



LUMEN CHRISTI
CATHOLIC PARISH

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4 OCTOBER 2026

27TH 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)
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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday 8.30am — 2.00pm
(Closed for Lunch 12pm—12.30pm)

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MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE...

Doreen Gordon.

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, John Wise.

*"The stone that the
builders rejected
has become the
cornerstone; by the
Lord has this been
done, and it is
wonderful in our
eyes." —
Matthew 21:42*

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

Mon, 05 Oct:	Labour Day, Mass SFX 8am
Mon, 12 Oct:	Term 4 resumes
Mon, 12 Oct:	Fairy Meadow CWL Meeting, MDB 2pm
Tue, 13 Oct:	GSFM Year 3 Parish Mass Attendance
Wed, 14 Oct:	Baptism Class, SFX 7pm
Wed, 14 Oct:	Wollongong CWL Meeting, Xavier Ctr 10am
Thu, 15 Oct:	SBG Year 3 Parish Mass Attendance
Sat, 17 Oct:	GSFM School Fete 10am-3pm (All Welcome)
Sat, 17 Oct:	Commitment Mass, SBG 5.30pm
Sun, 18 Oct:	Commitment Mass, SJV 8.30am & SFX 10.30am
Sun, 18 Oct:	Children's Liturgy 10am, MDB

Hospitality at Our Parish This Weekend

This weekend, we are delighted to have hospitality and fellowship after Mass across all four churches of our Lumen Christi Parish:

St John Vianney Co-Cathedral – after the 8:30am Mass

St Brigid's, Gwynneville – after the 9:00am Mass

Mater Dolorosa, Balgownie – after the 10:00am Mass

St Francis Xavier Cathedral – after the 10:30am Mass

Please stay for a cuppa, meet fellow parishioners and enjoy some time together as a parish community.

Can you help ?

Following a wonderful suggestion from our Wollongong Branch of the Catholic Women's League (CWL), we are also looking to establish new hospitality groups for the Sunday 10:30am Cathedral Mass, with different communities taking turns to host Morning Tea on a roster. We would love to involve members of our Filipino, Indian, Vietnamese, Italian, Maltese and Tongan communities, together with other cultural and parish groups.



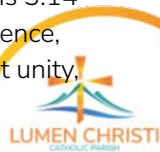
Our Wollongong CWL Branch will continue on the roster and has kindly offered to share its experience and assist new volunteers with setting up.

Hospitality is more than a cup of tea — it is an opportunity to welcome, connect and strengthen our parish family.

Could you or your community help?

Please contact our Parish Pastoral Council Chair, Kathy Uroda, at kathy.uroda@dow.org.au or Leanne Burlin at the Parish Centre at wollongong@dow.org.au

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. *Pastoral Plan*, pg 4



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

Good Samaritan School Fete

Please join me at the Good Samaritan Catholic Primary School fete in Fairy Meadow on Saturday, **17 October 2026, from 10:00am to 3:00pm.**

The Fete is a lovely opportunity for our parish and school communities to come together. Bring your family and friends, enjoy the day, meet the families and staff who make up our school community, and show your support for Good Samaritan.

I hope to see many of our parishioners there!

Fr Bernard

Bishop's Annual Appeal – Thank you

Thank you to everyone in our parish who generously supported the Bishop's Annual Appeal last weekend.

We are pleased to share that our parish contributed **\$3,392.45** to the Appeal.

November Masses – Book of Remembrance

The November Masses Book is now open for intentions for the Holy Souls.

Throughout November, we remember and pray in a special way for our deceased family members, friends and loved ones, entrusting them to the loving mercy of God.

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

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

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

Presence: Advent & Christmas Daily Reflections 2026

This Advent and Christmas, discover the God who is closer than we think. *Presence* is a beautifully presented, 84-page, full-colour book of daily reflections designed to help you slow down, become attentive, and rediscover the presence of Christ in everyday life.

Copies are available from the parish centre for just **\$3** each.



'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

Communion Antiphon

Lam 3:25

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,
to the soul that seeks him.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Good Wine requires Hard Work

In the Hebrew scripture, Israel is spoken of as the Vineyard of God. We can say that now the Church is the vineyard of God. God is the Landlord, we are the tenants. It is our job to faithfully tend it and make sure it bears good fruit. If we are unfaithful, then God will find other people to carry on his plan, other tenants to tend his vineyard.

Certainly, we see that within the Universal Church. With the decline of the Eurocentric church, who has God turned to as new tenants for his vineyard? Look at the surging numbers of Catholics in sub-Saharan Africa, Nigeria, the Philippines, Korea. The persecuted Church in Vietnam and China is surviving and growing despite the severity of oppression.

I think we may agree that the vineyard of the Church in Australia is not as fruitful as it could be. This is a challenge for us. It is wonderful to see the energetic work of the new immigrants and refugees in our parishes (including the Bishop of Parramatta!). We could pause for a moment to commit to taking up the privilege and duty to work in the vineyard of the Church.

Labour Day – Monday, 5 October 2026

Please note that on Monday, 5 October 2026, the Labour Day Public Holiday, Mass will be celebrated at **8:00am** at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong.

Children Preparing for the Sacraments

This year, we are delighted to accompany 83 candidates from across our parish as they prepare to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

Their Commitment Masses will be celebrated across our parish on the weekend of 17–18 October 2026:

- **Saturday 5:30pm St Brigid's Church**

- **Sunday 8:30am – St John Vianney Co-Cathedral**

- **Sunday 10:30am – St Francis Xavier Cathedral**

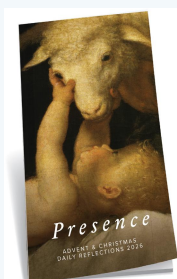
At these Masses, our candidates and their families will make an important commitment as they continue their sacramental journey. May we support them with our prayers, encouragement and example as they take this special step in their journey of faith.

Fr Bernard

Cathedral Works Update

Restoration works at St Francis Xavier Cathedral continue to progress. Installation of new fascia boards in the upper northern and southern areas have been installed. Preparation for painting on the southern side is in progress. Thank you to everyone for your continued patience and understanding.

Kevin Galea, GM



THIS WEEK'S *Readings & Commentary*

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Esther 4:17

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist your will.
For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;
you are the Lord of all.

First Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.

Let me sing to my friend
the song of his love for his vineyard.
My friend had a vineyard
on a fertile hillside.
He dug the soil, cleared it of stones,
and planted choice vines in it.
In the middle he built a tower,
he dug a press there too.
He expected it to yield grapes,
but sour grapes were all that it gave.
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and men of Judah,
I ask you to judge
between my vineyard and me.
What could I have done for my vineyard
that I have not done?
I expected it to yield grapes.
Why did it yield sour grapes instead?
Very well, I will tell you
what I am going to do to my vineyard:
I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on,
and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.
I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug;
overgrown by the briar and the thorn.
I will command the clouds
to rain no rain on it.
Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the House of Israel,
and the men of Judah
that chosen plant.
He expected justice, but found bloodshed,
integrity, but only a cry of distress.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. R. Is 5:7

(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. (R.)

2. Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. (R.)
3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. (R.)
4. And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. (R.)

Second Reading

Philippians 4:6-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Acclamation

See John 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!
I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 21:33-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders
that became the keystone.
This was the Lord's doing
and it is wonderful to see?

