



LUMEN CHRISTI
CATHOLIC PARISH

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3 MAY 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, 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
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MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE...

Bernard Gordon (Snr), Denis Frew, Edward Sutton, Jim Bates, Frances Merritt & John Merritt, Federico Romano, David Barry Potter.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS...

Fr John Pickering, 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.

*"I am the way, and the **truth**, and the **life**. No one comes to the **Father** except **through me**."*

— John 14:6

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, 04 May: Fairy Meadow CWL Meeting, MDB 2pm
- Tue, 05 May: Finance Council Meeting, Rigney Room 5pm
- Tue, 05 May: GSFM Year 6 Parish Mass Attendance
- Wed, 06 May: Pastoral Council Meeting, Rigney Room 5pm
- Thu, 07 May: State/Private Confirmation Session 2, SFX 3.45pm
- Thu, 07 May: Parish Lunch, The Builders Club Wollongong 12pm
- Thu, 07 May: SBG Year 6 Parish Mass Attendance
- Sun, 10 May: Mother's Day
- Tue, 12 May: GSFM Year 6 Parish Mass Attendance
- Thu, 14 May: State/Private Confirmation Session 3, SFX 3.45pm
- Sat, 16 May: SBG Year 6 Parish Mass Attendance

Sacrament of Confirmation- 23/24 May 2026

The Sacramental Program for Confirmation has now commenced in our parish, and we warmly welcome all candidates and their families as they begin this important stage of their faith journey.

This year, the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated within the Sunday Mass. This reflects the true nature of the Sacrament as part of the Church's full initiation, intimately connected with Baptism and the Eucharist. Celebrating Confirmation during Mass reminds us that those receiving the Holy Spirit are not only strengthened individually, but are more deeply united with Christ and His Church. It also allows the whole parish community to witness, support, and pray for the candidates as they are called to live out their faith with courage, using the gifts of the Holy Spirit in their daily lives.

The celebrations will take place as follows:

Saturday, 23 May 2026

5:30pm Vigil Mass – St Brigid's Church, Gwynneville

Sunday, 24 May 2026

8:30am Mass – St John Vianney Co-Cathedral, Fairy Meadow

10:30am Mass – St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong

Please note that our churches will be fuller than usual for these Masses due to the presence of candidates, families, and guests. Parishioners are encouraged to arrive early and to extend hospitality and patience as we welcome many visitors into our community.

Please keep our Confirmation candidates, their sponsors, catechists, and families in your prayers during this time of preparation and celebration.

Let us all be open to the pouring of God's love into our hearts: "Receive the Holy Spirit."

(John 20:22)

Fr Bernard

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 Secretary

Patricia Di Leva,
Administration Assistant

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PARISH COUNCILS

Kathy Uroda,
Chair of the Pastoral Council

Vicky Davidson,
Chair of the Finance Council

PARISH SCHOOLS

Amy Sammut, Principal
St Brigid's Gwynneville

Pauline Chrostowski, Principal
Good Samaritan Fairy Meadow

PARISH EFT BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

CHURCH ACCOUNT:
DONATIONS & PLANNED GIVING
BSB: 066 711 Account: 008056
Account Name: LC Parish

PRESBYTERY ACCOUNT:
FOR THE CLERGY
BSB: 066 711 Account: 002286
Account Name: LC Presbytery

HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN
Wollongong Public/Private
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Mother's Day Intention

Our mothers have given us life, nourishment and loving commitment for many years. On Mother's Day we honour those who reflect the strong, tender and intimate love of God.

We warmly invite you to bring your mother, grandmother or any woman who has shown you a mother's love to Mass on **Sunday 10 May** to receive our special Mother's Day blessing.

If you would like to include an Intention on our list for Mother's Day, whether your mother is with us or now rests in peace. You can do by the following:

Go to: www.lumenchristi.org.au/mothersday or collect a Mother's Day envelope from the doors of the church or at the parish centre. The names of the mothers given to us will be published in the parish bulletin on the weekend of Mother's Day. The list will close this weekend.

Young Adults Choir

The St Brigid's Young Adults Choir sings on first Sundays at the 9am Gwynneville Mass, as well as at other liturgies throughout the year. We would love to welcome new members. If you are 18-35, have an interest in singing, and want to connect with other young parishioners, please contact Ed Parke at edselparke1995@gmail.com No prior experience necessary!

Children's Liturgy

The next Children's Liturgy will take place on **Sunday, 17 May 2026 at 10am.**

We thank our dedicated leaders for their continued commitment and generosity in supporting our young parishioners: Kerrie Guillaume, Bronwyn Seaborn, Jodie Hillhouse, Megan Biggs, Margaret Biggs, and Samuel Franklin. Your work is greatly appreciated and plays an important role in the faith formation of our children.

We warmly invite families to encourage their children to participate.

Parish Lunch

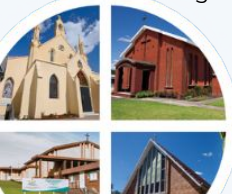
Our next Parish Lunch will be held on Thursday, **7 May at 12pm** at the Builders Club Wollongong.

All parishioners are warmly invited to join us for a relaxed and social gathering. It's a wonderful opportunity to connect with others in our parish community.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Wollongong CWL

Next meeting is on Wed, 13 May, 10am in Xavier Centre.



'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf John 15:1,5

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Mutual Indwelling

The disciples are full of premonitions that their beloved leader was about to be cruelly done to death, leaving them abandoned. Yet he tells them: 'Let not your hearts be troubled.'

Why shouldn't their hearts, our hearts, be troubled by the disappearance of Our Lord's physical presence? The answer is because there is a purpose to his passage through death. It was to bring about a situation where our Risen Lord could share his life in ever more intimate fashion with his followers.

How does this come about?

At every Mass, after the gifts are brought to the altar, I pour a little water into the chalice of wine, saying: 'By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.'

What a powerful verb! By grace, we can share in the Divine Life of the Risen Lord.

As the Greek saints of the early church used to say in very daring fashion: 'God became human so that humans might become God.'

We anticipate this at every Holy Communion when, as Pope John Paul II used to say: 'We digest, as it were, the secret of the Resurrection.'

We could pause for a moment after Communion to reverence the Divine Life dwelling in us, a truly Holy Communion! Alleluia!

Cathedral Project Update

The Cathedral Project team is working closely with our Project Manager, Mr Beau Cropper, who has extensive experience supporting parish projects across the Diocese.

This important project is being undertaken in collaboration with the Diocese of Wollongong, reflecting a shared commitment to preserving and enhancing our Cathedral as a place of worship, heritage, and mission for future generations.

We are pleased to advise that the parish has received exemption approval from Wollongong City Council for the necessary works to proceed.

Further updates will be provided in the coming months, including opportunities for parishioners to support and be involved in this significant project.

Watch this space for more information.

THIS WEEK'S

Readings & Commentary

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 97:1-2

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:1-2. 4-5. 18-19. R. v.22

**(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **(R.)**
2. For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. **(R.)**
3. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:4-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

Gospel Acclamation

John 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 14:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Trust in God still, and trust in me.

There are many rooms in my Father's house;

if there were not, I should have told you.

I am now going to prepare a place for you,

and after I have gone and prepared you a place,

I shall return to take you with me;

so that where I am

you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so

how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me.

If you know me, you know my Father too.

From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be

satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to

him 'and you still do not know me?

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father,

so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?

Do you not believe

that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?

The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself:

it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.

You must believe me when I say

that I am in the Father and the Father is in me;

believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

