

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
Saturday, 30 December: 9am

Holy Trinity

Wednesday, 27 December: 6pm

ADORATION DURING JANUARY

There will be **NO** Adoration on Tuesday nights during January.
Mass will remain as normal at 7pm.

St Patrick's College welcomes the community to our next Open Day. If you have a daughter in Year 5 or 6 in 2024, we encourage you to attend and learn more about the St Patrick's Community. Register for your preferred time slot: <https://www.saintpatricks.nsw.edu.au/enrolments/book->



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Holy Family Catholic Parish

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Ingleburn

Holy Trinity Church
57 Guernsey Ave
Minto

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Email: ingleburn@dow.org.au
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Third Sunday of Advent, Year B 17 December 2023

Reflection

The third Sunday of Advent is called '*Gaudete Sunday*' which means '*Rejoice*'. Today, on our Advent Wreath we light our pink candle to mark this day of joy. And why should we be rejoicing? Because we are soon to remember that the Son of God, Jesus the Christ, came to live among us as a human being and be one of us.

We rejoice because He the Lord brings such Good News. Part of the first reading, from the prophet Isaiah, will later be used by Jesus, to confirm his identity: "*The spirit of the Lord God is upon me because the Lord has anointed me...*" In so speaking, Jesus clearly identifies himself with the anointed king who is the Messiah and Saviour of God's people.

The Second Reading continues the theme of joy that comes to us through Jesus. "*Rejoice always*" may seem a rather unreasonable demand. Yet, for the true Christian, happiness is the underlying experience of daily living, even if, now and then, there are painful problems to be dealt with.

A key to our enduring happiness is an unconditional openness and humility to where God leads us and a readiness to speak out and act boldly in his name. In this we have the example of John the Baptist in our Gospel reading this Sunday. Jesus is the light, (not John,) and John is a witness to the light.

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas and the coming of God into our lives through Jesus, we need also to remind ourselves that we have been called to be the means to bring Jesus - the light into other people's lives.



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

SERVICE TIMES			
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.

Holy Family Feast Day

31 December 2023



Please join us after Mass for tea and coffee.

What's On In Our Parish

- 16 December Church Cleaning - Team "B"
Altar Servers Meeting - 11am
Aboriginal Mass - 10am, Holy Trinity Church, Minto
- 26 January Australia Day
- 1 February First Day of Term 1 (Years 1 to Year 6)
- 3 February Church Cleaning - Team "A"
- 7 February First Day of Term 1 (Kindergarten)
- 17 February Church Cleaning - Team "B"

Liturgical Dates

- 26 December St Stephen, *The First Martyr*
- 27 December St John, *Apostle and Evangelist*
- 28 December The Holy Innocents, *Martyrs*
- 31 December The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



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.
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 December, we welcomed the newly Baptised to our Holy Family parish community:

Tayte Fitzpatrick, Clara Hopwood, Violet Maiava, Rish Saini.

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.

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).

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? If you feel you would be interested in participating in any of the various Parish Ministries (particularly Altar Servers or 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.

Readers Rosters The Christmas Readers roster and the new weekend readers roster will be available on the table at the back of the Church. Please contact Sharon on 0400 714 388 if you have any questions.

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.



Community Carols Singing (5pm Mass - 24 December): On 24 December, the 5pm choir will lead the community in singing carols from 4.30pm. All parishioners are welcome to join.

Electronic parish planned giving

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: 001773

Thank you for supporting your parish.

A gift to the Church in your will ... will help!

For information about leaving a gift in your will, please contact Father Henry, or visit dow.sh/legacy, or call the diocesan representative on **4222 2446**.