



LUMEN CHRISTI
CATHOLIC PARISH



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20 SEPTEMBER 2026

25TH 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...

Deacon Peter Harrison, Maureen Gray, William, Patrick, Clare McCormack, Peter Shafton, Secondo Mancini, Antonio Franceschini, Elisabetta Rossi, Angela Rossetti.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS...

Margaret Mascord, Daniel Caruana, 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, Liesl Caibal, Vince, Jess, Maria Barradas, Michelle Barradas Brusic.

*"The **last** will be first, and the **first** will be **last**."*

— Matthew 20:16

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, 21 Sep: Reconciliation & First Holy Communion Info, SFX 6.30pm
 Tue, 22 Sep: Reconciliation & First Holy Communion Info, Hall 6.30pm
 Wed, 23 Sep: Reconciliation & First Holy Communion Info, Hall 6.30pm
 Fri, 25 Sep: Term 3 concludes
 Sun, 04 Oct: Feast of St Francis of Assisi
 Mon, 05 Oct: Labour Day, Mass SFX 8am
 Mon, 12 Oct: Term 4 resumes
 Mon, 12 Oct: Fairy Meadow CWL Meeting, MDB 2pm
 Tue, 13 Oct: GSFM Year 3 (Rec/FHC Candidates) Parish Mass Attendance
 Wed, 14 Oct: Baptism Class, SFX 7pm

Bishop's Annual Appeal – 26/27 September

Our parish will support Bishop Brian Mascord's Annual Appeal next weekend, 26–27 September 2026.

The Annual Appeal is an important opportunity for our parish community to support two vital areas in the life and mission of our Diocese. It helps provide dignified care and practical support for our retired clergy, who have faithfully served our parishes and communities throughout their years of ministry. It also supports the formation and education of our seminarians as they prepare to become the priests of tomorrow.

Bishop Brian asks us to prayerfully consider supporting the Appeal. Every contribution, regardless of its size, will help ensure that this important work can continue across the Diocese.

A leaving collection will be taken up at all Masses throughout our parish on 26–27 September. Donations are tax-deductible and may also be made online at www.dow.org.au/giving or by contacting the Bishop's Office on (02) 4222 2400 to donate over the phone.

Thank you for your prayers and generous support of the 2026 Bishop's Annual Appeal.

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

DIOCESAN CLERGY CARE IN ACTION 2026		
 Accommodation and practical support 11 retired clergy are supported with accommodation 8 live independently 1 in a retirement village 2 in aged care facilities 6 retired clergy receive domestic assistance 11 additional diocesan clergy will retire in the next 5 years	 Personalised care and advocacy 40 diocesan clergy receive support from Sue Daniels, (Clergy Care Coordinator) Sue supports our ageing and retired clergy through: • health care coordination • holistic health and wellbeing support and education • transportation assistance • short-term health care crisis advocacy • long-term ageing support	 Continuing ministry 7 retired clergy continue to support parish communities They continue their ministry through: • providing sacramental ministry when a parish priest is on leave or unwell • continuing their priestly calling in retirement • sharing their experience through ongoing pastoral service <i>Priests, like parents, never retire from their calling.</i>

SEMINARIAN EDUCATION FOR 2026		
3 seminarians are currently studying for the priesthood for the Diocese of Wollongong		
 Formation and study • Seminary fees supporting the cost of priestly formation • Tuition and formation costs covering academic study, spiritual formation and pastoral preparation • Books and study equipment providing essential texts, resources and technology • Mentoring and supervision supporting ongoing guidance, reflection and pastoral development	 Living and wellbeing • Accommodation and meals contributing to daily living costs throughout formation • Living stipend assisting with personal and everyday expenses • Health cover helping meet medical and health-related costs	 Travel and ministry • Travel to college supporting regular travel for study and formation • Pastoral placements enabling practical ministry experience in parishes and other settings • Travel home assisting seminarians to maintain important family connections





From the GM

Works on the restoration and conservation of St Francis Xavier Cathedral are progressing well. During the works, some additional issues with the fascia have been identified. Fortunately, these can be managed within the current works at this stage.

