

WE ARE PILGRIMS OF HOPE



"HOPE DOES NOT DISAPPOINT" (ROM 5:5)

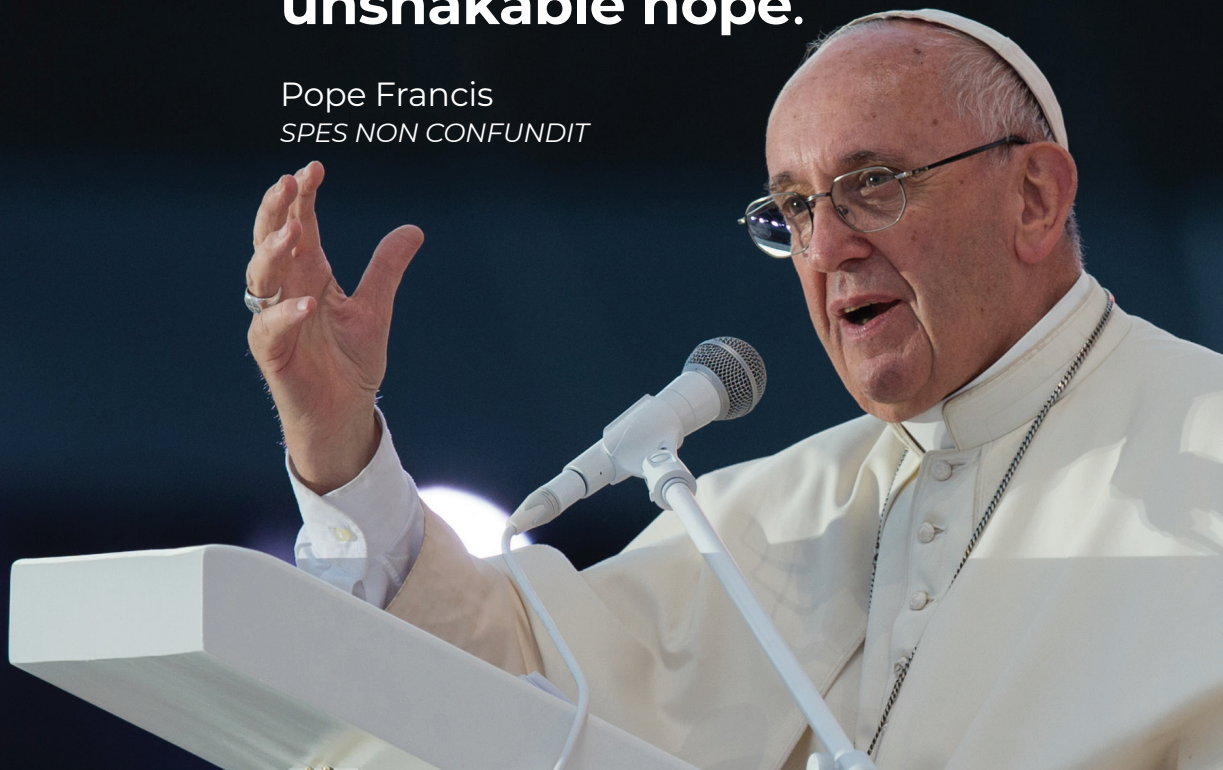
ANNUAL GENERAL REPORT 2024



God's promises

are the foundation of
unshakable hope.

Pope Francis
SPES NON CONFUNDIT



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Acknowledgement of Country

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 People.

Registration

ABN: 32 466 747 711

FIA organisational member and ACNC registered charity.

Report

This report was prepared by Kevin Galea, General Manager of the Lumen Christi Parish, 20 February 2025 for the reporting period of 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024.

Auditor

Lumen Christi Parish is audited annually by our parish auditor Mr Kevin Mehl.

At the end of each calendar year, an external auditor reviews the parish accounts. A copy of the Auditor's Report is given to the Administrator, Bishop, Diocese, and the Parish Finance Council, and is published for our parishioners.

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Our Year in Review



Introduction

Parish Administrator

As we commence this Jubilee year of hope, I extend my gratitude to all our parishioners, staff and volunteers who continue to enrich our Lumen Christi community. I especially acknowledge those who minister in various capacities: catechists, liturgical ministers, pastoral care workers, and countless volunteers. In our parish over 1,189 parishioners attend Sunday Mass across our four welcoming churches. This vitality reflects your commitment to building our parish life and bearing witness that Christ Jesus is our hope (cf. 1 Timothy 1.1).

The Jubilee Year is a wonderful opportunity for our parish and the universal Church to be renewed by God's mercy. It is a time of prayer, pilgrimage, and sacramental repentance. Rooted in biblical tradition, a Jubilee is normally celebrated every 25 years, serving as a call to deepen our faith, respond in gratitude to God's pardon and "offer ourselves to our brothers and sisters in loving service" (Preface, *Mass for the Holy Year A*). For this Holy Year, Pope Francis has chosen the theme: "Pilgrims of Hope." We are called to journey with trust and courage to share in the promises of the Gospel and through our lives of service and deeds of mercy bring hope to those in need of support and encouragement.



In this Jubilee Year let us be hope-givers by works of mercy like:

- Forgiving debts and peacemaking
- Supporting families in the gift of new life
- Visiting those held in the prisons of our world
- Helping the young to move forward with confidence and joy
- Defending the rights of the most vulnerable
- Having kindness for the elderly, lonely and abandoned

During this Jubilee Year of Hope our parish will celebrate four special events:

- **Jubilee Day of Prayer: "You are my Hope" (Psalm 71.5)** – *Saturday, 22 March 2025*
- **Hope Shines in the Dark: Jubilee Prayer for the Longest Night** – *Saturday, 21 June 2025*
- **Jubilee Dinner** – *Friday, 25 July 2025*
- **Jubilee Pilgrimage and Feast Day Celebration** – *Saturday, 6 December 2025*

More details will be provided in due time, but please write these dates in your calendar and invite your families and friends to come and celebrate with us the living gift of God's hope and mercy.

May God's peace be with you all. Throughout this year of grace, let us journey together as Pilgrims of Hope and be hope-givers, allowing the light of Christ to shine through us for the world to see.

Fr Bernard Gordon

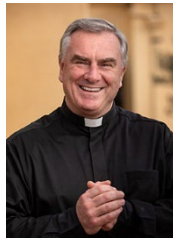
Parish in Council

The Pastoral Council

The Pastoral Council of Lumen Christi Parish is composed of dedicated parishioners who work collaboratively to support the pastoral mission of the parish. Members of the council serve as representatives of the parish community, offering advice, guidance, and strategic planning to enhance the spiritual and communal life of the parish.



Bishop Brian
Mascord



Fr Bernard
Gordon



Fr Cang
Tran



Kevin
Galea



Lisa
de Paiva



Jozo
Frankovic



Jenny
Bell



Rebecca
Curtin



Stewart
Wallace



Tanaya
Mills



Jennifer
Piazza



Kathy
Uroda



Pauline
Chrostowski
(2025)



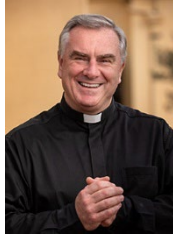
Lisa
Tyson
(2024)

The Finance Council

The Finance Council of Lumen Christi Parish plays a vital role in managing the financial resources of the parish, ensuring transparency, accountability, and stewardship. Members of the Finance Council provide expert advice and assistance to the parish priest in financial planning, budgeting, and the management of parish assets.



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Kevin
Galea



Vicky
Davidson



Lynne
Hudson



Jenny
Bell



Lisa
de Paiva



Dunstan
Saverimuttu



Julius
Abraham



Riccardo
Biondini

Staff Reports

General Manager

As we approach the end of another year, I find myself reflecting on all that we have accomplished together. This year has been a busy and fruitful one for our parish community, filled with challenges, opportunities, and moments of grace.

Through your shared dedication and commitment to the mission of the Church, we have continued to thrive as a parish.

Looking ahead, the coming year offers us a unique opportunity for spiritual growth and renewal as we celebrate the Jubilee Year: Pilgrims of Hope. This special year will invite us to journey deeper into our faith, focusing on hope, healing, and the joy of being a community united in Christ. I encourage each of you to participate in the events and initiatives planned throughout the Jubilee Year.

I want to express gratitude to every member of our parish community—parishioners, staff, and volunteers. Your support and dedication have been the cornerstone of all we have achieved together. From those who serve in ministry to those who pray quietly in the pews, your contributions make our parish a true community of faith, hope, and love.

As we continue this journey together, let us remain steadfast in our mission to be a welcoming, vibrant, and faith-filled community. I look forward to all that the coming year will bring and am confident that, with God's grace, we will continue to grow in love and service to Him and one another.

Kevin Galea



Parish Pastoral Council

We commenced 2024 celebrating our Parish Anniversary on New Year's Day with the celebration of Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Mass was followed by morning tea which allowed all parishioners to nourish each other through companionship.

