



LUMEN CHRISTI
CATHOLIC PARISH

Share the GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION

2 AUGUST 2026

18TH 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...

Zelma McAlary, Corinna Mufatti.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR
OUR SICK PARISHIONERS...**

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 Caiba.

*"One's life does
not **consist** in the
abundance of
possessions."*

Luke 12:15



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, 03 Aug: Fairy Meadow CWL Meeting, MDB 2pm
 Tue, 04 Aug: Feast of St John Vianney, Mass with GSFM/SJV 9.30am
 Tue, 04 Aug: Finance Council Meeting, Rigney Room 5pm
 Wed, 05 Aug: Anniversary of the Dedication of Co-Cathedral (2011)
 Wed, 05 Aug: Pastoral Council Meeting, Rigney Room 5pm
 Thu, 06 Aug: Transfiguration
 Thu, 06 Aug: Parish Lunch, The Builders Club Wollongong 12pm
 Sat, 08 Aug: St Mary of the Cross SFX 7am & 12.10pm Mass
 Wed, 12 Aug: Wollongong CWL Meeting, Xavier Ctr 10am
 Fri, 14 Aug: Vigil, Solemnity of the Assumption, SFX 6pm

Celebrating Colleen Cummins' 100th Birthday

Colleen Cummins, a much-loved parishioner of St John Vianney, Fairy Meadow, celebrates the remarkable milestone of her **100th** birthday.



Colleen and her beloved late husband, Jim, became part of the parish community in 1954, moving into the home that Jim built, where Colleen continues to live today.

Together they raised seven children, all of whom attended St John Vianney's School.

In the years since, grandchildren and great-grandchildren have also attended the parish school, continuing the family's deep connection with our parish.

Jim and his sons, through their building business, played an important role in the growth of our parish. They were responsible for the construction of Mater Dolorosa Church, Balgownie, the original parish library and the parish hall. While Jim was on the tools, Colleen faithfully managed the administration of the family business.

Throughout her life, Colleen has quietly and generously served the parish in many ways. She has been a dedicated member of the Catholic Women's League, volunteered with the St Vincent de Paul Society, lovingly arranged flowers for the church, and together with Jim supported the parish school, sports club and the Good Samaritan Sisters, with Jim always ready to lend a helping hand whenever it was needed.

As a parish community, we congratulate Colleen on this extraordinary milestone and thank her for the wonderful contribution she has made over so many years. We pray that God continues to bless her with peace, joy and the love of her family.

Happy 100th Birthday, Colleen, and thank you for your faithful witness in our parish community. May God continue to bless you abundantly.

"The righteous will flourish like a palm tree... they will still bear fruit in old age; they will stay fresh and green."

Psalm 92:12, 14

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

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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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Upcoming Masses in our parish

Tuesday, 4 August 2026

Feast of St John Vianney

St John Vianney Co-Cathedral, Fairy Meadow

9.30am – Mass

Saturday, 8 August 2026

Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong

7.00am – Mass

11.00am – Reconciliation

12.10pm – Mass

Friday, 14 August 2026

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Bl Virgin Mary

St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong

6.00pm – Vigil Mass

Saturday, 15 August 2026

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong

7.00am – Mass

11.00am – Reconciliation

12.10pm – Mass

Sunday, 30 August 2026

Mass for Couples Preparing for Marriage

St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong

10.30am – Mass

First Reconciliation and First Communion

Enrolments are now open for the First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Sacramental Program. To enrol your child and view the program information, please visit:

lumenchristi.org.au/sacramental



Catechists Sunday

This weekend we celebrate Catechists Sunday, giving thanks for the dedicated men and women who generously share the Good News of Jesus Christ with the children in our local state schools.

Our catechists play a vital role in the life and mission of our parish. Through their witness, prayer and teaching, they help young people grow in faith and come to know the love of Christ. We sincerely thank each of our catechists for their faithful commitment and the difference they make in the lives of so many children.

If you have ever considered becoming a catechist, or perhaps serving as a helper in the classroom, we warmly invite you to find out more. No teaching experience is required—just a willingness to share your faith and a heart to serve. Training and ongoing support are provided.

After Mass this weekend, you will see some of our catechists wearing their **Catechist name badges**. Please take the opportunity to say hello and ask them about this rewarding ministry.

For more information, please contact our Parish Catechist Coordinator: Patricia Calabro whom you can contact via email: patricia.calabro@dow.org.au

Renewed & Sent: Parish Renewal Summit

Bishop Brian Mascord and parish communities from across the Diocese of Wollongong will come together for the Renewed & Sent Parish Renewal Summit, to be held at St Gregory's College, Campbelltown, from 1–3 October 2026. This three-day gathering will feature inspiring keynote speakers, practical workshops, prayer and fellowship, offering encouragement and new ideas to help renew our parishes and strengthen our mission of sharing the Gospel. Whether you are involved in ministry, leadership or simply passionate about the future of our Church, everyone is warmly invited. For more information and to register, visit www.renewedandsent.com.au. Tickets are \$225.00 each for General Admission.



THIS WEEK'S *Readings & Commentary*

Entrance Antiphon

Psalm 69:2,6

O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.

First Reading

Isaiah 55:1-3

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Hasten and eat.

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;
though you have no money, come!

Buy corn without money, and eat,
and, at no cost, wine and milk.

Why spend money on what is not bread,
your wages on what fails to satisfy?

Listen, listen to me and you will have good things to eat
and rich food to enjoy.

Pay attention, come to me;
listen, and your soul will live.

With you I will make an everlasting covenant
out of the favours promised to David.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:8-9. 15-18. R. v.16

(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us:
he answers all our needs.

Second Reading

Romans 8:35. 37-39

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

No creature can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ.

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
They all ate and were satisfied.

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick. When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

Communion Antiphon

Wisdom 16:20

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven,
endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Feeding of the Hungry Crowd

Note the disciples' reaction to the plight of the hungry crowd: 'Send the people away so that they can buy.' The disciples have gone for the fix which puts no responsibility on them. They are willing to entrust the hungry crowd to market forces. Those with money can eat: those without, can't. For the disciples, money and commerce are the answers to hunger.

Jesus rejects that solution. 'There is no need for them to go; give them something to eat yourselves.' The solution to the hunger of that crowd was to give generously what little the disciples had. What they could have kept for themselves was to become gift. Once the disciples were in Jesus' frame of mind, the hunger of the crowd was satisfied. How did this come about? The answer lay in human cooperation with the impulse of Divine generosity which knows no limits. The story simply says that Jesus blessed and broke the loaves 'and handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowd.' Jesus depended on the disciples to obey him: 'Give them something to eat yourselves'.

Jesus still looks with gut-wrenching compassion on those who are hungry in our own society and throughout the world. If we answer that market forces will suffice, Jesus will reject our answer as decisively as he rejected the answer of his earliest disciples. We have to take responsibility to share what we have, to be generous with what we have. After all, Jesus, Our Lord and Master, commands us: 'Give them something to eat yourselves'. Note how Jesus blessed those loaves and broke them before they were distributed, which reminds us of the words of Pedro Arrupe, former General of the Jesuits, 'Eucharist will never be complete so long as people still go hungry in the world.'

We could pause for a moment at Mass to ask: Who are those hungry people crowding in on us, and then pray that we may respond to them as our Lord commanded, so that the hungers of the crowd, and our hunger to really follow our Lord, will be satisfied.

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