



**LUMEN CHRISTI**  
CATHOLIC PARISH

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**21 JUNE 2026**

**12TH 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



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OUR PARISH

*Parish Centre*

**PARISH OFFICE**

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**OFFICE HOURS**

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**MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE...**

John Borg, Antonia Borg, Emmanuel Galea, Carmen Galea & Lisa Galea, Secondo Mancini.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS...**

Margaret Wolfe, 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.

*"Take up your cross **each day** 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*

- Wed, 24 Jun: The Nativity of St John the Baptist  
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

## *Help Support the renewal of St Francis Xavier Cathedral*

For more than 188 years, St Francis Xavier Cathedral has been a place of prayer, celebration, comfort, and hope for the people of Wollongong and beyond. As the Mother Church of the Diocese of Wollongong, the Cathedral has witnessed countless baptisms, weddings, ordinations, funerals, and moments of profound faith in the lives of our community.

Today, this much-loved heritage building requires significant conservation and restoration work to ensure it remains a beacon of faith for future generations. Following extensive planning, heritage approvals, and professional assessments, works are scheduled to commence later this year. The project will include the restoration and repainting of external surfaces, repairs to stonework, windows, doors, gutters and downpipes, improved exterior lighting, and the conservation of important heritage features.

This project represents an investment not only in a building, but in the spiritual, historical, and cultural legacy of our Catholic community. Through these works, we will preserve the Cathedral's beauty, protect its historic fabric, and ensure that future generations can continue to gather here in prayer and worship.

We invite you to become part of this important chapter in the Cathedral's history by making a donation to the appeal.

Donations can be made online at: [sfx.org.au/give](https://sfx.org.au/give)

The giving portal allows you to choose between:

- A tax-deductible donation through the National Trust of Australia (NSW) St Francis Xavier Cathedral Conservation Appeal.
- A direct donation to the parish for the Cathedral Exterior Renewal Project.

You may also choose to make your donation anonymously if you wish.

Every gift, regardless of size, will make a meaningful contribution towards the preservation of this treasured Cathedral.

Together, we can ensure that St Francis Xavier Cathedral continues to serve as a place of worship, pilgrimage, and community for many years to come.

## **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



## Prayer for the Longest Night

### Sign of the Cross

**Leader:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit. **All:** Amen.

### A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (John 1:1-5)

In the beginning was the Word: and the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things came

to be, not one thing had its being but through him. All that came to be had life in him and that life was the light of all people, a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower.

### The Gospel of the Lord.

**All:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

### Intercessions

**Leader:** Looking towards God, the True Light of the World, let us pray for all our needs.

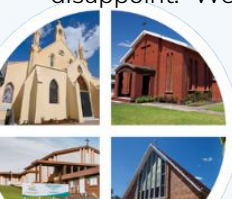
1. That we may be people of understanding and m compassion for those living in darkness or hardship. **Lord, hear us.** *Lord, hear our prayer.*
2. That all who live with illness of body and mind may find healing and consolation. **Lord, hear us.** *Lord, hear our prayer.*
3. That all who care for those living with mental health challenges be granted patience, compassion and hope. **Lord, hear us.** *Lord, hear our prayer.*
4. That those in hospitals, prisons and care facilities may know joy in the love of family and friends. **Lord, hear us.** *Lord, hear our prayer.*
5. That those who struggle with the desires of self harm may come to recognise and embrace their inherent dignity and value. **Lord, hear us.** *Lord, hear our prayer.*
6. That all those who have died in the struggle with feelings of emotional darkness will rest in the peace of Christ. **Lord, hear us.** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

### Blessing and Lighting of the Candle

**Leader:** God of Life, the Light of Christ rising in glory dispels the darkness of our hearts and minds. Bless this candle and through the Holy Spirit pour into our hearts your love and give us the hope that does not disappoint. We make this prayer through Christ

our Lord. Amen.

**Now light the candle**



### Concluding Prayer as we make the Sign of the Cross

**Leader:** The Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

### Young 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](http://lumenchristi.org.au/training)

### A Welcoming Parish Community

Over recent months, we have been blessed to welcome many new parishioners and visitors to our churches. We have also received some beautiful feedback from people who have experienced the warmth, hospitality, and friendliness of our parish community.

