



LUMEN CHRISTI
CATHOLIC PARISH

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27 SEPTEMBER 2026

26TH 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



OUR

Sacraments

SCAN TO VISIT OUR WEB PORTAL



SUPPORT
OUR PARISH

Parish Centre

PARISH OFFICE

36 Harbour St, (P.O. Box 874)
Wollongong NSW 2500

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...

Elisabeth Naba, Christopher & Bridget Armitage,
Edith Ryan, Deacon Peter Harrison.

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.

*"Lord, give us
hearts that **listen**,
courage to change,
and **grace** to follow
Your will."*

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

Sun, 04 Oct:	Feast of St Francis of Assisi
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:	Commitment Mass, SBG 5.30pm
Sun, 18 Oct:	Children's Liturgy 10am, MDB

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

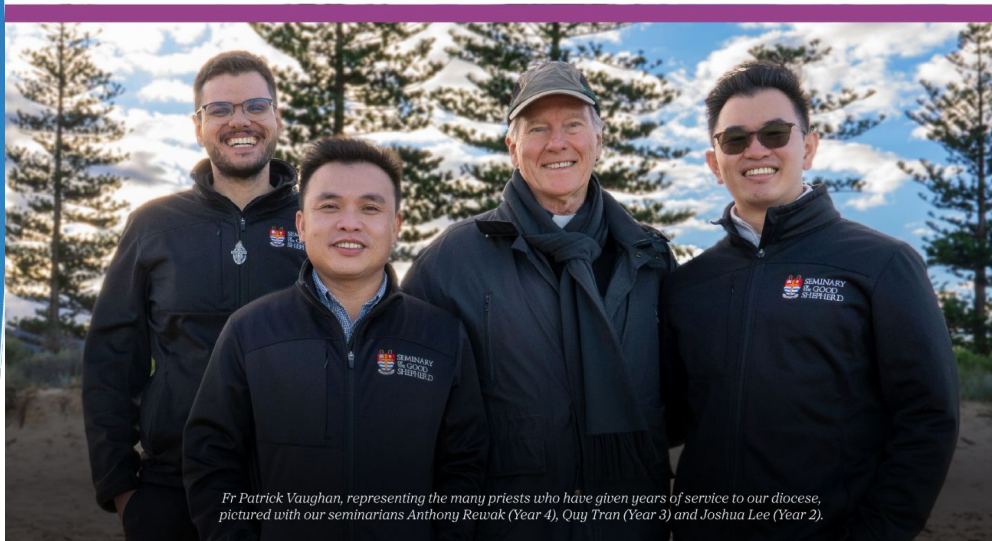


THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Join me in supporting the retirement and health of clergy
and the sound and holistic formation of seminarians.



+Brian Mascord
Most Rev Brian G Mascord DD
BISHOP OF WOLLONGONG



Fr Patrick Vaughan, representing the many priests who have given years of service to our diocese,
pictured with our seminarians Anthony Rewak (Year 4), Quy Tran (Year 3) and Joshua Lee (Year 2).

YOUR GIFT HELPS SUPPORT

DIOCESAN CLERGY CARE

40+ diocesan clergy supported

Including 11 retired diocesan clergy
currently receiving support:

- Accommodation and domestic assistance
- Healthcare, wellbeing and advocacy
- Transport and practical support
- Planning for future care needs

A further 11 diocesan clergy are expected
to retire within the next five years

SEMINARIAN FORMATION

3 seminarians preparing
for the priesthood

Including assistance with:

- Seminary fees and formation
- Accommodation and meals
- Travel and ministry placements
- Stipends and study equipment
- Health cover
- Mentoring and supervision



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CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF
WOLLONGONG

Message from Fr Bernard

What a joy and blessing it has been to welcome the relic of St Carlo Acutis to our parish. Over the past week, many families, young people, students and visitors from across our Diocese have come to pray and learn more about Carlo's inspiring life, his love for Jesus in the Holy Eucharist and his tender care for the poor.

It was a joyful privilege to offer a special blessing for so many of our teenagers at the 10:30am Cathedral Mass. We also welcomed student leaders from Good Samaritan Catholic Primary School and St Brigid's Catholic Primary School, who joined Fr Cang and myself for a special Q&A and lunch. It was wonderful to hear their questions and share such an open conversation about faith and life.

Carlo reminds our young people that holiness can be found in ordinary life—at school, with friends, through technology and in the everyday choices we make. His example shows us that we can use our own gifts and interests to serve others and keep Christ and the Eucharist at the centre of our lives. Thank you to everyone who helped make this pilgrimage such a special occasion. May St Carlo Acutis continue to inspire our young people, families and entire parish community.

Fr Bernard

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

'No, no, no, no ... Y-yes!'

Jesus tells a little story about two brothers. One said 'Yes', but never did anything. The other said 'No', but then had a change of heart and did what was required. Jesus loved the brother who came around. He was very hard on the one who said 'Yes' but did not 'walk the talk'.

That is why he loved those tax collectors who gathered the revenue for the Roman authorities, and the prostitutes who serviced the Roman occupying army, but who switched allegiance from the Empire of Caesar to the Kingdom of God. This signalled a profound change of heart.

We may have said 'No' to God at various times with various intensity in our lives. But God is wonderfully patient and prepared to hear 'No' many times in the hope of hearing 'Yes'. God's patience never runs out. But our time to say 'Yes' does run out. We only have a relatively short life span!

At the end of Mass, I will say 'Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.' As St Francis of Assisi put it, 'Preach the Gospel, and occasionally use words.' Walk the talk.

Catholic Mission

Bishop Brian Mascord recently joined students and staff from St Brigid's Catholic Parish Primary School, Gwynneville, and Good Samaritan Catholic Primary School, Fairy Meadow, for the Diocesan Catholic Mission Launch at St John's Catholic Church, Dapto. The Catholic Mission launch reminds us that each of us is called to be a missionary of hope—sharing Christ's love through prayer, generosity and generosity. We thank our students and staff for proudly representing Lumen Christi Parish and joining Bishop Brian for this special Diocesan celebration. Our parish will support the Catholic Mission Appeal on 17/18 October.



Diocesan Choir

Do you love to sing? The Wollongong Diocesan Choir welcomes new voices to help lead music at major Diocesan Masses and celebrations. Rehearsals are held on Monday evenings, 7:00pm–8:30pm, at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong, in the lead-up to Diocesan events. To join, contact Choir Director Katrina Hannaford at hannafordk02@dow.catholic.edu.au with your name, email and parish.

Cathedral Update

Another exciting stage of the restoration of St Francis Xavier Cathedral begins this week, with external painting works commencing. With works progressing, the painting will mark a significant and highly visible step in our parish renewal. Thank you everyone for your patience and continued support during these important works.

Thank you

We extend our sincere thanks and gratitude to the generous donor who supported the restoration of the St Peter statue at St Francis Xavier Cathedral.



THIS WEEK'S *Readings & Commentary*

Entrance Antiphon

Daniel 3:31,29,30,43,42

All that you have done to us, O Lord,
you have done with true judgement,
for we have sinned against you
and not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name
and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

First Reading

Ezekiel 18:25-28

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6

(R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Philippians 2:1-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among.

you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine,
yet he did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are;
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation

John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;

I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 21:28-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf Psalm 118:49-50

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,
by which you have given me hope.

This is my comfort when I am brought low.