Our Stewardship Mass was held in March acknowledging and thanking the parishioners involved in various ministries in our Parish which makes Lumen Christi such a vibrant community.

April was a busy month for our Parish, commencing with the celebration of Fr Bernard's 30th Ordination Anniversary, this was a joyous occasion with people joining us from near and wide. Bishop Brian's "Come, See and Go Make" Diocesan Vision was digested by a number of small groups within our parish, helping us to continue in our Mission. The Pastoral Council partnered with CatholicCare to provide a Mental Health Awareness Workshop open to both the Council and all parishioners. The workshop was well received by attendees and much was learnt.

Our Christ In You Pastoral Plan for 2024 and Beyond was launched over the weekends of the Ascension of Our Lord and Pentecost. Our Pastoral Plan invites us to reflect and appreciate the initiatives active in our Parish in the areas of Community Life, Worship, Mission, Stewardship, and Parish Support; and continue to actively grow in all these areas.

CatholicCare presented an overview of their services to the Pastoral Council at our meeting in August. Kate Sparks presented her "Sparking Life" encouraging blood donation to the Pastoral Council in November.

Throughout the year opportunities were available for the formation of new lectors, adult altar servers and child altar services, it is wonderful to see these ministries grow within our Parish.

In conjunction with our Parish Schools in 2024 we saw over 150 children continue on their faith journey, with 91 children receiving Christ for the first time in the Sacrament of the Eucharist and 69 children being enlivened by the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Thank you to each and every one of you for making Lumen Christi Parish a community that makes the mystery of Christ's presence in us visible through prayer, worship, and service that bears witness to God's love, may the Holy Spirit continue to give us words and deeds that make known to everyone the riches of glory in Christ.

Lisa de Paiva
Chair of the Pastoral Council



Parish Finance Council

The Lumen Christi Finance Council is pleased to present its report for the year as we steward the financial and operational responsibilities of our parish community.

This year has been a testament to the generosity, commitment, and resilience of our parishioners, who have supported numerous initiatives through kind donations received for various appeals. These include the St Vincent de Paul Conferences for the Winter and Christmas Appeals, Catholic Mission Appeals, the Bishop's Annual Appeal, and the Kneelers Pledge Project. These contributions reflect the shared dedication to our mission and the wider community.



In addition, several anonymous donations enabled significant enhancements across the parish, including:

- The installation of solar panels at 36, 34, and 30 Harbour Street, Wollongong, reducing the parish's environmental footprint and contributing to long-term cost savings.
- The upgrading of St Brigid's Church Confessional, providing a sacred space for reflection and reconciliation.

Rising maintenance costs and increased insurance premiums have challenged our financial resources. These issues require ongoing attention and creative solutions to ensure financial sustainability. Flooding in the administration building at Good Samaritan Catholic Primary School, Fairy Meadow, was another issue. In collaboration with Catholic Education Diocese of Wollongong, steps are being taken to address these challenges and mitigate future risks.

Throughout 2024, we undertook significant repairs and maintenance across the parish. St Francis Xavier Cathedral and St John Vianney Presbytery required urgent attention due to weather damage and the ongoing need for general upkeep. These repairs were necessary to preserve these sacred spaces and ensure their safety and functionality for future generations.

The Parish Finance Council has worked tirelessly to explore alternative sources of income to sustain and grow our parish. Key initiatives include:

- The alienation of the rental property at 42 McGrath Street, Fairy Meadow. Proceeds from this sale will support new projects aimed at maximising benefits for the parish community.

Among the proposals being considered are:

- Expanding parking facilities at Harbour Street to generate significant income to support the parish mission.

- Establishing childcare services within our parish.

These initiatives, still under exploration, demonstrate our commitment to securing a sustainable future for the parish while responding to community needs.

In alignment with the "Christ in You" Pastoral Plan, the Finance Council initiated a Planned Giving Appeal, which received positive feedback for its clear and considerate approach. This appeal underscores our collective responsibility to secure the future stability of the Lumen Christi Parish.

Additionally, the Finance Council assisted in the introduction of cashless giving options in late 2024, which have made a meaningful impact and provided greater flexibility for parishioners. Credit cards, smartwatches, and phones can now be used, making contributions more convenient and accessible for those who prefer digital transactions.

The Finance Council also reviewed and updated the Parish Collection Policy and Procedure to enhance transparency and accountability. New collection bags with padlocks were purchased to ensure the secure management of funds.

As we reflect on the year, the Finance Council remains committed to ensuring the financial health and operational excellence of the Lumen Christi Parish. We thank the clergy, office management, and parishioners for their unwavering support and contributions. Through the continued generosity of our community and the diligent efforts of the Council, we look forward to a future of hope, stability, and shared purpose as we serve the needs of our community and honour our mission.

Vicky Davidson

Chair of the Finance Council

Our Achievements This Year

Special Projects

Completion of Padded Kneelers

- ✓ Padded kneelers were successfully installed at St John Vianney Co-Cathedral, Fairy Meadow, and Mater Dolorosa Church, Balgownie, enhancing the comfort of parishioners during worship.

Confessional Upgrades at St Brigid's Church

- ✓ The confessionals at St Brigid's Church, Gwynneville, were upgraded, providing a more welcoming and functional space for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Pilgrims of Hope Icon

- ✓ The Pilgrims of Hope Icon was completed and installed at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, contributing to the Jubilee Year celebrations.

Icons of Pentecost and the Last Supper

- ✓ Two icons, depicting Pentecost and the Last Supper, were installed above the sacristy doors at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, enriching the spiritual and artistic environment of the space.

Upgrade of St Joseph's and Mary MacKillop Chapel

- ✓ Significant upgrades were completed in St Joseph's and Mary MacKillop Chapel at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, enhancing the sacred spaces for reflection and prayer.

These projects reflect our ongoing commitment to fostering a welcoming and spiritually enriching environment across our parish which were generously donated by our Lumen Christi parishioners.

Giving generously

Parish Projects

Over the past 12 months parishioners donated \$48,263+ to various parish projects.

Kneeler Padding at Balgownie	\$14,548	Icons for Cathedral	\$10,000
Pilgrims of Hope Icon	\$3,715	St Brigid's Confessional Renewal	\$20,000



Non-Parish Appeals

Over the past 12 months parishioners donated \$100,284 to organisations in our local community and around the world.

Caritas Project Compassion	\$13,679	SVdP Winter Appeal	\$29,879
Catholic Mission	\$4,521	SVdP Christmas Appeal	\$42,319
Holy Land	\$3,483	Bishop's Annual Appeal	\$6,403



Our Parish Groups

Lumen Christi Parish is thriving as a vibrant and faith-filled community, thanks to the involvement of many parishioners who contribute their time and talents. There are many different ways you can get involved and contribute to the life of the Parish.

One of the main goals of the Christ in You Pastoral Plan is Stewardship. We are called to work wholeheartedly for the Lord by doing our works well—not only for our families but for our wider communities. Stewardship invites us to recognize the talents in others, encourage each other to exercise personal gifts, and develop resources that contribute to the wellbeing of our parish and the broader community.

A significant part of stewardship involves giving our time to the works of the parish so we can flourish together as a community of faith and service. Volunteering is a meaningful way to share your gifts and talents, get involved, and become an integral part of a team. It offers opportunities to meet others, deepen connections within the parish, and, most importantly, give back to God and the community that supports us.

Would you like to volunteer? Visit our website to explore opportunities where your gifts can make a difference: www.lumenchristi.org.au/volunteering

Together, let us grow in faith, serve with joy, and build a thriving parish community!

Catechists	Under the leadership of coordinator Patricia Calabro, catechists are dedicated volunteers who teach the Catholic faith to children in public schools. They share the Gospel, nurture spiritual growth, and help children build a personal relationship with God.
Christian Initiation of Adults	The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a journey for those seeking to become Catholic. It includes prayer, catechesis, and sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist, typically celebrated at Easter.
Christian Initiation of Children	This program prepares children for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. It supports their faith journey, guiding them to become full members of the Catholic Church through prayer, catechesis, and community involvement.
Hospitality Weekends	Held on the 1st Sunday of each month after Mass, Hospitality Weekends are an opportunity for parishioners to gather, enjoy light refreshments, and build community. These gatherings foster connection, welcome newcomers, and strengthen relationships within the parish family.
Communion to the Inbound	Lumen Christi Parish offers Holy Communion to parishioners in aged care centres and their homes. This ministry ensures that those unable to attend Mass can still receive the Eucharist and remain connected to the parish community.

Mass for you at Home

Mass for You at Home is a televised or live-streamed Catholic Mass designed for individuals who are unable to attend Mass in person.

The Diocese of Wollongong hosts the weekly televised Mass from our parish church at St John Vianney Co-Cathedral Fairy Meadow. This service reflects the Church's commitment to ensuring all faithful can participate in the Mass, no matter their circumstances. It is also a wonderful way to evangelise and reach out to Catholics and non-Catholics alike.

