

## Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent, Stations of the Cross will be held at 7pm.



## Lenten Group Gathering

Please join us for a Lenten Program Group every Friday after Stations of the Cross at approximately 7.45pm in the Parish Meeting Room



**Holy Family**  
Catholic Parish  
INGLEBURN & MINTO

**Holy Family Church**  
136 Oxford Rd  
Ingleburn

**Holy Trinity Church**  
57 Guernsey Ave  
Minto

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**First Sunday of Lent, Year A**

**26 February 2023**

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

We invite parishioners to the Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 9am to 10am (or as needed)

Tuesday during Adoration/Holy Hour after 7pm Mass (7.30pm to 8.30pm)

There will also be sufficient opportunities available during Holy Week.



## EASTER SERVICES

### Holy Thursday – 6 April

7pm (Ingleburn) Mass of the Lord's Supper  
*Adoration to follow Mass to 10pm*

### Good Friday – 7 April

10am (Ingleburn) Stations of the Cross  
10am (Minto) Stations of the Cross  
3pm (Ingleburn) Passion of our Lord

### Holy Saturday Vigil -8 April

7pm (Ingleburn)

### Easter Sunday – 9 April

8am (Minto)  
9am (Ingleburn)  
*(no evening Mass)*



### Reconciliation 1st Rite

Tuesday 4 April 5:30pm (Ingleburn)

Wednesday 5 April 9:30am (Ingleburn)  
5pm (Minto)

Holy Thursday 6 April 9:30am (Ingleburn)

Good Friday 7 April 5pm – 7pm (Ingleburn)

Each Saturday morning from 9am (Ingleburn)



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## SUNDAY REFLECTION

In the Gospel for the first Sunday of Lent we read that "Jesus remained in the desert 40 days and 40 nights, tempted by Satan." Lent is traditionally a time of fast, penance, almsgiving. The idea most of us were given about Lent is that it is a time to "give up" something. On the contrary, Lent is a time of "DOING" something to change our lives and the world around us. Our FAST is not just fasting from food but fasting from jealousy, anger, hatred, and all the other attitudes in our lives that keep us from truly loving God and our neighbours. It is probably easier to fast from food when we have an abundance of food. Yet it is harder to change our attitudes about people around us. PENANCE is our willingness to change and be changed by God's spirit alive in us. Penance is not just saying prayers but living a life prayer in all that we do. ALMSGIVING is our awareness of the needs of others who search for life, love, and help in their times of need.

Echoing the words of Pope Francis, who in his homily on Ash Wednesday 2019, said to us that Lent is "the time to rediscover the path of life, because on the path of life what really matters is not to lose sight of the goal."

As we enter this Holy Season of Lent, let us ask the Lord for the Grace to start it with our eyes fixed on Him and the path of life. He lays out for us amid temptations. As the Gospel of today reminds us that Jesus remains steadfast, never once giving into temptation, and this gives us an example of how we can trust in the Lord, our God.

## Change to Mass Times 7 - 10 March

On Tuesday 7 March, Wednesday 8 March, Thursday 9 March and Friday 10 March Mass will be at **7am ONLY**.

There will be no 9am, evening Masses or Adoration for this week only.

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

*If you have any information, news or messages that you would like us to consider for the parish bulletin, please contact the Parish office.*

## What's On

- 2 March SVDP Meeting - 7pm
- 5 March Commissioning of Catechists - 9am Mass
- 11 March Altar Servers: preparation for commissioning meeting - 11am
- 12 March Commissioning of Altar Servers - 9am Mass
- 18 March Aboriginal Mass - 10am, Holy Trinity Church Minto
- 24 March Sacrament of First Reconciliation - 6pm
- 1 April Ministry Workshop with Sr Monica - 9.30am
- 16 April Appin Massacre Memorial Ceremony - 11am to 3.30pm, Cataract Dam
- 24 May Sorry Day Service - 10.30am, Holy Trinity Church Minto
- 18 June Sacrament of First Holy Communion
- 12 November 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:** Lesley McFarlane, Lally Sabater, 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 January we welcomed the newly Baptised to our Holy Family parish community:**

Violet Karzon, Dreanna Mendoza, Idris Grasso.



## Nazarena Community

On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February, the Nazarena Spanish speaking community met in our parish office function room to enjoy an afternoon of bingo, traditional dancing and food. It was a wonderful afternoon and we thank the Nazarena community for being part of the parish and for their contributions.



## Project Compassion First Sunday of Lent 25 & 26 February



Laxmi, 16, lives in in Jajarkot, a remote district in Nepal where almost half of the population live below the poverty line. Tragedy struck when Laxmi was 10 years old and her father passed away. Her father worked hard to pay for his children's education and after losing him Laxmi was at risk of falling further into extreme poverty.



With the support of our partner Caritas Nepal, Laxmi joined a child's club at her school where she was encouraged to resume her education. Through the child's club, Laxmi developed the skills and confidence to become a leader, advocating for clean water taps at her school.

Laxmi is now excelling in her studies and working towards her dream of becoming a civil engineer. She continues to be involved in the child's club, serving as an advisor and mentoring the next generation of young leaders at her old school.

### Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.

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## 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

## 2023 Sacramental Program: First Reconciliation

### Session 1:

**Date:** Monday, 27 February 2022

**Time:** 6.30pm. Please ensure you arrive by 6.15pm to allow time to register attendance, pay enrolment fee (cash only, there are no EFTPOS facilities available) and collect workbook. Please ensure you bring a pen/pencil with you.

**Venue:** Parish Meeting Room. Children must be accompanied by a parent/carer at all sessions.

### Piety Stall

Come and see the lovely gifts available for purchase in the Piety Stall!

We currently have some attractive plaques with inspiring sayings, great gifts for family and friends, or self! We also have a range of Bibles and Prayer books, catering for children through to adults, as well as Baptism gifts, Rosary beads, and other religious items.

The Piety Stall is open after Mass.