



In September 2019, Pope Francis instituted the celebration of Word of God Sunday when issuing the apostolic letter *Aperuit Illis* (External site). The letter encouraged the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God.

The Catholic Church in Australia celebrates Word of God Sunday on the first Sunday in February each year -- February 5 in 2023. Many countries celebrate the occasion on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.

A number of resources have been developed to help individuals, families, parishes, schools and other ministries commemorate Word of God Sunday. Among ways Catholics and Catholic communities are being encouraged to mark the day are a special display of Sacred Scripture or the Book of the Gospels, the establishment of Bible study groups or the adoption of lectio divina, a common practice of reflection on Scripture.

### Catechist training Course – Interested in attending??

Would you like to find out what is involved in training to be a catechist, volunteering in the state schools? A course is about to **start on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February in Campbelltown**. See details below.

If you have been thinking about maybe joining the catechists, you might like to attend this 'Level One training' course which is a prerequisite for going into the schools, and one part of the process to be accepted as a volunteer for this work.

**If wishing to register please contact Cindy Oliver on 46408550 or by email : [support@ccdwoollongong.com](mailto:support@ccdwoollongong.com)**

**If you commence the course and are interested in joining the catechist team, please contact the parish catechist coordinator, Jo Mortimer on 0402974473, who, with Fr Henry, will arrange to meet with you and discuss what is involved in volunteering as a catechist in the schools.**

### Catechist Training Course Outline (Level 1) – 2023

9:30am – 1:30pm Mondays at Micah House, Campbelltown ( 35A Cordeaux St, Campbelltown)

#### Week 1 – Monday 6 February

1. Child Protection 2. Classroom Management

#### Week 2 – Monday 13 February

1. Mission and Ministry of the Catechist 2. SRE in the Parish and School 3. Children with Diverse Learning Needs

#### Week 3 – Monday 20 February

1. Development of the Child and Adolescent 2. Teaching Authority of the Church 3. Using an Authorised Curriculum

#### Week 4 – Monday 27 February

1. Lesson Plan Writing 2. Teaching Tips 3. Curly questions/Q&A

#### Week 5 – Monday 6 March

1. Introduction to the Bible 2. Nature of God, Revelation, Living our Faith

### An invitation to join electronic parish planned giving from your Parish Finance Council

An electronic regular gift provides many benefits. You will find it a secure, convenient, and efficient way to regularly support your parish, while also reducing our administration costs. It will also help us to confidently forecast and plan, as we know that we can rely on your support. You can increase, decrease, discontinue or restart your monthly gift at any time.

You can continue to contribute financially to the Parish via the two collections at the weekend Masses, but if you prefer, the Holy Family Parish bank account details are:

#### First collection

Account name: Ingleburn Presbytery  
BSB: 066711  
Account number: 001978

#### Second collection

Account name: Ingleburn Parish  
BSB: 066711  
Account number: 00177



# Holy Family Catholic Parish

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**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**

**Holy Family Church**

136 Oxford Rd  
Ingleburn

**Holy Trinity Church**

57 Guernsey Ave  
Minto

**29 January 2023**

## SUNDAY READINGS REFLECTION

The readings for the 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time for Year A tell us we must seek the Lord. The first reading gives us a road-map for discipleship. The psalm sings of God's faithfulness and kindness. The second reading reminds us that the world might consider our path as a foolish one. In the gospel, Jesus gives us the Beatitudes, which lay out what it means to follow Him.

"Blessed" is sometimes translated as *happy, fortunate, or favoured*. In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favor is upon those who are poor, those who mourn, those who are persecuted. This news might have been welcome—and surprising—to the crowds who heard Jesus that day.

The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Discipleship and Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. By referring to the good things that the faithful will experience, Matthew reminds us that those who act in the manner described in the Beatitudes will find their reward with God.