**Servers, Lectors,
Welcomers & Collectors**

Lumen Christi Parish invites you to serve as a Server, Lector, Welcomer, or Collector. These roles are vital in enhancing our liturgies, fostering hospitality, and supporting the Eucharistic celebration. Your participation enriches our parish community and strengthens our worship experience.

Baptism Team

Our parish is blessed to have a dedicated team of eight passionate individuals who make up our Baptism Team. They play an essential role in preparing families for the sacrament of Baptism, ensuring each family feels welcomed and spiritually ready for this significant step in their faith journey.

The team coordinates a monthly Baptism preparation class, held on the third Wednesday of every month at 7pm at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral. These sessions provide an opportunity for parents and godparents to deepen their understanding of the sacrament, its meaning, and their roles and responsibilities in nurturing their child's faith.

Gardening Team

Join our Gardening Teams at Fairy Meadow, Gwynneville, Balgownie and Wollongong to help maintain the beauty of our parish grounds. This rewarding ministry fosters care for creation and enhances the environment for worship and community.

St Brigid's School

Led by Principal Kathy Uroda, St Brigid's School provides a nurturing Catholic education, fostering academic excellence, faith development, and a supportive community for students and families.

Good Samaritan School

Good Samaritan School in Fairy Meadow is a Catholic primary school committed to faith, learning, and community. Led by Mrs. Pauline Chrostowski, the Principal, the school fosters academic excellence and spiritual growth in a nurturing environment.

Our Pastoral Plan

Community Life

“And over all these put on love” - Colossians 3:14

Nourishing each other in Christ’s compassion, kindness and patience, appreciating our differences and being bound together in perfect unity, reaching out to others in welcome. (pg 4, Community Life, Pastoral Plan)

- ✓ Continue to host parish morning teas, social events to foster relationships within the parish.
- ✓ Engaging in initiatives like visiting the sick and elderly, welcoming new families, and aiding those within the parish community.
- ✓ Acknowledging the contributions of parish volunteers with appreciation at the stewardship Mass.

Worship

“Let the Word of God dwell in you in all its richness” - Colossians 3:16

Celebrating prayerful liturgies that praise God, lifting our hearts and singing with thankfulness, expressing our faith and enriching our understanding of God’s love for us. (pg 5, Worship, Pastoral Plan)

- ✓ The renewed parish sacramental program has successfully reached out to students who are not enrolled in Catholic Parish Primary Schools, helping them feel more connected to our parish community. This has been made possible through the dedicated efforts of coordinators within our parish, who provide guidance and support to ensure all participants feel welcome and included in their faith journey.

Mission

“It is Christ whom we preach” - Colossians 1:28

Actively witnessing to Christ in generous service of others, responding wholeheartedly to the needs of the wider community, making known the heart of Christ to those we meet. (pg 6, Mission, Pastoral Plan)

- ✓ Our parish is deeply committed to supporting families at every stage of their faith journey. Through our baptismal program, we warmly welcome new families into our community, fostering a strong foundation of faith for children and their parents.
- ✓ Our sacramental programs provide opportunities for families to grow closer to God together, guiding children and their parents through the milestones of First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation.
- ✓ We offer support for couples preparing for marriage, helping them build Christ-centred relationships and nurturing their spiritual lives as they embark on their lifelong journey together.

Stewardship

“Whatever you do, do it wholeheartedly, working for the Lord” - Colossians 3:23

Seeing the talents in others, encouraging each other to exercise our personal gifts, developing our resources for the wellbeing of our parish and wider community. (pg 7, Stewardship, Pastoral Plan)

- ✓ Encouraged children from our parish to attend the annual Chrism Mass, fostering a deeper connection with the diocesan church and understanding the significance of this celebration.
- ✓ Recognised and celebrated those newly baptised and couples who have been married within our parish community, emphasising their integral role in our faith journey.
- ✓ Actively invited children participating in our sacramental programs to join our Holy Week, Easter, and Christmas celebrations.
- ✓ Extend invitations for regular participation in Sunday Mass, creating a welcoming environment to nurture their faith development.
- ✓ Provide opportunities for children to engage with parish liturgies and activities, ensuring they feel a sense of belonging and purpose within our parish community.

Parish Support

“In Christ all things hold together” - Colossians 1:17

Promoting the ministries of our parish groups and schools, ensuring the continuing development of our parish staff, laying foundations for our parish to grow into the future. (pg 8, Parish Support, Pastoral Plan)

- ✓ Regularly publicised the names and roles of the Pastoral and Finance Council members in the parish bulletin, website, and announcements to encourage transparency and engagement.
- ✓ Invited local Catholic schools to contribute articles, reflections, or updates to the parish bulletin, showcasing their involvement in parish activities.
- ✓ Organised a family-friendly event, such as parish picnics, to strengthen the connection between young families and the parish community.

Parish Statistics

Mass Count

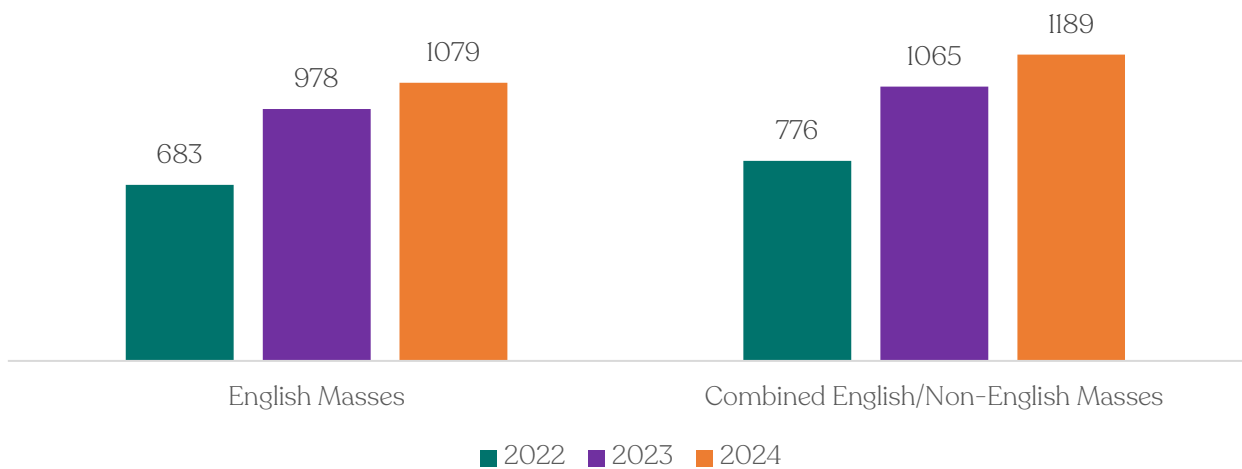
During the month of November 2024, the Diocese of Wollongong conducted Mass attendance counts. Lumen Christi Parish has witnessed remarkable growth in attendance. In particular, our English-speaking Mass attendance has seen a significant increase, rising from 978 in 2023 to 1079 in 2024. Increase in attendance by 14.8%

This positive trend extends to the overall Mass attendance for all our Masses (English and Non-English speaking) where we experienced growth from 1065 in 2023 to 1189 in 2024. Increase in attendance by 16%

The active participation in our spiritual gatherings is not only a source of joy but also a reflection of the deep sense of faith and fellowship that defines Lumen Christi Parish.

Let us carry this spirit of gratitude into our celebrations and reflect on the many blessings that bind us as one faith community. Our next annual Mass count will be conducted in November 2025.

