



LUMEN CHRISTI
CATHOLIC PARISH

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13 SEPTEMBER 2026

24TH 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



SUPPORT
OUR PARISH

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...

Bishop Thomas McCabe, Maria Di Bono, Bob Lloyd,
Angelo Stella, José Da Rocha.

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.

*"There will be more
joy in heaven over
one sinner who
repents than over
ninety-nine
righteous persons
who need no
repentance."
— Luke 15:7*

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.



OUR

Sacraments

SCAN TO VISIT OUR WEB PORTAL



Welcome to LUMEN CHRISTI PARISH

Parish Calendar

- Tue, 15 Sep: Consoling Mass, MDB 12.10pm
- Tue, 15 Sep: Our Lady of Sorrows
- Tue, 15 Sep: Mater Dolorosa Church, Balgownie (1908)
- Wed, 16 Sep: Baptism Class, SFX 7pm
- Fri, 18 Sep: Reclis of St Carlo Acutis, SFX 12.10pm
- Sun, 20 Sep: Children's Liturgy 10am, MDB
- Mon, 21 Sep: Reconciliation & First Holy Communion Parent Information
- Tue, 22 Sep: Reconciliation & First Holy Communion Parent Information
- Wed, 23 Sep: Reconciliation & First Holy Communion Parent Information
- Fri, 25 Sep: Term 3 concludes
- Sun, 04 Oct: Feast of St Francis of Assisi

Bishop's Annual Appeal – 26/27 September

Our parish will support Bishop Brian Mascord's Annual Appeal on the weekend of 26/27 September 2026.

The Annual Appeal is an important opportunity for our parish community to support two vital areas of the life of our Diocese: providing dignified care and support for our retired clergy who have faithfully served our communities, and supporting the formation and education of our seminarians—the priests of tomorrow.

Bishop Brian asks for your prayerful support and, where possible, your financial generosity to help ensure this important work can continue.

A leaving collection will be taken up at all Masses across our parish on 26/27 September.

To learn more or make a tax-deductible donation, www.dow.org.au/giving or contact the Bishop's Office on (02) 4222 2400 to make a donation over the phone.

Thank you for your prayerful and generous support of the 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 Priests, like parents, never retire from their calling.

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



Cathedral Works Update

With the scaffolding now erected around the Cathedral, parishioners and visitors are urged to take extra care when moving through the Cathedral precinct and to observe all construction signage and barriers.

For everyone's safety, please do not enter the Columbarium areas while the restoration works are underway. Access to these areas is temporarily restricted due to the proximity of the construction zone.

The next important stage of the project will see stone masonry and conservation works commence on the Cathedral's historic exterior. These works will carefully address areas of deteriorated stonework and help protect the fabric of the Cathedral for the future.

The project also includes conservation and restoration of the Cathedral's exterior, windows and doors, gutters and downpipes, heritage features, painting and other essential works.

We are grateful for the patience and understanding of parishioners and visitors while these significant works are carried out.

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.

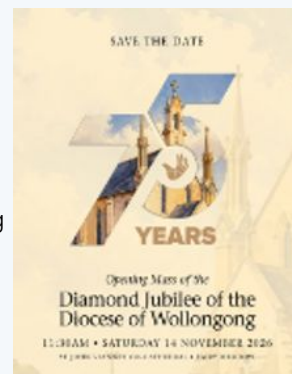
Cheques can be made payable to: Lumen Christi Parish
PO Box 874, Wollongong NSW 2520.

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

When we don't, we are like the principal debtor in Jesus' story. In harshly dealing with a minor debtor, he refused to share his king's quality of forgiveness. If we don't pass on this aspect of God's life to others, then we are warned that we will end up in a hellish situation unable to share in the fullness of Divine life. It is easy to talk 'Big Picture' forgiveness. It is much harder within the family or circle of acquaintances. It seems impossible to simply will it. But we have to ask for the grace to do it. We could pause for a moment to pray: 'Our Father who art in Heaven . . . forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.'

Diamond Jubilee Opening Mass

The Diocese of Wollongong celebrates 75 years of faith and mission. All are warmly invited to join Bishop Brian Mascord, clergy, religious and faithful from across the Diocese for the Opening Mass of the Diamond Jubilee, giving thanks for the generations who have gone before us and praying for our continuing mission.



Saturday 14 November 2026 at 11:30am

St John Vianney Co-Cathedral, Fairy Meadow

Save the date and join us as we begin this special Jubilee year together!

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 next Sunday 20 September 2026 at St Francis Xavier Cathedral**.

For the full pilgrimage program and event details, visit: lumenchristi.org.au/stcarloacutis.

St Francis of Assisi Jubilee – Three Presentations – October 2026

As part of the Jubilee Year of St Francis of Assisi, the Parish of St Michael, Thirroul, is hosting three presentations exploring the life, spirituality and legacy of Saint Francis on October 8, 15 & 22, 7.30pm–9pm.

Presented Franciscan Friars — Andrew Granc OFM, Paul Rout OFM and Ken Cafe OFM — the evenings will offer an opportunity to reflect more deeply on the Franciscan tradition and its relevance for our lives today.

The presentations will be held live at St Michael's Parish Hall, Thirroul, but you can also participate via Zoom. For full details, including presentation topics, dates and Zoom information, please go dow.sh/sfiform



THIS WEEK'S *Readings & Commentary*

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Sirach 36:18

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant,
and of your people Israel.

First Reading

Sirach 27:30 – 28:7

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

Resentment and anger, these are foul things,
and both are found with the sinner.

He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin.

Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you,
and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

If a man nurses anger against another,
can he then demand compassion from the Lord?

Showing no pity for a man like himself,
can he then plead for his own sins?

Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment;
who will forgive him his sins?

Remember the last things, and stop hating,
remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments.

Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 102:1-4, 9-12. R. v.8

**(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful;
slow to anger and rich in compassion.**

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **(R.)**
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. **(R.)**
3. His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. **(R.)**
4. For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Romans 14:7-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Gospel Acclamation

John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:

love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt.

Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said. "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf Psalm 35:8

How precious is your mercy, O God!

The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Forgiveness

I don't like the phrase: 'Forgive and forget'. Remembering can be an important part of healing. Forgiving is about giving up the desire 'to get even', making sure that the 'punishment fits the crime'. It is that sort of forgiveness which we dare to ask of God for ourselves. But here's the catch: it is that sort of forgiveness which we must practise towards others.

