LUMEN CHRISTI
CATHOLIC PARISH

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1 NOVEMBER 2026

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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)
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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...
Eric Lorenzo, Mary Kelly, Wendy Fahey, Cosimo & Ida Angilletta, Domenico Panetta, Joseph Carvalho.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS...
Pope Leo XIV, Denis Bristow, Margaret Mascord, Maria Hubbard, Daniel Caruana, Duc Trong Nguyen, Maureen Harrison, Jacek McLaurin, Angela Mosley, Brian Mattock, Jim Lyon, Teresa George, Chiara Sirianni, Joyce Milan, Noel Meddows, Matthew Johnson, Pat Carr, John Gauci, Joseph Scalia, Liesl Caibal, John Wise.

*"May the **saints inspire us** to **live in faith, grow in holiness** and **walk** ever closer to **Christ.**"*

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.





WE ARE CALLED TO REVEAL THE LIGHT OF CHRIST TO THE WORLD.



All Saints



Today, we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints, a tradition dating back to the early centuries of Christianity, when the Church honoured the martyrs who gave their lives for their faith. In the eighth century, Pope Gregory III established 1 November as a day to honour all the saints, both known and unknown.

This beautiful feast reminds us that holiness is not reserved for a chosen few, but is a calling for each of us. The saints were ordinary people who lived extraordinary lives of faith, hope and loving service for God and their neighbour. As we honour their example, may we be inspired to grow in holiness, serve others with compassion and remain faithful to Christ. May all the saints, especially St Francis Xavier, St John Vianney, St Brigid and Mary, our Mother who comforts us in times of sorrow, intercede for our families and our parish community.

Fr Bernard

Understanding the Mass

Part 4 The Gloria

Why do we sing "Glory to God in the highest"?

The Gloria is one of the Church's great hymns of praise. Its opening words echo the song of the angels announcing the birth of Jesus: "Glory to God in the highest."

During the Gloria, we praise and adore God simply because He is God. We acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, Only Begotten Son and Lamb of God.

Normally sung or said on Sundays outside Advent and Lent, as well as on solemnities and certain feasts, the Gloria reminds us that the Mass is above all an act of worship. It signifies a liturgical day of joy on which we leave aside acts of penance. We join our voices with the whole Church in giving glory to God.

The movement from asking for mercy to praising God is a reminder that His goodness is greater than our weakness. The Gloria helps us look beyond our immediate needs and rejoice in who God is.

Its words lead us into praise of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. We do not need to feel joyful before we can join in; sometimes the prayer itself helps us rediscover gratitude. Listening carefully to the words can turn a familiar hymn into a fresh act of worship, offered with the whole parish community.

Parish Information

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

HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN

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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

Presence: Advent & Christmas Daily Reflections

Presence Advent and Christmas books are available from the parish centre for just $3 each.

Volunteers Needed

Our parish is blessed with many dedicated volunteers who generously share their time and talents to support our churches and parish community. However, we need more helping hands to ensure our ministries and activities continue to flourish.

We are currently seeking volunteers to assist in the following areas:

- **Sunday Morning Tea & Hospitality:** Helping prepare and serve morning tea following the 10:30am Sunday Mass at St Francis Xavier Cathedral on the first Sunday of each month. A wonderful opportunity to bring parishioners together in friendship and fellowship.

- **Data Projector Operators:** Assisting with the display of hymns, prayers and Mass responses during weekend Masses, particularly at the 8:30am Sunday Mass at St John Vianney Co-Cathedral, Fairy Meadow.

- **Sunday Collection Volunteers:** Helping with the collection of offerings during weekend Masses across our four parish churches.

Could You Spare a Little Time?

Volunteering is a meaningful way to serve God, support our fellow parishioners and contribute to the life of our Church. Whether you can assist once a month, occasionally or on a regular basis, every contribution is valued.

You do not need any special experience, just a willing heart and a desire to help. Appropriate guidance and support will be provided.