November Mass Attendance

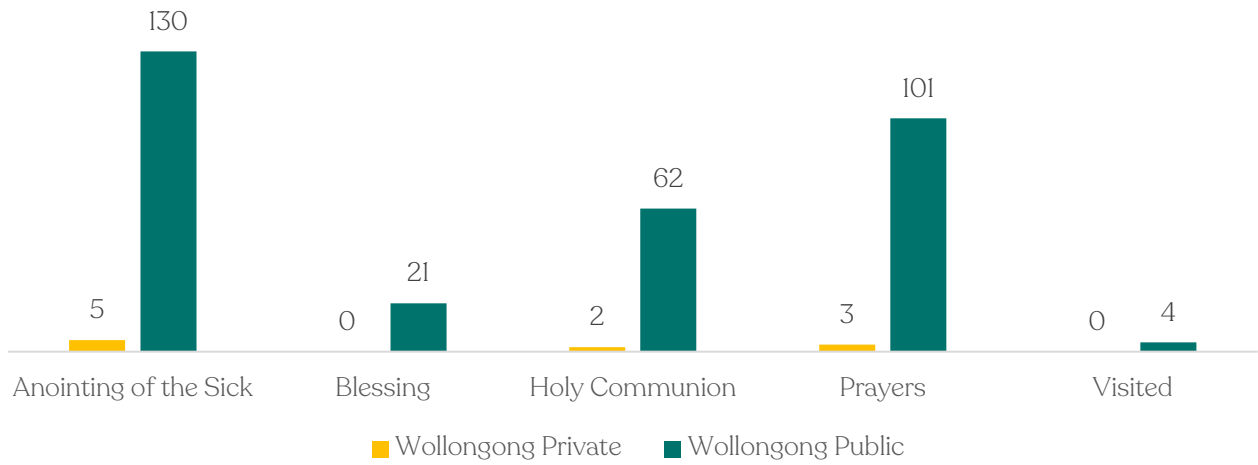


Hospital and Aged care Visits

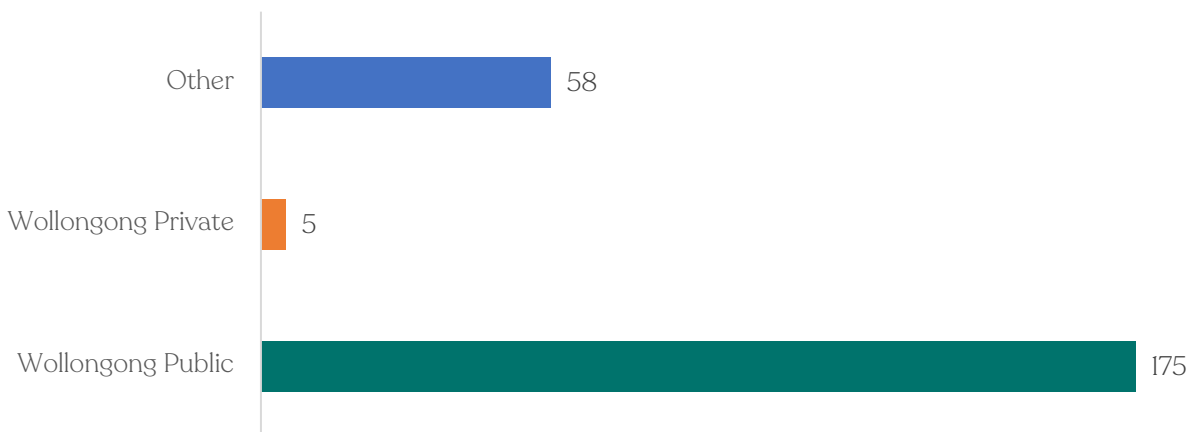
Wollongong Private and Public Hospitals are currently administered by Lumen Christi Parish. Lumen Christi parish provides sacraments and spiritual support within our local hospitals.

Lay parishioners from our parish also help support the Hospital Chaplain with bedside communion service and prayers for Catholic parishioners from our parish and in our diocese. Our priests and parishioners also assist in ministering to the local aged care facilities, ensuring a continued spiritual presence in these important community spaces.

Sacraments Administered at Wollongong Public and Private Hospital



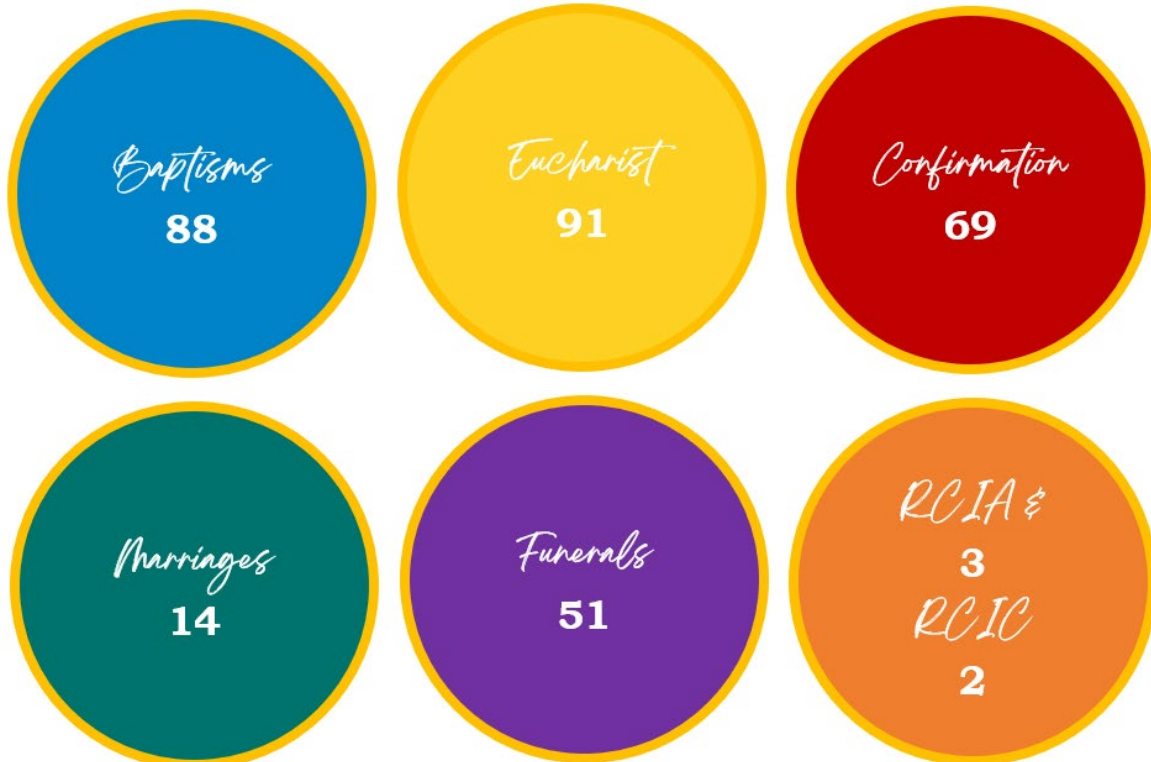
Calls to Hospitals and Agedcare Centres



Sacraments in our Parish

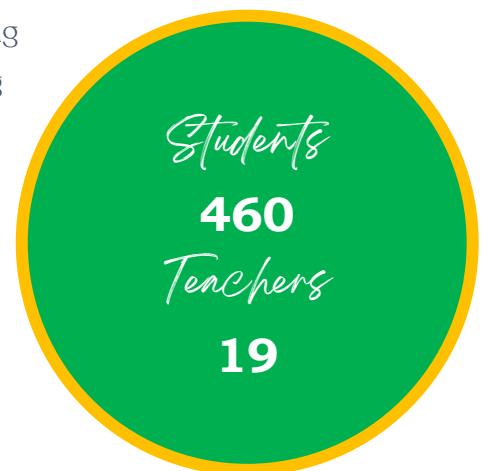
Parish life is integral to the organisation of Christian worship and life. In our parish we gather to hear the Word of God and celebrate the Sacraments of Christ. The church building stands as a symbol of ourselves as the Body of Christ called to witness to the presence and love of Christ for the salvation of the world.

We give thanks for the good work done in the service of others and the growth of the sacramental life of our parish. In 2024 the number of people who celebrated the sacraments was:



Special Religious Education (SRE)

SRE is a key ministry within our parishes, dedicated to supporting parents, students, clergy, and the wider community by providing religious education to Catholic children attending government schools. Our dynamic team of 19 Catechists passionately shares the Word of God’s love and teachings to over 460 students in local government primary schools, including Balgownie Public, Coniston Public, Fairy Meadow Public, Gwynneville Public, Keiraville Public, Mt Ousley Public, Mt St Thomas Public, Pleasant Heights Public, Towradgi Public & Wollongong Public.



Through this ministry, we foster spiritual growth and provide a foundation for young hearts to experience God’s love and hope.

St Brigid's Catholic Parish Primary School

At St Brigid's Catholic Primary School, Gwynneville, we inspire a love of learning and wisdom through a quality, contemporary education that empowers students to use their unique gifts and prepare for their future.

We nurture students academically, spiritually, emotionally, socially, and physically within an engaging faith-based environment. Committed to excellence and growth, we value each student's individuality and provide personalised teaching to meet their unique needs.

In 2024, **180** students were enrolled at St Brigid's Catholic Parish Primary School, Gwynneville which consists of:

Catholic	110	Eastern Orthodox	13	Anglican	3
Other Christian	22	No Religion	7	Maronite Catholic	3
Not Stated	14	Hindu	6	Seventh Day Adventist	1
Buddhism	1				
Indigenous	8	LBOTE	75	ESL	11

Good Samaritan Catholic Primary School, Fairy Meadow

At Good Samaritan Catholic Primary School, Fairy Meadow, we foster a nurturing environment grounded in love, faith, respect, and harmony. Committed to educational excellence, we aim to develop every aspect of each child—spiritual, physical, intellectual, social, emotional, aesthetic, and civic.

We value the collaboration between parents and teachers in supporting shared beliefs and promoting faith development. Recognizing each child's unique pace of growth and learning, we emphasize the importance of attitude and effort alongside academic achievement.

