

CHRISTMAS RECONCILIATION TIMES

Holy Family

Tuesday, 19 December: 7.30pm - 9pm

Friday, 22 December: 5pm - 7pm

Saturday, 23 December: 8am - 11am

Holy Trinity

Wednesday, 20 December: 5.00pm - 6.00pm

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve - 24 December

Holy Family 5pm

Holy Trinity 7pm

Holy Family 10pm

Christmas Day - 25 December

Holy Family 9am

THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Holy Family

Tuesday, 26 December: 7pm

Wednesday, 27 December: 9am

Thursday, 28 December: 9am

Friday, 29 December: 9am

Holy Trinity

Wednesday, 27 December: 6pm

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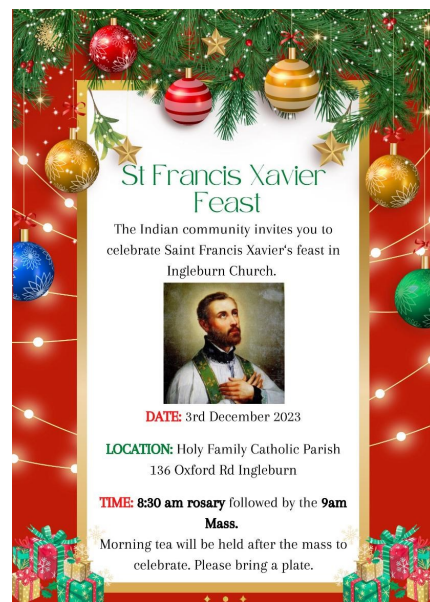
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St Francis Xavier Feast

The Indian community invites you to celebrate Saint Francis Xavier's feast in Ingleburn Church.



DATE: 3rd December 2023

LOCATION: Holy Family Catholic Parish
136 Oxford Rd Ingleburn

TIME: 8:30 am rosary followed by the 9am Mass.

Morning tea will be held after the mass to celebrate. Please bring a plate.



Holy Family Carol Night

We invite you to celebrate this special time of the year with us! Come and enjoy the carols with your family and friends.

8th December 2023
6:30pm

Byo Food & Drinks for supper after (Alcohol prohibited)

Holy Family Church
136 Oxford Rd Ingleburn
www.hfi.org.au




HOLY FAMILY CAROL NIGHT

Please bring a plate of finger food to share for supper at the conclusion of the carols.



Holy Family Catholic Parish
INGLEBURN & MINTO

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Year A
26 November 2023

Parish Office: 136 Oxford Rd (PO Box 111) Ingleburn NSW 2565

Website: www.hfi.org.au

Hours: 8.45am-2.45pm Tues—Thurs

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For all things give thanks.
1 THESS 5:18

**come + see
go + make**
A VISION FOR PARISHES
MOST REV BRIAN G MASCORD DD

26 November 2023

My dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On this blessed solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, I wish to give to you the vision for parishes in the Diocese of Wollongong that I have been prayerfully discerning over the past 12 months.

It is almost six years since I was ordained the Bishop of Wollongong, and as we approach the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the diocese, I believe now is the time to pause and reflect on the life, health, and direction of our parishes. Our parishes are far more than lifeless buildings or mere meeting places. It is in our parishes that we gather together to celebrate, hear the Good News of Jesus, and live our calling to love as God loves with good works and care for one another (cf. CCC 2179).

The beating heart of the parish is the person of Jesus, made present in Word, Sacrament, and the living community of believers. This heart beats with the words "come and see", and "go and make". Come and see! Encounter the person of Jesus, be transformed and renewed, and become disciples. Go and make! Share the joyous Good News with a world that does not know, or has forgotten Christ—our Lord Jesus is King, not by violence, force, or coercion, but by an invitation of love, mercy and grace!

It is no secret that there has been a decline in Catholic practice in our parish communities over recent decades. Some may argue that this is clear evidence that the world has left our model of community and the Catholic Faith behind, but thankfully, this is not the case! Pope Francis boldly proclaims: "The parish is not an outdated institution; precisely because it possesses great flexibility, it can assume quite different contours depending on the openness and missionary creativity of the pastor and the community" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 28). We must exercise the flexibility that our parish communities possess, calling on the Holy Spirit to challenge us in our openness and to draw forth missionary creativity, not just for our own sake, but for the sake of the world that needs us.

To this end, you will be receiving the following documents today:

- *Come & See, Go & Make: A Vision for Parishes*—the vision I have developed which I now invite you to prayerfully read.
- *Principles and Foundations*—a short explanation of key principles described in the vision document.
- *Go Deeper*—a short compendium of additional reading on key concepts discussed in the vision document.

Additionally, in December, your parish will receive several worksheet documents that will support communities in the process of prayer, reflection, and discernment in the New Year. Your engagement with these activities will be a crucial part of the renewal process in your community.

