

# Weekly Notices | 20 – 21 November 2021

## St Vincent De Paul Society Christmas Appeal: 20/21 November 2021

The Ingleburn St Vincent de Paul Members invite you to help local struggling families again this Christmas, particularly in these difficult Covid 19 times, with many in the community having recently lost a job or struggling on reduced income. Please give to this appeal and help us to provide support for those in our community who need it the most.

Due to some Covid-19 restrictions still in place we are again doing things differently this year and are only seeking monetary donations with which we will buy gift cards to give to some of these families. There will be a collection box at the back of the church and we will also be handing out appeal envelopes at the end of mass for those who wish to donate the following week, or by credit card, and who wish a receipt. Please return the envelopes to the donation box over the next two weeks.

If you wish, you may also donate on-line directly to the Ingleburn St Vincent de Paul Conference by following the below link to our fund-raising page. You can also scan the QR code on the Vinnies Christmas Appeal poster in the Church and this will also take you to the fundraising page.

https://my.fundraise.vinniesnsw.org.au/fundraise-your-way/holy-family-parish-ingleburn-st-vincent-de-paulchristmas-appeal

Any monies donated through this link get allocated directly to the Ingleburn St Vincent de Paul Conference. Thanking you so much for your support,

The Ingleburn St Vincent de Paul Members.

#### Annual Catechist Mass and Awards 2021

The Annual Catechist Mass is the formal way that we thank, honour, and celebrate the catechists of the Diocese of Wollongong for their incredible contribution to the ministry to Catholic children in state schools. We hope you agree with us that catechists are on the coal face of the evangelising work of the Church and they are a connection point between the parish and many children and families who would otherwise remain disconnected from their faith. At this Mass we present Catechists with certificates and awards who have achieved significant milestones of service in the ministry.

Congratulations to the following Catechists from our parish who received awards: Mrs Teresa Clarke - 15 Years Bishops Citation Ms Marie Townend - Diploma of Catechesis

Thank you to all the Catechists from our Parish for your dedication and hard work.

The Annual Catechist Mass and Awards was celebrated at St Francis Xavier Cathedral on 13 November 2021. You can watch this Mass to honour catechists who are celebrating important milestones in the ministry. https://livestream.lumenchristi.org.au/

## **Parish Office**

The parish office is now located in the under croft of the Church. The renovated space is a more suitable workplace and will provide rooms for parish meetings to be held in a safe and comfortable environment.



#### **November Mass Intentions**

The book of the deceased is now at the side of the sanctuary. All Masses celebrated during November by Fr. Stork and Fr Sean will be offered for these intentions. If you would like names added, please return via the collection plate at mass or drop into the parish office. Please ensure name(s) are written clearly on the envelope.

## **Change of Mass Time**

## From Sunday 28th November, the 9.30am Mass will move back to 9am.

Your new parish priest will take up his appointment on January 1st, 2022, and this change in Mass time will help him with his scheduled commitments.

#### The Piety Stall is open

The Piety Stall will once again be open after the 5pm Saturday Mass and the Sunday 9.30am Mass. Please come and look at the range of devotional and inspiration gifts. The sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion are coming up in December and there are appropriate cards and gifts available. Columban Calendars are on order and will be here soon. There are also Christmas cards in stock. As well as a service to the parishioners, any funds raised from the Piety Stall go to the St Vincent de Paul parish work.

#### Prayer Seminars: Experience various prayer styles – All Welcome

There has been an overwhelming response to the Prayer Seminar series that runs each Tuesday evening, 7pm - 8:30pm via Zoom. Prayer Seminars are hosted by the CCD Team but are open to anyone and everyone in the Diocese to attend. Each week a different presenter will lead us in a style of prayer that is meaningful to them. The seminars will include information, but also the opportunity to be led by an expert in the prayer experience. Each week, the importance of praying for the Plenary Council and its members will be remembered, amongst many important prayer intentions for the Church and the world. You are welcome to come to any or all of the seminars. Registering does not require you to attend every seminar. Please follow the link to register for Prayer Seminars: <u>https://www.dow.org.au/events</u>. Please register before the day of the seminar, to ensure you receive your zoom link on time.

<u>Next Tuesday, 23 November</u>, Seth Harsh will led us in the Prayer of the Church. Otherwise known as the Liturgy of Hours, it was at the Second Vatican Council this sacred prayer was encouraged to be reclaimed by all people of the Church. The Prayer of the Church reminds us that God is present with us, each hour of every day, such that each day it becomes a 'liturgy of hours'. Seth will help us to understand the significance of the prayer and led us in Compline.

#### Technology skills workshops

Early next year, CatholicCare and the Being Connected network are teaming up to facilitate small group sessions aimed at assisting older Australians with improving their digital skills and knowledge. Sessions will be held in three parish centres in Wollongong, Shoalhaven, and Macarthur early next year and spaces are very limited. This is a great opportunity to learn new skills and connect with others. There will be more information early next year on venues and times. We are also seeking mentors who have digital or technology skills to assist with this program. For more information Jane Hollier, Parish and Community Liaison Officer 0417 018 152 janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au

#### The Journey, 21 November 2021 – Your Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast

On The Journey This Week: Fr Christopher del Rosario's (Parramatta) gospel reflection. Mother Hilda on the saying "to die for". Fr Mike Delaney learns to lead like Jesus while bushwalking. Plus, Darren McDowell, Trish McCarthy, Pete Gilmore, and more great music! The Journey available now as a podcast – <u>www.jcr.org.au</u>.



# An invitation to join electronic parish planned giving

Given that we are unable to attend Mass in our church, many who support our parish planned giving envelope program have asked how they can continue to financially support the parish. So, we respectfully encourage all parishioners to join our electronic parish planned giving program to help us ensure that we limit the financial pressure this current situation will impose on our parish. Please visit <u>https://www.dow.org.au/plannedgiving/</u> to learn of the two simple ways you can give to our parish electronically.

## **Support our Holy Family Primary School**

As school returns this week, we congratulate all the children and staff for all their hard work during remote learning. Click on the link below to see the amazing efforts from the Holy Family School community. Don't forget to 'Like' the Facebook page and stay informed about all the exciting things happening at our parish school. <u>Holy Family School Facebook Page</u>

## The Year of St Joseph

Pope Francis on 8 December 2020 published an Apostolic Letter Patris corde (With a Father's Heart), commemorating the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. You are encouraged to visit the ACBC year of St Joseph page at <a href="https://www.catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph">https://www.catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph</a>

## CatholicCare - We're always here, if you ever need...

These are challenging times for everyone and CatholicCare are here to support you and your family to navigate the uncertainty. We offer confidential online and phone counselling to support you with the frustration of managing family emotions, relationship pressures and employment changes. To find out more about CatholicCare's counselling service call us on 4254 9395 or email intakeservice@catholiccare.dow.org.au

Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. As it is, my kingdom does not belong here.

(Jesus, John 18:36)