ancestors ate:

they are dead,

but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

Communion Antiphon

John 6:57

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The Maternal Jesus

I once saw a young mother discreetly breastfeeding her baby during Mass, and thought ... 'What a wonderful thing!' There could not be a better illustration, a better acting out of what Jesus says in today's Gospel: 'The one who eats me will live.' Of course, even mothers who find they cannot breastfeed offer the same gift for nine months as the baby draws its life from the mother's body in the womb.

This is a good analogy for what Our Lord was teaching in today's Gospel.

'Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me and I in them.' Notice the very maternal language. The risen Lord truly abides in us, we truly abide in the risen Lord. This is as intimate as the baby dwelling in the womb of its mother.

Moreover, it is a Holy communion which is both a present reality and a foretaste and promise about our place in God's future: 'The one who eats this bread will live forever.'

We could pause for a moment to pray with St Thomas Aquinas: 'Oh Sacred Banquet in which Christ is received and a pledge of future glory is given to us.'

