



LUMEN CHRISTI
CATHOLIC PARISH



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28 JUNE 2026

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME , 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

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...

Lisa Galea, Margaret Bonanno, Ann Sperien,
 Margaret Wolfe.

**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.

*"Whoever wishes
 to come after me
 must deny
 himself, take up
 his cross daily
 and follow me."*

Luke 9:23



OUR

Sacraments

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 Peoples.



Welcome to LUMEN CHRISTI PARISH

Parish Calendar

- 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)
- Wed, 15 Jul: Baptism Class, SFX 7pm
- Sun, 19 Jul: Children's Liturgy 10am, MDB
- Thu, 27 Jul: Catechist Meeting, Rigney Room 11am

Help Support the renewal of St Francis Xavier Cathedral

For more than 175 years, St Francis Xavier Cathedral has been a place of prayer, worship, celebration and community for the people of Wollongong and beyond. As the Mother Church of the Diocese of Wollongong, it has been the setting for countless baptisms, weddings, funerals, ordinations and moments of faith for generations of Catholics.

To preserve this sacred and historic building for future generations, significant exterior conservation and restoration works will commence later this year. These works will include repairs to stonework, windows, doors, gutters and downpipes, upgraded lighting, repainting of exterior surfaces, and the conservation of important heritage features.

As we approach the end of the financial year, we invite you to prayerfully consider supporting this important project. Every donation, large or small, will help ensure that our Cathedral continues to be a place of faith, pilgrimage and worship for generations to come.

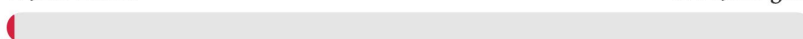
To make a donation, please visit:

sfx.org.au/give

Thank you for your generosity, support and commitment to preserving this treasured spiritual and heritage landmark for future generations.

\$7,469 raised

\$760,000 goal



"Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain."
— Psalm 127:1

Catechist Meeting

All Catechists are invited to attend the next Catechist Meeting in the Mgr John Rigney Room on 23 July at 11:00am. Please confirm your attendance with Patricia Calabro by emailing patricia.calabro@dow.org.au

We thank our Catechists for their generous ministry and ongoing commitment to sharing the faith with our young 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 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

Welcome Antonella Ianni

I am pleased to advise that I have appointed **Antonella Ianni** to the Lumen Christi Parish Finance Council, effective from 1 July 2026.



Antonella is the Practice Principal of Advanced Conveyancing & Developments NSW Pty Ltd and brings extensive professional experience in property development, conveyancing, governance, and business management. Her expertise will be a valuable asset to the Council as we continue to strengthen the stewardship of parish resources and undertake significant property and renewal projects across the parish. I thank Antonella for her willingness to place her gifts and expertise at the service of the Church and our parish community.

Please join me in welcoming her to the Finance Council and supporting her as she commences this important ministry.

Fr Bernard

Significant Marriage Anniversaries Mass

If you are celebrating 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 or over 60 years of marriage this year, you are warmly invited to the Significant Marriage Anniversaries, celebrated with Bishop Brian Mascord on Sunday 6 September 2026 at 2pm at the St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong.

Mass will be followed by light refreshments in the Xavier Centre Conference Room.

Registration is essential and must be completed online at dow.sh/ma26 by no later than Monday, 17 August 2026.

Any enquiries please contact Helen Bennett on 4222 2403 or email helen.bennett@dow.org.au.

Monthly Parish Lunch

We are calling for all parishioners to come to our Parish luncheon held on Thursday 2nd July, 12pm at the Builders Club Wollongong. You can grab yourself a meal, drink and have a chat with your fellow parishioners!

We look forward to seeing you there!

Our parish schools

This week, Kevin and I visited our parish schools for our quarterly meetings. A sincere thank you to Pauline Chrostowski, Amy Sammut and their dedicated staff for their hard work and commitment to Catholic education. It is wonderful to see both schools at full enrolment capacity for 2027—a positive sign of their strong reputation and vibrant school communities. Thank you for all that you do. Fr Bernard.



Altar Serving Formation

Lumen Christi Parish is inviting young people from Year 4 and above to become Altar Servers. Altar Servers assist the priest during Mass and help make our liturgies prayerful, reverent and welcoming.

Training will be provided. Parents are encouraged to support their children in this important ministry.

Sessions will be held from 9:30am to 10:30am at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong.

Session 1: Saturday 1st August 2026

Session 2: Saturday 8th August 2026

Register at: lumenchristi.org.au/training

Vale Fr Michael Tate AO

We join Catholics throughout Australia in mourning the death of Fr Michael Tate AO, priest of the Archdiocese of Hobart, whose life was marked by extraordinary service to both Church and nation. Fr Michael's remarkable journey included distinguished service as an academic, Senator, Federal Minister, Ambassador to the Holy See, and ultimately as a Catholic priest. Throughout his life he brought intellectual depth, faith, and compassion to every role he undertook. Many of you will remember Fr Michael through his insightful weekly reflections, which have enriched our bulletin on page 4 and inspired countless readers with his wisdom and faith. We give thanks to God for Fr Michael's dedicated ministry and witness to the Gospel. May he now receive the reward promised to God's faithful servants. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.*

Whispers From a Grieving Heart

Our parishioner Stella Stead warmly invites anyone carrying the loss of a loved one to a gentle afternoon of remembrance, reflection and connection.

Saturday 25 July 2026, 1:00pm – 4:30pm

Windang Senior Citizens Centre, Cost: \$29 per person

To book your place, visit:

stellastead.podia.com/whispers-from-a-grieving-heart

This supportive gathering offers a safe space to reflect, remember and connect with others who understand the journey of grief. The afternoon will include connection circles, reflective journaling, legacy creation activities, self-care practices, music and quiet reflection.

Each participant will receive a copy of the Whispers From a Grieving Heart Journal and a reflective pen. You are also welcome to bring a photo or small keepsake of the person you are remembering.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." (Matthew 5:4)

THIS WEEK'S *Readings & Commentary*

Entrance Antiphon

Psalm 46:2

All peoples, clap your hands.

Cry to God with shouts of joy!

First Reading

2 Kings 4:8-11. 14-16

A reading from the second book of the Kings

That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 88:2-3. 16-19. R. v.2

(R.) Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **(R.)**
2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice the source of their bliss. **(R.)**
3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;
it is by your favour that our might is exalted:
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Romans 6:3-4. 8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

1 Peter 2:9

Alleluia, alleluia! You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 10:37-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me.

Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf Psalm 102:1

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

and all within me, his holy name.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Christianity not a Cult

In the early Church, Christianity ripped families apart. Good Jewish families would have been appalled to see their sons and daughters go off to follow a crucified blasphemer. Good reason to keep apart in the synagogue, avoiding damnable pollution. This sectarianism contrasted with the Christians who fearlessly went out into the world.

St John Paul II personified what it is to be Catholic. But, he pressed a prayer into a crack in the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem and as an old man shuffled across the floor of a Mosque in Syria. Of course, there was no compromise of belief and faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, denied by both Jews and Muslims. But his actions were not those of one with the siege mentality of the member of a cult. Rather, he was able to respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit to take these steps recognising what was good amongst the adherents of those faiths.

We could pause for a moment to implore the Holy Spirit to break us out from any constricting cult-like tendencies so that we can go out into the world powerfully proclaiming the resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