In 2024, **354** students were enrolled at Good Samaritan Catholic Primary School Fairy Meadow which consists of:

Catholic	230	Eastern Orthodox	16	Other Faith	18
Christian	1	Other Orthodox	6	Religion Unknown	19
Other Christian	36	No Religion	28		
Not Stated	19				
Indigenous	6	LBOTE	148	ESL	41

Your Gifts

Remembering your faith community in your Will

After providing for family, have you considered leaving a bequest to your local parish? A legacy of any size supports the vital work of the faith community that has nurtured you and your family.

Bequests help parishes address needs such as maintenance, improvements, operational costs, and pastoral care programs. Gifts can be in various forms, including specific items, a percentage of your estate, residual funds, or the entire estate.

By planning a bequest, you create a lasting contribution to your parish's mission and good works. For more information, contact the parish office at (02) 4211 0500 or wollongong@dow.org.au.

Parish Finances

Statement of Profit & Loss

	This Year	Last Year	\$ Difference	% Difference
OPERATING INCOME				
Parish Giving				
PG envelopes	\$70,607	\$70,004	+\$603	+0.90%
PG Direct Debits	\$76,664	\$75,202	+\$1,462	+1.9%
PG Credit Cards	\$5,085	\$4,905	+\$180	+3.5%
Second Collection Loose	\$131,366	\$114,555	+\$16,811	+12.8%
Italian Community	\$3,466	\$3,782	-\$316	-9.1%
Vietnamese Community	\$4,298	\$4,583	-\$285	-6.6%
Total Parish Giving	\$291,487	\$273,032	+\$18,455	+6.3%
Interest Received				
Church savings accounts	\$10,117	\$8,447	+\$1,670	+16.5%
Church Investment accounts	\$164,143	\$27,749	+\$136,394	+83.1%
Total Interest Received	\$174,560	\$36,196	+\$138,364	+79.3%
Property Rental				
30 Harbour St	\$45,754	\$45,142	+\$612	+1.3%
34A Harbour St	\$20,150	\$19,526	+\$624	+3.1%
34B Harbour St	\$17,862	\$17,104	+\$758	+4.2%
42 McGrath St	\$10,792	\$20,661	-\$9,869	-91.4%
44 McGrath St	\$23,160	\$20,880	+\$2,280	+9.8%
46 McGrath St	\$23,200	\$20,860	+\$2,340	+10.1%
McCabe Village	\$80,204	\$76,412	+\$3,792	+4.7%
7 Cabbage Tree Lane	\$46,436	\$44,000	+\$2,436	+5.2%
Total Property Rental	\$267,558	\$264,587	+\$2,971	+1.1%
Ministry Income				
Prayer Books Sales	\$322	\$260	+\$62	+19.3%
Total Ministry Income	\$322	\$260	+\$62	+19.3%
Church Requisites				
Votive Candles	\$16,895	\$19,228	-\$2,333	-13.3%
Total Church Requisites	\$16,895	\$19,228	-\$2,333	-13.3%
Church & Meeting Rooms				
Parking 36 Harbour St	\$53,161	\$46,203	+\$6,958	+13.1%
Church Hire	\$6,920	\$2,750	+\$4,170	+60.3%
Meeting Room Hire	\$300	\$100	+\$200	+66.7%
Archive Resources	\$80	\$25	+\$55	+68.8%
General Income	\$3795	\$3,187	+\$608	+16.0%
Total Church & Hire Income	\$64,256	\$52,266	+\$11,990	+18.7%
Columbarium Cemetery income				
Columbarium Niche Sales	\$21,157	\$39,623	-\$18,466	-87.3%
Total Columbarium Income	\$21,157	\$39,623	-\$18,466	-87.3%

	This Year	Last Year	\$ Difference	% Difference
Donations				
Bequests	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0	0%
Marriage Donations	\$6,230	\$12,470	-\$6,240	-100.2%
Funeral Donations	\$16,450	\$19,250	-\$2,800	-17.0%
Baptism Donations	\$3,900	\$4,150	-\$250	-6.4%
Donation Point Tap	\$40,673	\$26,896	+\$13,777	+33.9%
General Donations	\$54,691	\$47,922	+\$6,769	+12.4%
DoW Contributions	\$0	\$4,303	-\$4,303	-
CDF Contributions	\$703	\$1,255	-\$552	-78.5%
Dividend and Claims	\$0	\$2,888	-\$2,888	-
Total Donations	\$64,256	\$52,266	+11,990	+18.7%
Special Collections				
Special Collections	\$20,913	\$22,013	-\$1,100	-5.3%
Total Special Collections	\$20,913	\$22,013	-\$1,100	-5.3%
Sacramental Income				
Sacramental Donations	\$7,176	\$6,940	+236	+3.3%
Scripture Donations	\$1,076	\$1,236	-\$160	-14.9%
Catechetical Donations				
Total Sacramental Donations	\$8,252	\$8,176	+\$76	+0.90%
Other Income				
Other income miscellaneous	\$1.13	\$0.32	+\$1	+71.7%
Total Other income	\$1.13	\$0.32	+\$1	+71.7%
NON RECURRING INCOME				
Non-Recurring Income				
Reimbursements, GSFM	\$0	\$337	-\$337	-
Reimbursements, DoW	\$16,526	\$11,080	+\$5,445	+33%
Government Assistance				
Transport for NSW		\$5,266	-\$5,266	
Other non-recurring income	\$62,838	\$19,573	+\$43,266	+68.9%
Asset Disposal – Gain of Sale	\$259,470	\$0	+\$259,470	+100%
Total Non-Recurring Income	\$338,834	\$36,257	+\$302,577	+89.3%
Total Income	\$1,331,928	\$875,779		

	This Year	Last Year	\$ Difference	% Difference
OPERATING EXPENDITURE				
General Administration				
Printing	\$4,829	\$3,211	\$1,618	33.5%
Postage	\$2,432	\$1,781	\$651	26.8%
Stationery	\$8,305	\$7,911	\$394	4.7%
Communications (VoIP & Mobile)	\$4,184	\$4,386	-\$202	-4.8%
Internet	\$1,772	\$1,652	\$120	6.8%
Website	\$6,028	\$8,268	-\$2,240	-37.2%
Photocopier	\$33,709	\$23,398	\$10,311	30.6%
ICT Support & Maintenance	\$25,066	\$17,495	\$7,571	30.2%
Accounting Audit and Fees	\$8,986	\$9,166	-\$180	-2.0%
Planned Giving expenses	\$2,582	\$1,216	\$1,366	52.9%
Office staff misc.	\$4,275	\$3,683	\$592	13.8%
Furniture, Fittings & equipment	\$11,576	\$8,813	\$2,763	23.9%
Church Fees & purchase refunds	\$1,363		\$1,363	100.0%
Total General Administration	\$115,114	\$96,984	\$18,130	15.7%
Business, Travel & Ent.				
Hospitality & Gifts	\$8,140	\$8,981	-\$841	-10.3%
Business development	\$486	\$586	-\$100	-20.6%
Travel & Entertainment	\$2,309	\$2,531	-\$222	-9.6%
Parish Functions	\$8,352	\$3,270	\$5,082	60.8%
Total Business, Travel & Ent.	\$19,289	\$15,369	\$3,920	20.3%
Wages & Salaries				
Admin staff salaries	\$164,955	\$157,551	\$7,404	4.5%
Admin staff superannuation	\$18,567	\$16,943	\$1,624	8.7%
Total Wages & Salaries	\$183,522	\$174,494	\$9,028	4.9%
Direct parish costs				
Dry cleaning	\$1,307	\$0	\$1,307	100.0%
Advertising and Marketing	\$10,729	\$5,068	\$5,661	52.8%
Copyright & licences	\$1,503	\$1,860	-\$357	-23.8%
Education & Training	\$155	\$0	\$155	100.0%
Total Direct parish costs	\$13,695	\$6,929	\$6,766	49.4%
Clergy expenses				
Clergy motor vehicle	\$8,100	\$10,800	-\$2,700	-33.3%
Clergy superannuation	\$550	\$1,838	-\$1,288	-234.2%
Clergy sabbatical and retreats	\$9,634		\$9,634	100.0%
Clergy expenses misc.	\$3,469	\$1,286	\$2,183	62.9%
Religious stipend	\$1,200		\$1,200	100.0%
Clergy supply	\$550	\$1,555	-\$1,005	-182.7%
Total Church Requisites	\$23,504	\$15,479	\$8,025	34.1%

