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GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION

25 OCTOBER 2026

30TH 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

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MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE...

Ida Angilletta, Albert Schroder, Laura Mufatti,
Lorraine Cook, Aileen Martin.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS...

Pope Leo XIV, Denis Bristow, Margaret Mascord,
Maria Hubbard, Daniel Caruana, Duc Trong
Nguyen, Maureen Harrison, Jacek McLaurin,
Angela Mosley, Brian Mattock, Jim Lyon,
Teresa George, Chiara Sirianni,
Joyce Milan, Noel Meddows,
Matthew Johnson,
Pat Carr, John Gauci,
Joseph Scalia, Liesl Caibal,
John Wise.

"Love your
neighbour as
yourself."

— Matthew 22:39

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



**WE ARE CALLED
TO REVEAL THE
LIGHT OF CHRIST
TO THE WORLD.**



Parish Information

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

HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN

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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

World Mission Appeal 2026

One in Christ, United in Mission

This weekend, we join Catholics around the world in celebrating World Mission Sunday, marking 100 years of prayer, generosity and support for the Church's missionary work. The 2026 theme, chosen by Pope Leo XIV, "One in Christ, United in Mission," reminds us that we are one family in Christ, called to share His love and bring hope to those in need.

Through our prayers and generosity, we support missionaries who bring faith, compassion and practical assistance to vulnerable communities throughout the world.

A special leaving collection will be taken up after all Masses this weekend, 24–25 October. I encourage you to give generously and keep all missionaries in your prayers.

May we remain united in Christ and committed to sharing His love with others.

Fr Bernard



Understanding the Mass

Part 3 The Penitential Act

Why do we acknowledge our sins?

Near the beginning of Mass, the priest invites us to acknowledge our sins and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries. This is not intended to make us dwell upon our failures. Instead, we stand humbly before the mercy of God. We recognise that we need God's forgiveness, healing and grace.

When we pray, "Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy," we place our trust in God's compassion. Before listening to God's Word and approaching the altar of the Eucharist, we prepare our hearts by acknowledging our need for the Lord.

There is usually a brief silence in which we can open our hearts to the gift of the Lord's comforting peace. We ask the Lord to forgive when we missed our opportunity to do good or hurt our relationship with God by doing harm. We bring our need for mercy and encouragement to God without pretending that we can make ourselves holy by our own efforts.

The Penitential Act prepares us for worship by acknowledging our need for God's help. It nourishes us with a continuing attitude of conversion to God and to do what is good, drawing us into God's mercy and allowing that mercy to shape our treatment of others. We begin Mass with humility and confidence in God's saving love.



Presence: Advent & Christmas Daily Reflections

Presence Advent and Christmas books are available from the parish centre for just \$3 each.

Digital Projection Volunteers Needed

We are urgently seeking volunteers to operate the digital projection system at the 8:30am Sunday Mass at St John Vianney Co-Cathedral, Fairy Meadow. If you can help with this ministry, please contact the Parish Office.

November Masses – Book of Remembrance

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, to the parish office or drop it into the collection boxes at the doors of our 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.

All Saints and All Souls Masses

As we celebrate the lives of the saints and lovingly remember those who have gone before us in faith, we warmly invite parishioners to join us in prayer and remembrance.

Sunday, 1 November – All Saints Day

Masses at our normal Sunday times across our parish

Monday, 2 November – All Souls Day

St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong

7:00am – Mass

11:30am – Confessions

12:10pm – Mass

Mass with Anointing | 4 November 2026

We warmly invite all parishioners to join us for a special Mass with Anointing on **Wednesday, 4 November** at **12:10pm** at **St Francis Xavier Cathedral**. Whether you or someone dear to you is experiencing illness, facing a recent diagnosis, preparing for surgery or seeking strength and comfort during a difficult time, this Mass offers an opportunity to come together in faith, prayer and hope, entrusting our needs to God's care.



Thank You – Good Samaritan Catholic Primary School Fete

I extend my sincere thanks to Pauline Chrostowski and the wonderful staff of Good Samaritan Catholic Primary School for organising such a beautiful and successful school fete.

It was a great privilege to officially open the fete alongside Fr Cang and to see our school and parish communities come together in a wonderful spirit of joy, friendship and celebration. It was particularly pleasing to see so many of our parishioners joining in the festivities.

Congratulations to Pauline, the staff, parents, volunteers and everyone who generously contributed their time and talents to making the day such a wonderful success.

A special thank you to the generous sponsors from our parish community, whose kindness and support helped make this event possible. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and reflects the strong partnership between our parish, school and wider community.

May God continue to bless our school community and strengthen the special bond we share as one parish family.

Fr Bernard

Cathedral Project Update

Stonework restoration on the southern side of the Cathedral has been completed, while conservation and repairs to the western façade are progressing. Over the coming weeks, our contractors will continue removing old paint, repairing damaged stonework and addressing cracks and areas requiring attention on the northern and western sides.

External painting is also progressing, with work continuing across the southern façade before moving to the upper sections of the western and northern sides. Installation of new fascia boards, gutters and ventilation will also continue, helping to protect the Cathedral from future weather damage.

Specialist conservation work is underway on the sanctuary windows, including repairs to the historic glass windows and the preparation of protective brass fittings.

We look forward to sharing further updates as the restoration progresses.

THIS WEEK'S *Calendar Readings & Commentary*

The Parish Calendar

Tue, 27 Oct:	GSFM Year 3 Parish Mass Attendance
Thu, 29 Oct:	SBG Year 3 Parish Mass Attendance Sacramental Program Session 1, SFX 3.45pm
Sat, 31 Oct:	Bishop Brian, Priestly Ordination Anniversary (1992)
Sun, 01 Nov:	All Saints, Usual Sunday Masses Hospitality weekend
Mon, 02 Nov:	All Souls, Mass: 7am & 12:10pm Fairy Meadow CWL Meeting, MDB 2pm
Tue, 03 Nov:	GSFM Year 3 Parish Mass Attendance GSFM Reconciliation after 9.30am Mass

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 104:3-4

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

First Reading

Exodus 22:20-26

A reading from the book of Exodus

*If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my
anger will rage against you.*

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51. R. v.2

(R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. **(R.)**
2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

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

You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

Gospel Acclamation

John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 22:34-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf Psalm 19:6

We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

True Perspectives

Did you notice that Jesus does not command us to love 'God'?

No, we are to love 'the Lord your God', the One who rescued the Jewish people from slavery. The resurrection of Jesus Christ reveals the Lord God as the liberator from the apparent final dominance of death. Loving such a liberator is the natural response. So, 'Love the Lord your God'.

Then Jesus does not command us to love our neighbour! Rather, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' But who is 'yourself'? In the wonderful story-telling of Genesis, we are told that Adam, an earthen statue, had Divine Breath breathed into the nostrils, creating him as a human being. We earthlings are conceived with the Divine Breath at the core of our being.

The challenge for you and for me is to see 'yourself' in that way, and thereafter every human being whose lives we can affect: the neighbour. And in today's global world, the neighbour can be a person in a society geographically or culturally distant.

We could pause for a moment to see the true dimensions of God, self and the other, to more easily fulfil the dual command.

Community Life

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

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