LUMEN CHRISTI
CATHOLIC PARISH

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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
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MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE...

Sr Gemma Cahill, Daniel Caruana, Paul McCann, Pasquale Tassone, Jan Coulson, Federico Romano, Celestina Paiano, Secondo Mancini.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS...

Pope Leo XIV, Denis Bristow, Margaret Mascord, Maria Hubbard, 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.

*"**Just** as you did it to one of the **least** of these who are **members** of my **family**, you did it to me."*
— Matthew 25:40

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.





First Holy Communion

Last and this weekend, our Lumen Christi Parish joyfully celebrates 84 young candidates receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

This is a significant milestone in their faith journey as they receive Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. May this beautiful sacramental encounter with Christ deepen their love for him and strengthen their connection with the Church.

I extend my sincere thanks to our school principals, Religious Education Coordinators (RECs), teachers, catechists and Parish Sacramental educators for their dedication, guidance and commitment in preparing these children. I also thank the parents and families for nurturing their children's faith and supporting them on this important journey.

As a parish community, let us keep these young people in our prayers as they take this graced step forward in their Christian lives. May their First Holy Communion be the nourishing of a lifelong friendship with Jesus and his people through the Eucharist.

Fr Bernard Gordon
Parish Priest & Dean

Understanding the Mass

Part 7 The Responsorial Psalm

Why do we sing or say the Psalm?

After hearing God's Word in the First Reading, we respond with words that the Holy Spirit has inspired. The Psalms express almost every human experience: joy, sorrow, thanksgiving, fear, hope, repentance and praise. The repeated response allows the whole congregation to participate prayerfully in the Liturgy of the Word.

Rather than being an interruption between readings, the Responsorial Psalm is itself part of the proclamation of God's Word. We listen, respond and allow God's Word to become our prayer. Our voices express our worship of God and the richness of our faith and love.

Sometimes a Psalm gives voice to what we already feel; at other times it teaches us a prayer we need to learn. A Psalm of trust can encourage us when we are anxious, while a Psalm of repentance can help us acknowledge our need for forgiveness.

The response is worth praying with attention each time it returns. Repetition allows its meaning to settle within us. We can carry a line from the Psalm into the week and use it as a short prayer when we need comfort, guidance or a reminder of God's presence.

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

NEWS in brief

First Holy Communion Candidates 2026

Akira Gonzalez
Alana El-Bacha
Alysha Pereira
Amalia Carusi
Amelia Mary Mendez
Amelia Navarrete
Annabelle Youssef
Antony Oswin Leema
Ari Pantalone
Ariana Thangavelu
Audrey Grella
Ava Draper
Billy Moore
Blaze Caruso
Brandon Di Pietro
Cara Di Pietro
Charli Grochowski
Charlie Hernandez
Clare Hagelstein
Darcy Preece
Elijah Ma'u
Ella Fredericks
Emeline Lautier
Estelle Sousa
Eveline Hagelstein
Evie Van Oord
Freya Sutton
Gabriel Thompson
Giuseppe Digiaro
Hamish Ostermeyer
Harvey South
Hendrix Catterall
Henry Wood
Ella Hofman
Hudson Pigozzo
Ignatius Woods
Indie Rouleau
Isabelle Doyle
Isla Bonnor
Isla Thompson
Iziaha Ma'u
Jack Hernandez
Jack Southerden
Jackson Young
Jobe Vian
Joshua Roeder
Kate Southerden
Kyah Gaudiosi
Kyrie Alexandrei Isip
Leo Lewis
Leonardo Di Pietro
Leonardo Perossa
Lewis Mccarthy
Lockie Nederkoorn
Mackenzie Anthony Preece
Maitena Diaz Cancino
Maria Venita Menik Lonis
Millicent Flynn
Misha Valic
Nash English
Noah Maxwell Merenda
Nova Muskett
Olivia Masi
Parker Payne
Patrick Di Pietro
Phoebe Rose Lawrence
Rhea Elias
Riva Zedras
Robertson Alfred Berroya Morla
Rose Crocco
Roxanna OConnor
Ruby Mastroianni
Ryan Crofts
Sibylla Fraticelli
Spencer Murphy
Stella Martiniello
Taj McWatters
Taj North
Thomas Barlow
Thomas Doyle
Xavier Woods
Zachary Roeder
Zoey Carusi
Zoe Stevens

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Necessities of [Eternal] Life

The eternal destiny of every human being of a certain maturity is determined by decisions made in relation to food and drink for the famished, clothing and housing for those without decent clothing or shelter, visiting those in circumstances which cut them off from life-giving contact with others (the sick and prisoners).

Those who provide such assistance, in the words of Pope Francis, touch the wounds of Christ! A Christian can be fully conscious of this, but for non Christians it is possible to do so without any of our awareness or belief. Christ is completely incognito to them: 'When did we ever see you hungry and feed you ...?'.

We know the doctrine of the Real Presence in the poor and marginalised. Woe betide those of us who ignore this fact of faith. We are on the way to a Hellish state of existence. That is equally possible for those who do not share our faith, but who ignore the plight of the marginalised and continue in a self-absorbed way.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we, and many billions of non-Christians, may hear the invitation: 'Come you blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.'

St Vincent de Paul Society – Christmas Appeal

Next weekend, our parish is supporting the St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal, helping individuals and families experiencing financial hardship and disadvantage within our local community.

Christmas is a time of hope, love and generosity, yet for many families it can also be a time of great difficulty. Through your kindness and donations, the St Vincent de Paul Society can provide essential assistance, food and support to those who need it most.

A leaving collection will take place after all Masses across our parish this weekend.

Advent Reconciliation Times in our parish

As we journey through Advent, all parishioners are warmly invited to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for Christmas. This is a special opportunity to experience God's mercy, forgiveness and renewal as we prepare to welcome Christ into our hearts.

Advent Reconciliation Times – December 2026

- *Friday, 11 December* – St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong: 11:00am

- Saturday, 12 December – St Brigid's Church, Gwynneville: 4:45pm

- Sunday, 13 December – Mater Dolorosa Church, Balgownie: After the 10:00am Mass

- Tuesday, 15 December – St John Vianney Co-Cathedral, Fairy Meadow: 9:30am

All parishioners are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to receive God's grace and forgiveness

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THIS WEEK'S Calendar Readings & Commentary

The Parish Calendar

Sun, 22 Nov:	First Holy Communion, SFX 10.30am & 5pm
	Feast of Christ the King
Sun, 29 Nov:	First Sunday of Advent - Year B
	St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal 2026
Thu, 03 Dec:	Feast of St Francis Xavier
Sun, 06 Dec:	Second Sunday of Advent
	Hospitality weekend
Mon, 07 Dec:	Fairy Meadow CWL Meeting, MDB 2pm
Tue, 08 Dec:	Immaculate Conception

Entrance Antiphon
Revelation 5:12; 1:6

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and divinity,
and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

First Reading
Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17
A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.
As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 22:1-3, 5-6, R. see v.1

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose. (R.)

2. Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name. (R.)

3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R.)

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading
1 Corinthians 15:20-26. 28
A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

Gospel Acclamation
Mark 11:9-10

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia!

Gospel
Matthew 25:31-46
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

Communion Antiphon
Psalm 28:10-11

The Lord sits as King for ever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

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