Property costs

	This Year	Last Year	\$ Difference	% Difference
R&M Parish Office	\$7,614	\$13,937	-\$6,323	-83.0%
R&M Church – Wollongong	\$62,465	\$52,632	\$9,833	15.7%
R&M Presb – Cathedral House	\$51,269	\$27,940	\$23,329	45.5%
R&M Church – Fairy Meadow	\$25,061	\$44,677	-\$19,616	-78.3%
R&M Presb – Fairy Meadow	\$0	\$2,672	-\$2,672	
R&M Church – Balgownie	\$2,205	\$9,961	-\$7,756	-351.7%
R&M Hall – Balgownie	\$989	\$324	\$665	67.2%
R&M Church – Gwynneville	\$6,549	\$12,915	-\$6,366	-97.2%
R&M Presb – Gwynneville	\$0	\$428	-\$428	
R&M Ground Maintenance	\$33,183	\$39,688	-\$6,505	-19.6%
Safety & First Aid	\$2,005	\$2,028	-\$23	-1.1%
Security & Monitoring	\$22,194	\$8,093	\$14,101	63.5%
Fire Protection	\$4,674	\$4,310	\$364	7.8%
Heat Light & Power	\$15,217	\$14,015	\$1,202	7.9%
Rates & Council charges	\$353	\$325	\$28	7.9%
Water Rates & Charges	\$9,629	\$7,960	\$1,669	17.3%
Insurance	\$78,641	\$95,819	-\$17,178	-21.8%
Total Property Costs	\$243,412	\$337,731	-\$94,319	-38.7%

Cleaning and Waste

Cleaning	\$42,209	\$41,297	\$912	2.2%
Sanitation	\$1,528	\$1,272	\$256	16.8%
Waste & Recycling	\$7,029	\$6,646	\$383	5.4%
Total Cleaning & Waste	\$50,767	\$49,216	\$1,551	3.1%

Cemetery expenses

Bishop's cemetery	\$966	\$1,837	-\$871	-90.2%
Columbarium	\$7,850	\$6,483	\$1,367	17.4%
Total Cemetery expenses	\$8,816	\$8,321	\$495	5.6%

Rental Property expenses

R&M 30 Harbour St	\$5,709	\$6,382	-\$673	-11.8%
R&M 32 Harbour St	\$1,588	\$1,361	\$227	14.3%
R&M 34A Harbour St	\$472	\$430	\$42	8.9%
R&M 34B Harbour St	\$692	\$2,280	-\$1,588	-229.5%
R&M 42 McGrath St	\$6,370	\$5,602	\$768	12.1%
R&M 44 McGrath St	\$2,777	\$2,932	-\$155	-5.6%
R&M 46 McGrath St	\$9,986	\$8,994	\$992	9.9%
R&M 7 Cabbage Tree Lane	\$59,336	\$9,011	\$50,325	84.8%
Rental Management Fees	\$10,662	\$10,499	\$163	1.5%
Total Rental Costs	\$97,596	\$47,496	\$50,100	51.3%

Diocesan levies & Donations

Cathedraticum	\$28,476	\$26,164	\$2,312	8.1%
Donations	\$335	\$0	\$335	100.0%
Special Collections	\$20,017	\$21,623	-\$1,606	-8.0%
Total levies & Donations	\$48,828	\$47,787	\$2,312	-229.5%

Sacramental expenses

Sacramental expenses	\$2,148	\$480	\$1,668	77.7%
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	This Year	Last Year	\$ Difference	% Difference
Scripture expenses	\$2,335	\$4,982	-\$2,647	-113.4%
Catechetical expenses	\$927	\$1,492	-\$565	-60.9%
Total Sacramental expenses	\$5411	\$6956	-\$1,545	-28.6%

Ministry & Liturgical

Church requisites	\$4,491	\$3,994	\$497	11.1%
Church candles	\$17,554	\$19,252	-\$1,698	-9.7%
Flowers	\$13,380	\$5,779	\$7,601	56.8%
Liturgy resources	\$2,811	\$2,591	\$220	7.8%
Adult Faith	\$898	\$0	\$898	100.0%
Advent & Lenten resources	\$450	\$523	-\$73	-16.2%
WWCC & Crim Track	\$385	\$206	\$179	46.5%
Total Ministry expenses	\$39,972	\$32,978	\$6,994	17.5%

Other expenses – miscellaneous

Other expenses – misc	\$0.25	\$0.04		84.0%
Total Other expenses	\$0.25	\$0.04		84.0%

NON RECURRING EXPENDITURE

Non-Recurring Expenditure

Fundraising	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Transport for NSW	\$0	\$1,174	-\$1,174	
Non-recurring expenditure	\$62,682	\$16,840	\$45,842	73.1%
Special Projects	\$0	\$19,991	-\$19,991	
Office of the Bishop	\$535	\$0	\$535	100.0%
Asset Disposal – Loss of Sale	\$0	\$26,489	-\$26,489	
Total non-recurring expenditure	\$63,217	\$64,496	-\$1,279	-2%

Total Expenditure	\$991,789	\$904,241		
Net Profit/Loss	\$340,138	-(28,462)	+\$311,676	91.6%
Less (sale of assets)	\$80,668	-(28,462)	\$52,206	64.7%

Balance Sheet

Current Asset	Current Year
PARISH CASH	
Church Account	\$44,527
Project Fund Account	\$23,970
DPT Clearing Account	\$3,086
Parish iCash Account	\$170,557
Columbarium icash Account	\$20,070
Restoration iCash Account	\$54,027
McCabe Village Account	\$ 32
Church Term Deposit	\$ 4,900,000
Church Term Deposit	\$ 1,200,000
Total PARISH CASH	\$6,416,268
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$6,416,268

FIXED ASSETS

Land

Land_SFX 30 Harbour St_DP 1154534	\$1,620,000
Land_SFX 32 Harbour St_DP 1154533	\$1,580,000
Land_SFX 34 Harbour St_DP 1154532	\$1,580,000
Land_SFX 24 Crown St_DP 3573271	\$19,737,461
Land_SJV_McCabe Ret Vill_DP 1200511	\$3,620,000
Land_SJV_77 Princes Hwy_DP 4270221	\$6,730,000
Land_SJV_44 McGrath St_DP 4270222	\$665,000
Land_SJV_46 McGrath St_DP 4270223	\$595,000
Land_SJV_Mater Dolorosa_DP 1129519	\$2,480,000
Land_SBG_121 Gipps Rd Gwy_DP 1151874	\$428,459
Land_SBG_113-119 Gipps Rd Gwy_DP 1151875	\$2,541,541
Total Land	\$41,577,461

Property – Buildings Church

Building_SFX_St Francis Xavier Cathedral	\$6,000,000
Building_SFX_36 Harbour St (Cathedral House)	\$2,400,000
Building_SFX_30 Harbour St (Rental)	\$525,000
Building_SFX_34A & B Harbour St (Rental)	\$600,000
Building_SJV_Pres_1 Cabbage Tree Lane	\$1,000,000
Building_SJV_44 McGrath St (Rental)	\$600,000
Building_SJV_46 McGrath St (Rental)	\$600,000
Building_SJV_Church 1 Cabbage Tree Lane	\$3,500,000
Building_SJV_Mater Dolorosa Balgownie	\$3,500,000
Building_SJV_Parish Hall_1 Cabbage Tree Lane	\$4,132,603
Building_SBG_Church_119 Gipps Rd	\$1,800,000
Total Property - Buildings_Church	\$24,657,603

Property – Buildings School

Building_SJV Infants block toilet sport shed	\$1,858,511
Building_SJV Canteen	\$248,421
Building_SJV Maintenance Shed	\$37,147
Building_SJV Cola	\$189,218

Current Asset	Current Year
Building_SJV Two storey block, uniform shop	\$3,786,672
Building_SJV Administration and library	\$3,547,538
Building_SJV Learning support and classroom	\$1,451,054
Building_SJV Kindergarten classroom	\$1,793,503
Building_SJV Garages 1 Cabbage Tree Lane	\$201,987
Building_SBG Original 2 storey bldg	\$3,017,294
Building_SBG 3 classrooms and library	\$2,060,619
Building_SBG Multipurpose hall and classroom	\$2,377,988
Building_SBG Administration centre	\$1,130,201
Total Property – Buildings School	\$21,700,153

SUNDRY DEBTOR

Total Sundry Debtor	\$0
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TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	\$87,935,217
Total Asset:	\$94,351,485

Liability**CURRENT LIABILITIES**

GST reconciliation	\$0
Total GST reconciliation	\$0

Leave provisions_Super

Leave provision	\$43,332
Total Leave provisions_Super	\$43,332

Sundry Creditor

Sundry_Clergy Baptism Donation	\$1,230
Sundry_Clergy Marriage Donation	\$400
Sundry_Project account	\$673
Total Sundry Creditor	\$8,403
Total CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$51,735

NON CURRENT LIABILITIES

Loans	\$0
Total Loans	\$0
Total NON CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$0

Total Liability: \$51,735
Net Assets: \$94,299,751

Equity**Accumulation Accounts**

Accumulation Account B/Fwd)	\$93,959,612
Surplus (Deficit) This Year to Date	\$340,139
Total Accumulation Accounts	\$94,299,751
Total Equity:	\$94,299,751

Parish Assets

- The alienation of the rental property of 42 McGrath Street, Fairy Meadow. Proceeds from this sale will align with new projects aimed at maximising benefits for the parish community in the future.

