

## 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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# Holy Family Catholic Parish

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**Holy Family Church**

136 Oxford Rd  
Ingleburn

**Holy Trinity Church**

57 Guernsey Ave  
Minto

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**First Sunday of Advent, Year B**

**3 December 2023**

## Advent

Today we begin the season of Advent, which marks the start of a new liturgical year for the Church, Year B. To remind us of this new season, we use an Advent Wreath and light candles.

The four candles we will light represent the four weeks of Advent, and one candle is lit each Sunday. Three of the candles are purple because the colour violet is a liturgical colour that signifies a time of prayer, penance, and sacrifice.

The wreath and candles are full of symbolism tied to the Christmas season. The wreath itself, which is made of various evergreens, signifies continuous life. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life we find in Christ.

The readings for the First Sunday in Advent for Year B are a call to be alert in waiting for the coming of the Lord. The first reading begs the Lord to return to us and save us. The psalm also asks God to look upon us and have mercy. The second reading calls us to remain steadfast in our discipleship. And in the gospel, Jesus warns us to be watchful. Not everyone will be ready in the final hour.

*First Sunday* **ADVENT**  
of



**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)

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## Holy Family CAROL NIGHT

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

SERVICE TIMES			
<b>Holy Family</b>	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

SERVICE TIMES			
<b>Holy Trinity</b>	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 In Our Parish

- 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

- 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
- 12 December Our Lady of Guadalupe



**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 November, we welcomed the newly Baptised to our Holy Family parish community:**

Zyla Cruz, Briar Evans, Callie Evans and Hazel Valencia.

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 for \$2.50. Please see the table at the back of the Church.



**Advent Reflections** will be held in the Parish Meeting Room every Friday evening of Advent from 7pm (for approximately 1 hour). Please bring your 2023 reflections booklet with you.

**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 (particularly Altar Servers, Ministers of Holy Communion) 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.



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**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2023**

Thank you for participating in the Christmas Jesse tree appeal.

Please remember to:

- ✦ Return the gift tags with the gift in a gift bag (do not wrap the gift)
- ✦ Return the envelopes with the cost of the Dumaresq Cinema gift card (\$20)
- ✦ Return your gifts and envelopes by the weekend of 9/10 December.

God bless you and thank you for your continued generosity and 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 neatly and clearly write your name, contact details and preferred mass reading time 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, contact details and preferred mass reading time on the signup sheet in the Church foyer.