

READINGS THIS WEEKEND

Entrance Antiphon: cf. Isa 9:1, 5; Lk 1:33

Today a light will shine upon us, for the Lord is born for us;
and he will be called Wondrous God,
Prince of peace, Father of future ages:
and his reign will be without end.

First reading: A reading from the book of Numbers 6:22-27

They will call down my name on the children of Israel and I will bless them.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 66:2-3, 5, 6, 8. R. v. 2

(R.) May God bless us in his mercy.

Second reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians 4:4-7

When the appointed time came, God sent his son, born of a woman.

Gospel Acclamation: Heb 1:1-2

Alleluia, alleluia!

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets;
now he speaks to us through his Son.
Alleluia!

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 2:16-21

The shepherds found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the crib ... When the eighth day came, they gave him the name of Jesus.

Communion Antiphon: Heb 13:8

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and for ever.



Benediction

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction takes place on the first Friday of every month after 9am mass.

Reconciliation

Reconciliation is available:

Saturday 9am to 10am

Tuesday 7.30pm to 8.30pm



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The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

1 January 2023

SUNDAY REFLECTION

Dear Parishioners

The New Year 2023 begins in our Sunday liturgy under the sign of the Holy Mother of God.

It is a very appropriate way for us to begin a new year as this celebration reminds us that the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, is also our Heavenly Mother. This is an occasion to renew our devotion to Mary, who is also Mother of the Church because she is our spiritual mother.

In the context of today's Solemnity, this readings tells us at least three things about Mary as a mother. First, Mary is described as a reflective person, keeping the reports of the shepherds in her heart. Second, we are reminded of how obedient Mary was to God when she named the baby *Jesus* as the angel Gabriel had directed. Third, this reading shows Mary and Joseph faithfully observing their Jewish tradition by having Jesus circumcised.

Mary's faithfulness to God is evident in all three of these things. Her reflection upon the events in her life indicates that she was a person of prayer. This prayer made possible her obedience to God and God's will, even if the outcome was not clear. Finally, her faithfulness to a community of faith grounded her relationship with God and enabled her to participate in God's plan of salvation.

Because of Mary's faithfulness to God, she was able to receive the gift of God's Son and accept her role in God's plan for salvation. By doing so, she models for us the path of discipleship.

At the beginning of the New Year, then, let us place ourselves under the protection of this woman, the Mother of God, who is also our mother and a model of discipleship. May she help us to keep and ponder all things, unafraid of trials and with the joyful certainty that the Lord is faithful and can transform every cross into a resurrection.

May we all have a peaceful and blessed New Year!

Fr. Henry Adler, SVD

SERVICE TIMES

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



What's On

- 7 Jan Church cleaning - Team "A"
- 31 Jan Altar Server Candidates meeting - 11am
- 31 Jan First day of Term 1
- 12 Feb Parish and School 2023 Welcome Mass - 9am
- 26 March Sacrament of First Reconciliation - 6pm
- 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: 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: Carmela Catalano, Edgee LeClerc, Fr Peter Caruana, Giuseppe Lanzafame, Mee St Guillaume, Sr Patricia Murphy OLN.

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.



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

Ministry of Altar Serving - Meeting

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

Date: Saturday, 7 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 26th 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

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



LOST: A Christmas gift was accidentally left in the parish parking lot on Christmas Day. If you happened to have picked it up, please return it to the Parish.