



Holy Family Catholic Parish

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Weekly Notices | 11 – 12 December 2021

Sacrament of First Holy Communion

This weekend in our Parish, we celebrate the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Please keep all the children in your prayers.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Congratulations to all the candidates that received the Sacrament of Confirmation this week.

Thank you to all the Catechist teachers, Holy Family School teachers and staff, our Parish volunteers, parents, and sponsors for their contribution to make this a special night for each of the children. We also thank Fr Sean leading this special celebration

The Piety Stall is open

Columban Calendars and Christmas cards are now available. 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. There are appropriate cards and gifts available for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. As well as a service to the parishioners, any funds raised from the Piety Stall go to the St Vincent de Paul parish work.

St Vincent De Paul Society Christmas Appeal:

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-paul-christmas-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.

Advent Resource

Families are invited to use this wonderful advent resource in preparing primary aged children for Christmas. It is full of games, activities, stories, and music. Please click on

https://issuu.com/ccressnsw/docs/2021_adventchristmas_sre_family_resource_wollongon

to use this free Catholic resource.



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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. [Holy Family School Facebook Page](#)

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

An invitation to join electronic parish planned giving

Given that some parishioners 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 <https://www.dow.org.au/plannedgiving/> to learn of the two simple ways you can give to our parish electronically.

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 <https://www.catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>

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Anyone who has two tunics must share with the one who has none, and anyone with something to eat must do the same.

(Jesus, Luke 3:11)