Parish Auditor

- Lumen Christi Parish is audited annually by our parish auditor Mr Kevin Mehl. The parish audit for 2024 was completed on 28th January 2025. The financial statements of the Lumen Christi Catholic Parish Wollongong are properly drawn up so as to present fairly the results of the parish for the financial year ended 31 December 2024 and the financial position of the parish at that date.
- In all material respects, the entity has complied with the Catholic Diocese of Wollongong Parish Accounting and Administrative Policies and Procedures.

Auditor Review

- Parish Income for the year of \$1,331,928 which was greater than 2023 by \$456,149. *(If we deduct the profit on sale of \$259,470, the adjusted operating income would be \$1,072,458, an increase of \$196,679 over 2023).*
- There was a positive Cash Flow for the year of \$1,425,541, compared to a positive in 2023 of \$953,508, a positive movement of \$472,033. *(The main reason for this positive cash flow was the net proceeds of \$1,351,793 from the sale of 42 McGrath Street).*
- All bank statements have been reconciled as at 31st December 2024 and cash holdings are correctly reflected in the Accounts.
- Finance Meeting Minutes for 5/3/24, 7/5/24, 6/8/24 and 5/11/24 and believe all recommendations have been complied with.
- Parish Expenditure for the year was \$991,790 which exceeded 2023 by \$87,548.
- The increase in Loose of \$16,212 was due to an increase in Second Collection -Loose of \$16,812 and a decrease in Second Collection (Loose for the Italian and Vietnamese communities) of (\$600).

Profit and Loss Statement P&L January to December 2024

Quarterly Profit & Loss: 2024

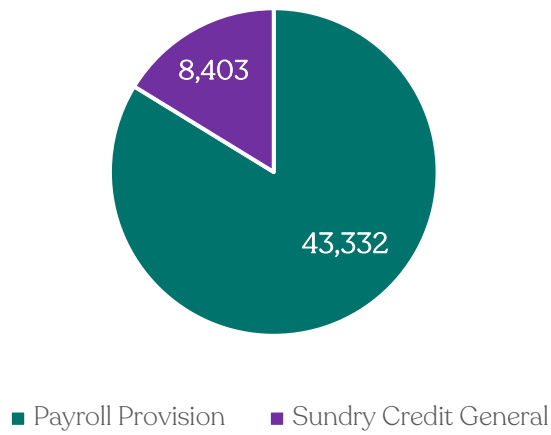


Liability Statement

Liability balances as of 31 December 2024.

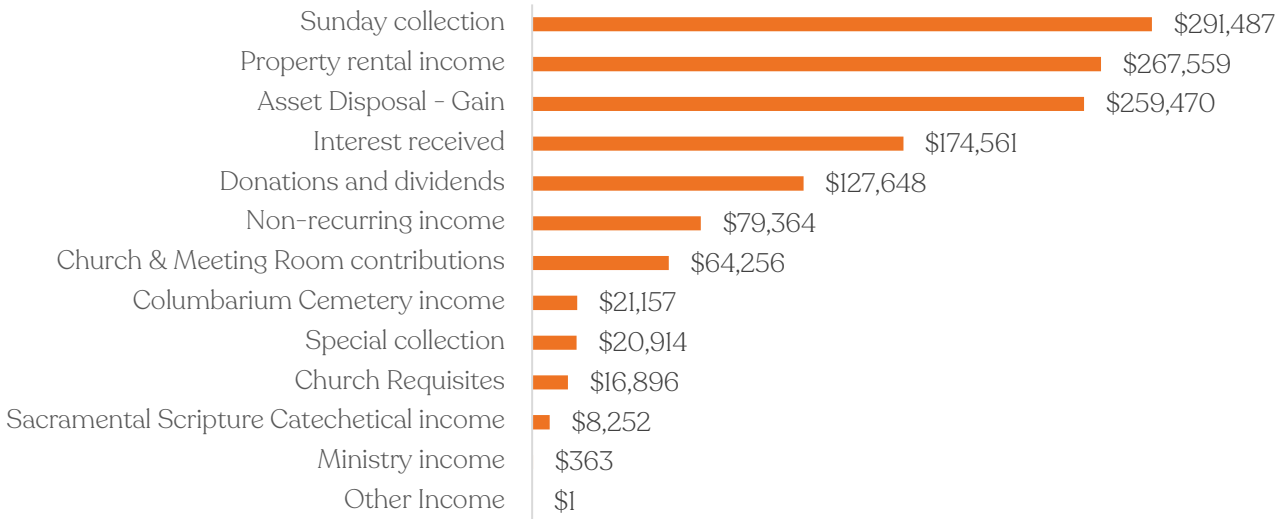
- Payroll Provision of \$43,332
- Clergy donations payable in 2025 \$1,630
- Donations for projects \$6,773

