



LUMEN CHRISTI
CATHOLIC PARISH



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30 AUGUST 2026

22ND 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



OUR

Sacraments

SCAN TO VISIT OUR WEB PORTAL

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, Francisca Brandao, Basilio Vieira, Kathleen Patterson, John Hubbard, Adam Hubbard, Mounir & Jocelyne Germanos, Jose Gregorio Fernandes, Maria Manuela Fernandes, Lucio Fernandes, Cesar Samson Brillante.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS...

Mario Saverimuttu, Duc Trong Nguyen, Maureen Harrison, Lorraine Cook, 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, Lesl Caibal, Vince, Jess.

*"For all who **exalt** themselves will be **humbled**, and those who **humble** themselves will be **exalted**."*

— Luke 14:11

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

- Thu, 03 Sep: Parish Lunch, The Builders Club Wollongong 12pm
- Sun, 06 Sep: Marriage Anniversaries Mass, SFX 2pm
- Sun, 06 Sep: Father's Day
- Sun, 06 Sep: Hospitality weekend
- Mon, 07 Sep: Fairy Meadow CWL Meeting, MDB 2pm
- Tue, 08 Sep: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Wed, 09 Sep: Wollongong CWL Meeting, Xavier Ctr 10am
- Thu, 10 Sep: Catholic Mission Launch
- Mon, 14 Sep: Good Samaritan School Fairy Meadow (2011)

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

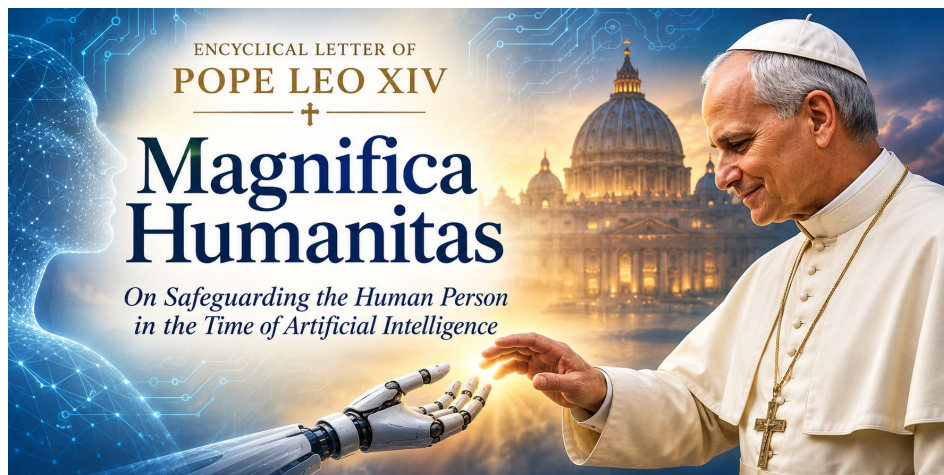
Pauline Chrostowski, Principal
Good Samaritan Fairy Meadow

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



Magnifica Humanitas: On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence

Pope Leo XIV's new Encyclical Letter, *Magnifica Humanitas*, offers an important and timely reflection on what it means to remain truly human in an age increasingly shaped by artificial intelligence and rapid technological change.

Rather than rejecting technology, Pope Leo XIV recognises its extraordinary capacity to heal, connect, educate and serve humanity. At the same time, he reminds us that technological progress must always be directed towards the dignity of the human person and the common good.

Drawing upon the Church's rich tradition of Catholic Social Teaching, *Magnifica Humanitas* explores human dignity, truth, work, freedom, education, social justice, peace and our shared responsibility for the future. It challenges us to ensure that people are never reduced simply to data, productivity or economic value. At the heart of the Encyclical is a powerful call: in the age of artificial intelligence, we must remain profoundly human. Pope Leo reminds us that the grandeur of humanity revealed in Christ is something no machine can replace.

I encourage parishioners to take the opportunity to read and reflect upon this significant teaching of Pope Leo XIV. Purchase the book from St Pauls: [Magnifica Humanitas – St Pauls Australia](#) or Read the Encyclical online: [Magnifica Humanitas – The Holy See](#)

Fr Bernard



Cathedral Works Update

Our new accessible parking spaces are available for use from this weekend. These new spaces are an important improvement to the Cathedral precinct and will provide safer and easier access for parishioners and visitors with accessibility needs.

The site office has now been installed as preparations continue for the next stage of the Cathedral exterior conservation and renewal works.

As these works commence, access to the Cathedral's Northern and Southern side Columbariums will unfortunately be temporarily unavailable. This is necessary to ensure the safety of parishioners, visitors and contractors while work is being undertaken in that area.