We warmly encourage parishioners of all ages to consider becoming involved. Many hands make light work, and together we can continue to build a welcoming, caring parish.

To volunteer or find out more, please contact the Lumen Christi Parish Office on (02) 4211 0500 or email **wollongong@dow.org.au**

Catholic Mission Appeal

A sincere thank you to all parishioners for your generous support of the Catholic Mission Appeal last weekend. Through your kindness, we raised a total of **$4,877.90**.

Communion Antiphon
Matthew 5:8-10

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called children of God.
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate
The Beatitudes ... A Call to Action
How can those suffering grinding poverty such that their whole personality is impoverished – the poor in spirit – be 'Blessed'? How can those who hunger and thirst for justice be 'Blessed'? The answer lies in the new community which Our Lord is establishing under the reign of God.
There are people within this new society who do everything possible to lift the poor out of poverty, to comfort those who are mourning, to make sure the gentle share in the earth's resources, to satisfy the craving for justice. These are 'saints' who are merciful, pure in heart, makers of peace.
The full measure of authentic humanity is Jesus Christ. But there are millions, only a few celebrated in the Church's calendar, who have tried to measure up to the challenge presented by the Teacher of the Beatitudes. These are saints, those who know that they cannot help create the Beatitude society out of some political ideology, but who wholeheartedly respond to the teaching of the One whose Holy Spirit can empower rising to the challenge.
We might pause a moment to pray that God may deal with us mercifully as we fall short of the full stature of the One who embodied the Beatitudes, at the same time as we celebrate the lives of the countless many who have measured up superlatively, the saints whose feast day we celebrate.

All Souls Day Masses

Monday, 2 November

St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong

7:00am – Mass

11:30am – Confessions

12:10pm – Mass

Mass with Anointing | 4 November 2026

We warmly invite all parishioners to join us for a special Mass with Anointing this **Wednesday, 4 November** at **12:10pm** at **St Francis Xavier Cathedral**. Whether you or someone dear to you is experiencing illness, facing a recent diagnosis, preparing for surgery or seeking strength and comfort during a painful time, this Mass offers an opportunity to come together in faith, prayer and hope, entrusting our needs to God's care.

November Masses – Book of Remembrance

November Mass envelopes are available from our churches. Please write the names of those you wish to have remembered and return your envelope on the collection plate, to the parish office or drop it into the collection boxes at the doors of our churches.

You can also submit your November Mass intentions online at: **lumenchristi.org.au/novembermass**

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

THIS WEEK'S Calendar Readings & Commentary

The Parish Calendar

Mon, 02 Nov: All Souls
Fairy Meadow CWL Meeting, MDB 2pm

Tue, 03 Nov: GSFM Year 3 Parish Mass Attendance
Reconciliation after 9.30am Mass

Thu, 05 Nov: SBG Year 3 Parish Mass Attendance
Sacramental Program Session 2, SFX 3.45pm
Parish Lunch, The Builders Club Wollongong 12pm

Tue, 10 Nov: GSFM Year 3 Parish Mass Attendance
GSFM, Feast of All Benedictine Saints SJV 9.30am

Wed, 11 Nov: Pastoral Council Meeting, Rigney Room 5pm

Entrance Antiphon

Let us all rejoice in the Lord,
as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints,
at whose festival the Angels rejoice
and praise the Son of God.

First Reading

Revelation 7:2-4. 9-14

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I saw an immense crowd, beyond hope of counting, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language.

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.'
Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.
After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!'
And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'
One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 23:1-6. R. see v.6

(R.) Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm. (R.)

2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things. (R.)

3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob. (R.)

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-3

A reading from the first letter of St John

We shall see God as he really is.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children;
and that is what we are.
Because the world refused to acknowledge him,
therefore it does not acknowledge us.
My dear people, we are already the children of God
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;
all we know is, that when it is revealed
we shall be like him
because we shall see him as he really is.
Surely everyone who entertains this hope
must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 11:28

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened,
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.
Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:
they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

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