One of the key priorities identified in our Pastoral Plan is to foster a vibrant parish community life where all people feel welcomed, valued, and connected. It is encouraging to see this vision being lived out through the simple acts of kindness shown by parishioners before and after Mass, at our parish cuppa's, and in our everyday interactions.

Thank you to everyone who takes the time to greet new faces, offer assistance, and help others feel at home in our parish family. Your witness reflects Christ's love and helps make our parish a place where faith, friendship, and belonging can flourish.

*Pastoral Plan, Pg 4, Community Life, "And over all these put on love" - Colossians 3:14.*

### Book Exchange

We are currently exploring the installation of a Book Exchange within the Cathedral precinct.

The Book Exchange would provide visitors and parishioners with an opportunity to share and borrow books relating to the Catholic faith, spirituality, prayer, and Christian living. It is hoped that this initiative will create another space for quiet reflection, learning, and encounter with Christ. We are excited about the possibilities this project may bring and will keep the parish updated as plans progress.

# THIS WEEK'S

# Readings & Commentary

## Entrance Antiphon

*Cf Psalm 27:8-9*

The Lord is the strength of his people,  
a saving refuge for the one he has anointed.  
Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage,  
and govern them for ever.

## First Reading

*Jeremiah 20:10-13*

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah  
*He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.*

Jeremiah said:

'I hear so many disparaging me,  
"Terror from every side!  
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"  
All those who used to be my friends  
watched for my downfall,  
"Perhaps he will be seduced into error.  
Then we will master him  
and take our revenge!"  
But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;  
my opponents will stumble, mastered,  
confounded by their failure;  
everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.  
But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice,  
who scrutinise the loins and heart,  
let me see the vengeance you will take on them,  
for I have committed my cause to you.  
Sing to the Lord,  
praise the Lord,  
for he has delivered the soul of the needy  
from the hands of evil men.'

## Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 68:8-10. 14. 17. 33-35. R. v.14*

(R.) Lord, in your great love, answer me.

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts,  
that shame covers my face,  
that I have become a stranger to my brothers,  
an alien to my own mother's sons.  
I burn with zeal for your house  
and taunts against you fall on me. (R.)
2. This is my prayer to you,  
my prayer for your favour.  
In your great love, answer me, O God,  
with your help that never fails:  
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;  
in your compassion, turn towards me. (R.)
3. The poor when they see it will be glad  
and God-seeking hearts will revive;  
for the Lord listens to the needy  
and does not spurn his servants in their chains.  
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,  
the sea and all its living creatures. (R.)

## Second Reading

*Romans 5:12-15*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans  
God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.  
Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death,  
and thus death has spread through the whole human race  
because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long  
before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one  
could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned  
over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that  
of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.  
Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably  
outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so  
many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming  
through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an  
abundant free gift.

## Gospel Acclamation

*John 15:26. 27*

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord,  
and you also will be my witnesses.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

*Matthew 10:26-33*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew  
*Do not fear those who can kill the body.*

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For  
everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and  
everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in  
the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim  
from the house-tops.  
'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the  
soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell.  
Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls  
to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on  
your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid;  
you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.  
'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I  
will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in  
heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I  
will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

## Communion Antiphon

*Psalm 144:15*

The eyes of all look to you, Lord,  
and you give them their food in due season.

## REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

House-tops and Sparrows

Our Gospel reads: '... not one [sparrow] falls to the ground  
without your Father knowing.' But that is a bad translation. The  
Greek simply says 'not one [sparrow] will fall to the ground  
without your Father.' Full stop! Our Heavenly Father  
accompanies a dying sparrow as it dies! That is the measure of  
the Creator's love for all creatures. God wants to – does – enter  
into the moment of death, our moment of death. Now, that  
would be consoling if I were facing what Jesus was foreseeing  
for his disciples in the first century. One of the first Christian  
groups to hear this Gospel was that set around the Tigris River  
running through Baghdad in modern day Iraq. During the warfare  
that raged there, that Christian community faced terrible  
persecution from fanatical Muslims. We can barely imagine  
hearing today's Gospel amongst the remnant, left in Baghdad  
today. How does 'Do not be afraid' really sound to them?  
So, we could pause for a moment to pray for those for whom  
today's Gospel is a challenge beyond our imagining.

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