Liability Statement

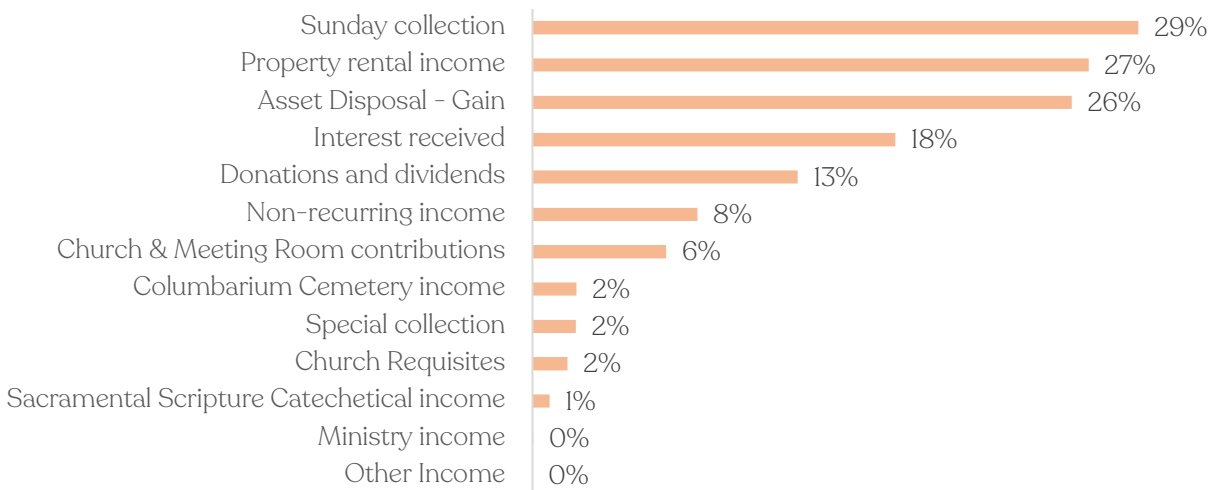


Financial Revenue
REVENUE \$1M

Income by Revenue Type (Ranked): 2024

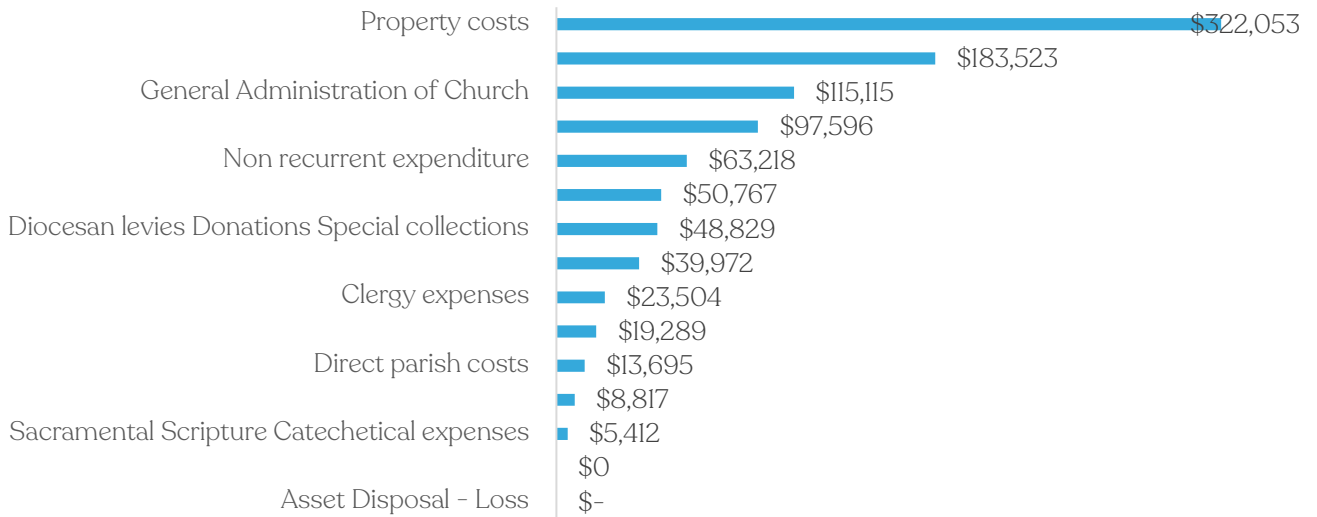


Income by Revenue Type (Percentage): 2024

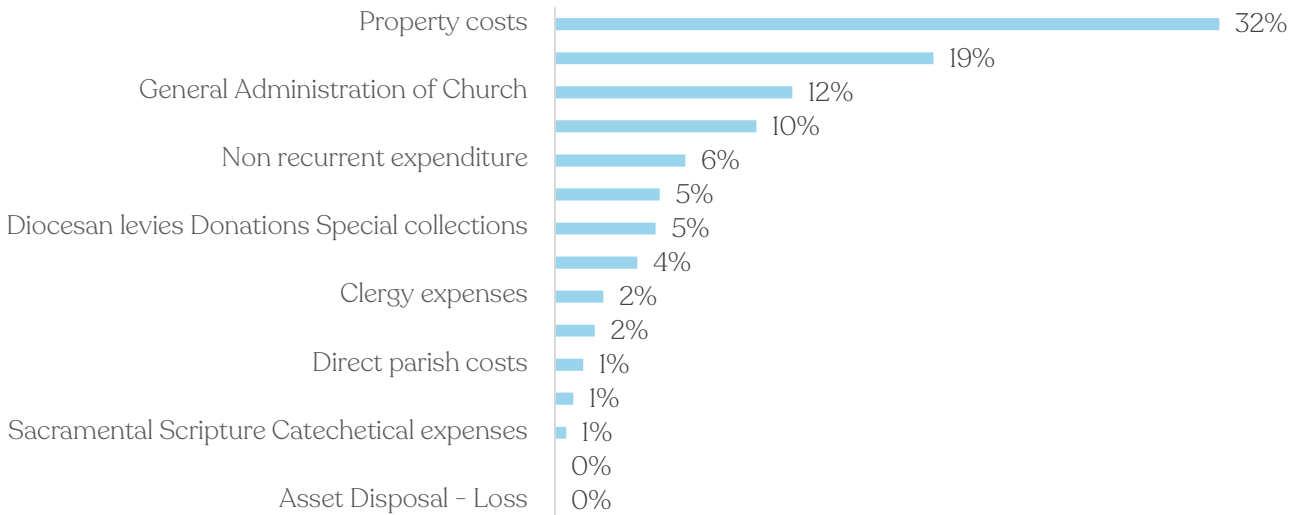


Financial Expenditure
EXPENDITURE 991K

Expenditure by Expense Type (Ranked): 2024



Expenditure by Expense Type (Percentage): 2024



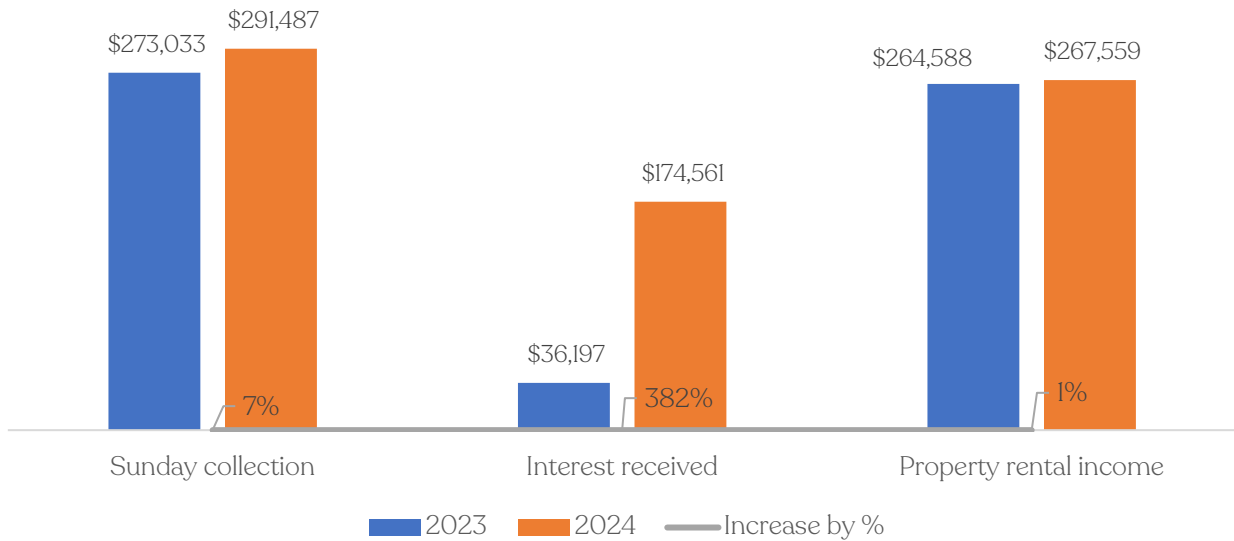
Major Expenditure

Description	Expense
Cathedraticum July to December 2023 January to July 2024	\$28,476
7 Cabbage Tree Lane Facia Repairs Bathroom Water Ingress Lounge Room Water ingress	\$53,720
36 Harbour St (St Francis Xavier Cathedral) Cathedral Roofing Repairs	\$25,320
36 Harbour St (Cathedral House) Repairs to Ingham Wing Repainting of exterior veranda Installation of Veranda privacy screens Repointing of brick wall Repair of Landry	\$35,793
Insurance Premium Annual Insurance Renewal for 2024/25	\$78,641

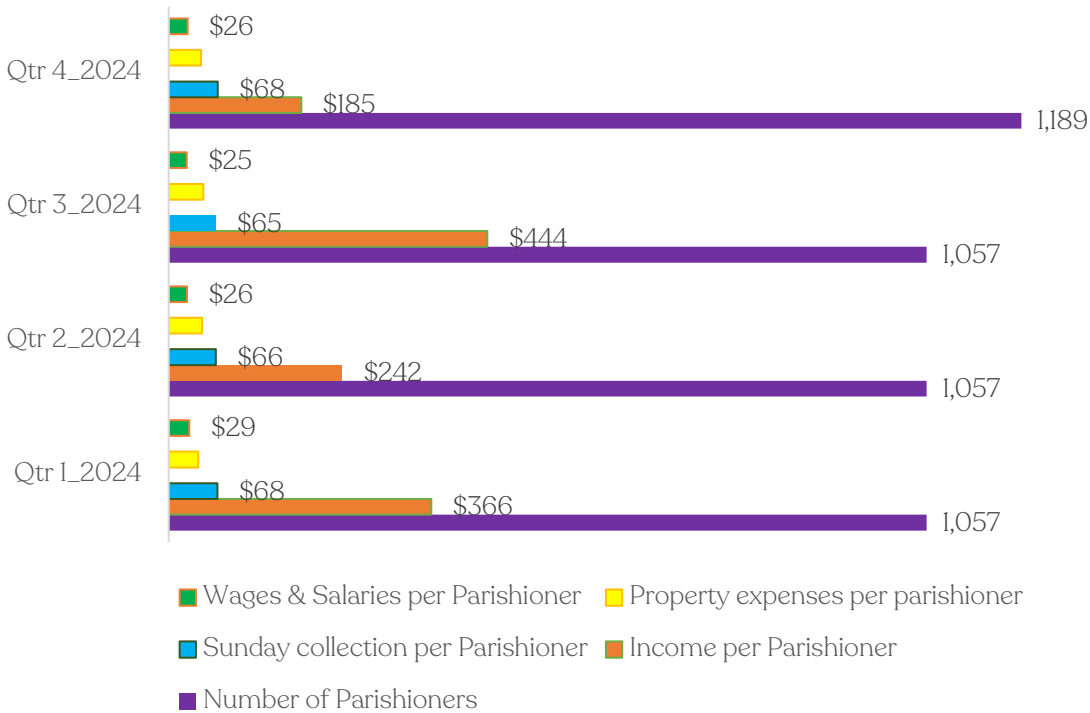
Key Trends

These three revenue sources—parish collections, increased interest income, and rental property income—combined to create a strong financial foundation for the parish in 2024.

Key Revenue 2024



Quarterly Key Performance Indicators 2024



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1

Placing your donation into the first collection at Mass or dropping your donation into the collection boxes at the doors of our churches

2

You can make deposit directly into the Lumen Christi Parish account.

BSB: 066 711
Account Number: 002286
Ref: Your Name

3

Fill out the online form authorising the diocese's Catholic Development Fund to direct debit the money from your bank account

Go to: lumenchristi.org.au/give

4

Make a once off donation for the care of our clergy
Go to: lumenchristi.org.au/clergy

HOW TO SUPPORT THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE PARISH

1

Placing your donation into the second collection at Mass or dropping your donation into the collection boxes at the doors of our churches

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BSB: 066 711
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