We embark on this journey together, trusting in the goodness and mercy of God who promises, "I know the plans I have for you ... plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope" (Jeremiah 29:11). I encourage you to pray for your communities and your pastors, and please pray for me as we follow the Good Shepherd to where he leads us. Let us make this our prayer:

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
O my God, in you I trust;
Make me to know your ways, O Lord;
teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation.
(Psalm 25:1–2, 4–5)

With every blessing,

+ *Brian Mascord*

Most Rev Brian G Mascord DD
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What's On In Our Parish

- 29 November Kindergarten and Year 6 attending 9am Mass
- 2 December Church Cleaning - Team "A"
- 6 December Year 2 and Year 3 attending 9am Mass
- 8 December Parish Christmas Carols - 6.30pm
- 13 December Holy Family School End of Year Mass (whole school) - 12noon
- 15 December Last day of Term 4
- 16 December Church Cleaning - Team "B"
Aboriginal Mass - 10am, Holy Trinity Church, Minto
- 1 February First Day of Term 1 (Years 1 to Year 6)
- 3 February Church Cleaning - Team "A"
- 17 February Church Cleaning - Team "B"

Liturgical Dates

- 30 November St Andrew, *Apostle*
- 3 December St Francis Xavier, *Priest*
- 6 December St Nicholas, *Bishop*
- 7 December St Ambrose, *Bishop and Doctor of the Church*
- 8 December The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary



We pray ... For peace in the world and especially for people suffering because of war and violence.
For those affected by natural disasters.
For all the forgotten Souls and Holy Souls in Purgatory.

For the sick and homebound: Peter Anthony Jacobs Snr, Father David Catterall, Erwin Andrade, Gina Macalalad, Marie Crotty, Sybra Hunt, David Harrison, 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. Amen.

For our recently dearly departed: Filippo Carmelo D'Antone, Draga Milicevic, Elian Pascal, Noal Bornstein, Dewi Suyati, Ron Perry, Ferdie Melder, Richard Gallaty, Paul Collins; Margaret Mary Clifford, Victor Jack Parkins, Lionel Dunkley, Mary Brown, Yolande Herisson, Patiariki Joseph, Val Morris, Margaret McNamara, Eugenia Villarosa, Kevin Sequeira, Dawn O'Donohue, Jolanta Swierk, Mary King, Joaquim Lopes, Anthony (Tony) Heginbotham, Lally Sabater, Lesley McFarlane, Ezio Epifania.
*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: Berend Van Ree, Members of the Hay family, Josephine Ooi, Agnes Pinto, Lena Sequeira, Maureen Healy, Anna Vo Thi Uy, Victoria Macariola, Felix Gonzales, Felicito Ganaba, Aaron Dudman, Auria Dudman, Felisa Dudman.
Having returned to the Father, may they rest in peace. Amen.

Prayers of thanksgiving and personal intentions: Arthur and Doreen Smith.

Prayers are entered after the Mass is celebrated and will remain in the bulletin for 1 month.



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

Marqus Vince Argao, Luca De Santis, Evan Daniel Brarvo, Ivan Joseph Shiju and Ashton Jones

2023 Mass Count Attendance: This will be the final weekend of the November Mass Count.

Bible Sharing is held in the Parish Meeting Room every Friday evening from 7pm (for approximately 1 hour). The focus is on the coming Sunday readings. Text will be provided or you are welcome to bring your own bible.

The **Piety Stall** is open after every Mass. All proceeds go to the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society.

Christmas Cards are available from the Piety Stall for \$3 (10 cards per pack).

2024 Columban Catholic Art Calendar can be purchased from the Piety Stall for \$10.00 each (RRP).

The Sign - Daily Advent and Christmas Reflections 2023 are now available for purchase. Please see the table at the back of the Church.



HOW CAN I MAKE A DIFFERENCE? As a parish, we need to continue to build the various ministry teams: those who support the community at Sunday Masses and those who extend the mission of the parish in the wider community. We thank those who continue to support the parish in the various ministries. However, we need more people to become active members of our community.

If you feel you would be interested in participating in the various Parish Ministries (Acolyte, Altar Servers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Music, Catechist, AV etc) or if you feel you would like to assist with the various jobs around the Church (gardening, cleaning etc), please speak with Fr Henry.

Visiting the Sick and Homebound: If you, or someone you know is unwell and would like a home visit please contact the Parish Office to organise for Communion or Anointing.



St Vincent de Paul Society **ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS APPEAL:**
good works **25/26 NOVEMBER 2023**

The Ingleburn St Vincent de Paul Members invite you to help local struggling families again this Christmas via a Christmas Jesse Tree, appeal envelopes or the fundraising page
<https://my.fundraise.vinniesnsw.org.au/fundraise-your-way/holy-family-parish-ingleburn-st-vincent-de-paul-fundraising-page>

Thanking you so much for your support, Ingleburn St Vincent de Paul Members

COVID REMINDERS: As Covid-19 is becoming prevalent in our community again, we are asking everyone to remain vigilant and take personal responsibility for yourselves and the wider community. Please remember that if you are not feeling well or have cold or flu like symptoms, to stay home.



Readers Rosters If you are interested in reading at one of our Christmas masses, please put your name down on the signup sheet in the Church foyer.

A new weekend readers roster is being prepared. If you are interested in joining this ministry, please neatly and clearly write your name and preferred mass reading time on the signup sheet in the Church foyer.