As the project continues, we remind parishioners and visitors that parking is not available in the former accessible parking spaces near the Cathedral. If you require accessible parking, please use the newly created accessible spaces provided within the Cathedral precinct.

We appreciate that the works and temporary changes can cause some inconvenience. Every effort is being made to keep the Cathedral open for worship while allowing this important conservation work to continue safely.

Support the Cathedral Restoration

If you would like to support the restoration and conservation of our Cathedral, your contribution—large or small—will help preserve this important place of faith for generations to come.

To make a donation, please visit 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.

God Bless,

Kevin Galea



New Columbarium Wall Approved

We are pleased to announce that Bishop Brian Mascord has approved the construction of a new double-sided columbarium wall within the grounds of St Francis Xavier Cathedral.

The new wall will provide 280 positions and will include beautiful Tree of Life memorial features, creating a dignified and sacred place of remembrance for parishioners and their families.

The project will now proceed through the necessary planning, statutory approval and construction stages. Further information, including the anticipated timeline and availability of niches, will be provided as the project progresses.

We thank Bishop Brian for his approval and the Parish Finance Council for its endorsement and support of this important pastoral project.

Diocesan Choir

Do you love to sing? The Wollongong Diocesan Choir welcomes new voices to help lead music at major Diocesan Masses and celebrations. Rehearsals are held on Monday evenings, 7:00pm–8:30pm, at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong, in the lead-up to Diocesan events. To join, contact Choir Director Katrina Hannaford at hannafordk02@dow.catholic.edu.au with your name, email and parish.

Digital Signage Across Our Parish

The installation of our new digital noticeboards has now been completed across all four churches in Lumen Christi Catholic Parish. This new system allows us to share parish news, upcoming events, liturgical information and important announcements quickly and consistently across all our church communities.

We sincerely thank Big Vision Print for its generous donation towards this project and for supporting this new way of communicating with parishioners and visitors.

Relic Pilgrimage of St Carlo Acutis

This weekend, our parish joyfully welcomes the relics of St Carlo Acutis to St Francis Xavier Cathedral. We warmly welcome all staff, students, young people and families joining us for this special pilgrimage.

A particular welcome is extended to the teenagers attending the 10:30am Sunday Mass at the Cathedral, which will include a special Blessing of Teenagers.

May St Carlo's example inspire all young people to grow in faith and remain close to Jesus in the Eucharist.

THIS WEEK'S *Readings & Commentary*

Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

First Reading

Isaiah 55:6-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
call to him while he is still near.
Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,
to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18. R. v.18

(R.) The Lord is near to all who call him.

1. I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.
the Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured. **(R.)**
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Philippians 1:20-24, 27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

For me to live is Christ.

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

See Acts of the Apostles 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Why are you jealous because I am generous?

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

Communion Antiphon

Psalm 118:4-5

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

No Salvation outside the Church?

This is a story of the day labourers of Jesus' time. The 'early birds' contracted for the just wage of one denarius and did the hard work over the course of a long day. They were outraged when latecomers also received a denarius.

This little parable circulated in the Christian community of the first century because there was great antagonism between the Jews who became followers of Jesus and the non-Jews, the 'Gentiles'. Jewish Christians looked at their long history of hardship preparing for the coming of the Messiah. And, now, here were these Gentiles who had done nothing by comparison, and God appeared to be granting them whatever it took to enjoy the 'daily bread' of the Kingdom of God.

Jewish Christians had to be shocked out of their idea that God's grace could not be lavished on those outside the boundaries of the Chosen People.

We could pause to pray to be taken by happy surprise by those billions of people outside the Church who, by the grace of God, will share with us 'the Bread of Life', given for the salvation of all the world.

Diamond Jubilee Opening Mass

The Diocese of Wollongong celebrates 75 years of faith and mission. Join Bishop Brian Mascord and the faithful of the Diocese for the Opening Mass of our Diamond Jubilee. Saturday 14 November 2026 at 11:30am at St John Vianney Co-Cathedral, Fairy Meadow.

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