### SERVICE TIMES

<b>Holy Family</b>	Mass	Wed - Fri	9am
		Tue	7pm followed by Holy Hour
		Sat	5pm Vigil
		Sun	9am and 5pm
	<i>Benediction</i>	First Friday of each month	9.30am
	<i>Reconciliation</i>	Sat	9am - 10am
<b>Holy Trinity</b>	Mass	Wed	6pm
	Mass	Sun	8am

## What's On

- 31 Jan First day of Term 1
- 2 Feb Presentation of the Lord  
SVDP meeting - 7pm
- 5 Feb Word of God Sunday
- 12 Feb Parish and School 2023 Welcome Mass - 9am
- 24 March Sacrament of First Reconciliation - 6pm
- 1 April Ministry Workshop with Sr Monica - 9.30am
- 18 June Sacrament of First Holy Communion
- 12 Nov Sacrament of Confirmation



**We pray ...** For those who are affected by the droughts, floods, earthquakes and those affected by war: that God will grant peace, justice and healing to all involved during these times.

For all the forgotten Souls and Holy Souls in Purgatory.

**For the sick and homebound:** Noal Bornstein, Phil Clarke, Dawn O'Donoghue, Ann Marie Praud; our sick relatives, friends and parishioners and all who have nobody to pray for them.

*May the saving power of the risen Lord bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies and send strength to their carers.*

**For our recently dearly departed:** Ezio Epifania, Josephine Ooi, Marian D'Cruz, Jennifer Malone, Lorraine Morrison, Margaret Rose, Michael Brezinski, Joyce O'Keefe, Giuseppe Occhiuto, Gerald Barbara, Jeanette Morand, Angelita Z Molano.  
*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.*

**For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**

*Having returned to the Father, may they rest in peace.*

**Visiting the Sick and Homebound:** There are an increasing number of people who, whether due to age or ill health, are not able to attend church, but would like to receive Holy Communion. If you know of somebody in this situation, please contact the Parish Office, so that a visit can be arranged.

**With joyful hearts, during December we welcomed the newly Baptised to our Holy Family parish community:**

Xander Nguyen.



## Ministry Workshop

On Saturday, 1 April, Sr Monica and her team will be running another Ministry Workshop (specifically Readers, Ministers of communion and Acolytes) for existing and those interested in joining these ministries. The day will begin with mass at 9am, followed by the workshop at 9.30am and concluding with a light lunch at approximately 1pm.

**Date:** Saturday, 1 April

**Time:** 9.30am to 1pm

**Venue:** Holy Family Church

## Ministry of Altar Serving - Meeting

The next meeting of Altar Server Candidates will take place on:

**Date:** Saturday, 28 January

**Time:** 11am

**Venue:** Holy Family Church



## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS 2023

### Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

If your child is in Year 3 or above, has been Baptised, they are eligible to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in our parish.

*The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be held on Friday 24th March 2023 at 6pm.*

Sacrament preparation will be held at 6.30pm on 27th February, 6th March, 13th March, 20th March.

*The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be held on Sunday 18th June 2023.*

Sacrament preparation will be held at 6.30pm on 8th May, 15th May, 22nd May, 29th May, 5th June.

Registrations forms will be available at the end of January 2023.

### Sacraments of Confirmation

If your child is in Year 6 or above, has been Baptised and has received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, they are eligible to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

*The Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on Sunday 12th November 2023.*

Sacrament preparation will be held at 6.30pm on 9th October, 16th October, 23rd October, 6th November.

Registrations forms will be available in 2023. For further information, please see the parish website [www.hfi.org.au](http://www.hfi.org.au)

## SAVE THE DATE

Holy Family Parish and Holy Family School 2023 welcome mass:



**Date:** Sunday, 12 February 2023

**Time:** 9am Mass followed by morning tea

**Venue:** Holy Family Church

Please bring a plate of finger food to share for morning tea.



**Volunteers:** The parish is seeking volunteers who would be available to mow the parish lawns. If you are interested, please contact the Parish office.

## Blessing of Candles

If you would like to have your candles blessed, please bring them with you to 9am Mass on Thursday, 2 February 2023.