Please continue to take particular care when entering and moving around the Cathedral precinct, as there will be increased construction activity over the coming weeks.

You can help support the restoration and conservation of St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong. Every contribution, large or small, will help preserve this important place of faith and heritage for generations to come. Donate online: sfx.org.au/give

Direct Deposit Banking Details

Tax-Deductible Donations

Account: The National Trust of Australia (NSW) – St Francis Xavier Cathedral Wollongong

BSB: 032-035 | **Account:** 580291

Non-Tax-Deductible Donations

Account: Lumen Christi Parish (Restoration)

BSB: 066-711 | **Account:** 003274

Please use your first and last name as the payment reference.

Cheques can be made payable to: Lumen Christi Parish
PO Box 874, Wollongong NSW 2520.

Thank you for your patience, understanding and continued support as we undertake these important works to preserve and improve our Cathedral for future generations.

Last chance for Father's Day Intentions

To include an Intention on our list for Father's Day, Go to: lumenchristi.org.au/fathersday or collect a Father's Day envelope from the doors of the church or at the parish office. Intention list will close this weekend.

Praying for Our Engaged Couples

As these couples prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage, we warmly invite our parish community to keep them in your prayers:

Sophia Beatrice Maguyon & Isaac Leon Giesajtis

Janine Tolentino & Juliano Pisana

Katherine Murphy & Jack Graham

Hanh Tran & Jason Ko

Emma Galea & Blake Ford

Stefanie Kusters & Samuel Clare

Nicole Stojanovska & Nuno Dias

Shaniah Davies & Carlson Hizon

Lauren Duck & Nicholas Zanotto

Claudia Curcio & Giovanni Papa

Jasmine Temelkovska & Daniel James Fusco

Maria Luisa Caibal & Sean Michael Collins

May Christ accompany each couple during this special time of preparation, deepen their love and faith, and guide them as they prepare to enter into the lifelong covenant of Christian marriage. **"What God has joined together, let no one separate."** — Matthew 19:6

Relics of St Carlo Acutis

The Relics of St Carlo Acutis will be welcomed to St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong, from **18–21 September 2026**. A special Blessing for **Teenagers** will take place during the **10.30am Mass on Sunday 20 September 2026 at St Francis Xavier Cathedral**.

For the full pilgrimage program and event details, visit:

lumenchristi.org.au/stcarloacutis

Reconciliation & First Holy Communion Sacramental Program – Enrolments

Enrolments for the 2026 Sacramental Program for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will close this Monday on 31 August 2026. For further information or to enrol, please visit lumenchristi.org.au/sacramental

Parish Clergy – Upcoming Leave

Fr Bernard will be taking two weeks of leave for a short break. During this time, Fr Joseph will also be away on pilgrimage, while Fr Cang will continue his parish ministry and will be on call for Wollongong Hospital.

We are very grateful to Bishop Brian Mascord, who will kindly assist with the celebration of Parish Masses during this time. Please keep our priests in your prayers.



THIS WEEK'S *Readings & Commentary*

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 85:3,5

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.

First Reading

Jeremiah 20:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced;
you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.
I am a daily laughing-stock,
everybody's butt.

Each time I speak the word, I have to howl
and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'

The word of the Lord has meant for me
insult, derision, all day long.

I used to say, I will not think about him,
I will not speak in his name any more.

Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart,
imprisoned in my bones.

The effort to restrain it wearied me,
I could not bear it.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 62:2-6. 8-9. R. v.2

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. **(R.)**
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **(R.)**
3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **(R.)**
4. For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Romans 12:1-2

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in

a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

Gospel Acclamation

See Ephesians 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart,
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 16:21-27

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

Communion Antiphon

Psalm 30:20

How great is the goodness, Lord,
that you keep for those who fear you.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

'Get behind me, Satan'

We have to get one terrible thought out of our heads, i.e. that the Heavenly Father of Jesus wanted him to suffer a tortured, agonising death. Yet we do say: 'It was necessary that Jesus suffer and die.' What can this mean? I believe this refers to the necessity of divine mission and the necessity of divine love. First, it was the Father's will that Jesus remain true to the mission to preach and embody the gospel of mercy and forgiveness. It was inevitable that powerful elites would find this intolerable and have Jesus eliminated. Secondly, God so loved the world where death ravages human beings, that God determined to absorb the suffering and pangs of death.

The temptation to avoid that dread-ful necessity lead Jesus to rebuke Peter: 'Get behind me, Satan', a terrible variation of the initial call: 'Come, follow me.'

We could pause for a moment to very consciously make the sign of the Cross, the consequence of Jesus' mission and love for us.

