



LUMEN CHRISTI
CATHOLIC PARISH

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24 MAY 2026

PENTECOST SUNDAY, 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

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...

John McFadden, Pierre Pous, Terence Ashworth,
Mary Eileen Brennan.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS...

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.

*"Come, **Holy Spirit**, and set
our **hearts** on fire
with your **love**."*



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

- Mon, 25 May: Our Lady, Help of Christians
- Sun, 31 May: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Sun, 31 May: Trinity Sunday
- Mon, 01 Jun: Fairy Meadow CWL Meeting, MDB 2pm
- Thu, 04 Jun: Parish Lunch, The Builders Club Wollongong 12pm
- Sun, 07 Jun: Hospitality weekend
- Sun, 07 Jun: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
- Mon, 08 Jun: King's Birthday Holiday, SFX 8am
- Wed, 10 Jun: Wollongong CWL Meeting, Xavier Ctr 10am
- Fri, 12 Jun: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Thank you Denis Bristow

On behalf of Lumen Christi Parish, I wish to sincerely thank Denis Bristow for his dedicated and faithful service as Sacristan of St Francis Xavier Cathedral since May 2020. Denis' final day serving as Cathedral Sacristan and as an Acolyte at the altar will conclude at the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, 31 May 2026.

Over the past six years, Denis has generously given countless hours in service to the Cathedral community, assisting with the preparation and coordination of liturgies, caring for the sacred vessels and sanctuary, supporting clergy and ministers, and ensuring that the Cathedral was always prepared to welcome parishioners and visitors for Mass and prayer. His commitment, reliability and quiet dedication behind the scenes have greatly contributed to the reverence and dignity of the Cathedral's liturgical life.

The ministry of Sacristan is often one of unseen service, requiring great care, attention and generosity. Denis has carried out this ministry with dedication and devotion, particularly throughout many important diocesan and parish celebrations held at the Cathedral. We are deeply grateful for the contribution he has made to the life of the Church and the support he has provided to our priests, staff and parishioners over these years.

I would also like to advise parishioners that I have appointed **Edward Safadi** as **Cathedral Sacristan**. Edward will work closely together as a team with Joe Bonanno, whose ongoing service, assistance and commitment to the Cathedral continues to be greatly appreciated. The Cathedral is a busy parish and diocesan church, and I am thankful to both Joe and Edward for their willingness to undertake this important ministry of service to our community.

As Denis concludes this chapter of ministry, we assure him of our prayers and gratitude and wish him every blessing for the future. We also extend our support and encouragement to Edward as he commences in this role and thank Joe for his continued dedication and assistance to the Cathedral.

Please keep Denis, Joe and Edward in your prayers.

Fr Bernard Gordon PP



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

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Be Sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit

This weekend, Bishop Brian Mascord will minister the Sacrament of Confirmation upon the children of our parish communities at St Brigid's Church, St John Vianney Co-Cathedral and St Francis Xavier Cathedral.

We congratulate:

Marius Albahro, Alessia Alenaddaf, Logan Anderson, Lauren Ysabelle Awingan, Veronica Awi Sian Vung, Ava Baldwin, Milla Baldwin, Blake Bampton, Angus Barlow, Evelyn Barlow, Claire Belo, Ella Belsito, Alina Sofia Bernardi, Tessa-James Bice, Cristiano Biondini, Katie Cajar, Rafael Conti, Zara Corbett, Charlie Corolla, Xavier Craig, Jude Curcio, Isla Curtin, Amelie Daravong, Georgie Darmody, Josefina Diaz Cancino, William Douglas, Ainslie Dowler, Flynn Drury, Jasper Farrugia, Allegra Fraticelli, Eleanor Frylinck, Charlotte Fyson, Blake Gallagher Ogilvie, Zachary Gligoroski, Evelyn Ursula Greig, Sabinna Guerrero, Oliver Hawkins, Zara Head, Archie Hillhouse, Grace Hurrell, Sophie Le, Gus Lewis, Savannah Mahfouz, Kade Mazzeri, Eva McCarthy, Mia McPhail, Sybil Mulhere, Hugo Navarrete, Ky North, Edward Nutt, Taylah Oxley, Leo Pantalone, Summer Pearce, Myles Perkiss, Leon Prince-Jaque, Tessa-James Bice, Hayde Randall, Darcy Richardson, Serena Risorto, Harry Rowles, Ayu Shillingford, Zara Simic, Lola Smithers, Audrey Sulehadi, Jayden Susilo, Emily Talty, Jonas Thommen, William Thompson, Piper Tweddle, Audrey Woods, Harriet Wise and Malekai Youssef.

We give thanks to the many parents, families, catechists, teachers, school staff, parish volunteers and parishioners who have supported and prepared these children throughout their sacramental journey. We acknowledge in a special way our Sacramental Life Team, clergy, musicians, welcomers and liturgical ministers who have helped prepare these celebrations across our parish communities.

May the Holy Spirit continue to guide and strengthen these young people as they grow in faith, witness to Christ, and become active members of the Church. Please keep all our Confirmation candidates and their families in your prayers this weekend. May the Holy Spirit fill their hearts and bless them with right judgment, joy and patient love.

Fr Bernard

Clergy Inservice 26-28 May 2026

The priests of the Diocese of Wollongong will attend the annual Clergy Inservice in Campbelltown from Tuesday 26 May to Thursday 28 May 2026.

Please note there will **NO MASSES** at:

- **St John Vianney Co-Cathedral, Fairy Meadow on Tuesday 26 May 2026**
- **St Brigid's Church, Gwynneville on Thursday 28 May 2026**

Mass and Reconciliation will be offered at the normal times by Fr Anthony Ha at **St Francis Xavier Cathedral** during this time.

National Count of Attendance

This weekend we are in the final week of the 2026 National Count of Attendance for Catholic Mass in Australia. This weekend we are asked to participate in the age-based attendance count as part of the national data collection requested by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.

We thank you for your assistance and cooperation with this important initiative for the Church in Australia.

John McFadden - RIP

John McFadden was a faith-filled and humble parishioner whose kindness, gentle spirit, and quiet witness touched many within our Parish community. A devoted husband of Margaret for 61 years, loving father to Stephen, Tony, and Julie, proud grandfather of eight together with their partners, and great-grandfather of two, John will be remembered with great affection and gratitude.



The Parish community extends its sympathy and prayers to the McFadden family at this difficult time.

John's Funeral Mass will be celebrated at **St Francis Xavier Cathedral** on **Friday 29 May at 10am**.

All are welcome to attend.

"Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

Amen."



THIS WEEK'S

Readings & Commentary

Entrance Antiphon

Wisdom 1:7

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world
and that which contains all things
understands what is said, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Sequence

Holy Spirit, Lord of light,
From the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give.
Come, thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which endure;
Come, thou light of all that live!
Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow;
Thou in toil art comfort sweet;
Pleasant coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.
Light immortal, light divine,
Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill:
If thou take thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will stay;
All his good is turned to ill.
Heal our wounds, our strength renew;
On our dryness pour thy dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away:
Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.
Thou, on us who evermore
Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:
Give us comfort when we die;
Give us life with thee on high;
Give us joys that never end.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:19-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven:
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

Communion Antiphon

Acts of the Apostles 2:4,11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit
and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

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