

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



Holy Family Catholic Parish

INGLEBURN & MINTO

Holy Family Church
136 Oxford Rd
Ingleburn

Holy Trinity Church
57 Guernsey Ave
Minto

Parish Office: 136 Oxford Rd
(PO Box 111) Ingleburn NSW 2565
Website: www.hfi.org.au
Email: ingleburn@dow.org.au
Hours: 8.45am-2.45pm Tues-Thurs
Phone: (02) 9059 4134

Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year B 24 December 2023

A Christmas Message

Dear Friends

The fundamental message of Christmas is that God loves us and shows his love for us. God does not leave us in the darkness of sin and evil and death; the darkness of despair and depression, but he comes to be one with us in his son Jesus Christ.

The Gospel of Luke tells the story of his birth. It's a story full of light. The light of God shines into the darkness of the place where the shepherds tend their flocks, and an angels appear and the glory of the Lord shines around them and they stand or maybe fall to their knees in awe.

Then the angels proclaims the good news of great joy for all people: *'To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.'* Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled. The light of God shines into the world in him, and that light will go on shining in Jesus' life and mission, as the gospels will tell, and later in his suffering and death and resurrection. With each act of love, Jesus overcomes the darkness. Human lives are brighter; the whole creation is brighter.

The good news of Christmas is that God does love us and the world, despite the darkness. And God's will is light. Jesus Christ is God's light in the darkness. He is with us in our darkness through our faith in him and trust in him to help us, even to save us. He is with suffering people here and abroad through our and the ministries and those of the larger church."

May God bless you this Christmas! May all darkness in your lives be removed by the light of Christ. May your hearts be filled with Joy of Christ's birth and may you be witnesses of that light and joy in the world.



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

REMINDER: There will be **NO** Adoration on Tuesday nights during the summer holidays. Mass will remain as normal at 7pm.

Holy Family Feast Day 31 December 2023



Please bring a plate of finger food to share.

Celebration of our Patronal Feast Day will occur after every Mass on Saturday 30 December and Sunday 31 December.

Ministry of Altar Serving New Candidates Meeting

The next meeting of new Altar Server Candidates will take place in the Church on Saturday, 30 December at 11am.



Proudly servicing the Catholic community in your time of need.

As a family-owned business with years of experience in delivering that personal touch to funerals, Kenneally's know how to take care of the finer details to make your loved one's farewell the way it should be.

Servicing Greater Sydney & the Macarthur area
Call 02 4620 8822
or 02 9708 6972
kenneallysfunerals.com.au



Taylor'd FUNERALS

Family Owned and Operated
Funeral Home serving the Macarthur and Wollondilly

www.taylordfunerals.com.au

ph. 0493 596 934

Unit 18, 151 Hartley Rd, Smeaton Grange



What's On In Our Parish

- 30 December Altar Servers Meeting - 11am

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

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS 2024

Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

If your child is in Year 3 or above, and 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, 22nd March 2024.

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be held on Sunday, 2nd June 2024.

Additional information and registrations forms will be available from the parish website mid-January 2024.

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, 29th September 2024.

Additional information and registration form will be available in mid-2024.



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: Dominic Merlino, Yvonne Bell, 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:

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

FRIDAY WITH THE WORD OF GOD

Please join us 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 Advent program has just finished. During Lent, there will be a specific Lent program.

Friday with the Word of God will take a break during the summer holidays and will resume at **7pm on Friday, 2 February 2024.**



Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children of the Parish are invited to participate in Children's Liturgy of the Word which is held *every Second and Fourth Sunday of the month during the 9am Mass.*

During the Mass, Father calls the children forward after the Introductory Rites and they follow their adult catechists to their worship space where they take part in the Sunday Scripture at an age appropriate level with terminology that will assist the children to understand and appreciate the Gospel message. The children return to Mass to sit with their families after the General Intercessions to celebrate the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As a parish, we need to continue to build the various parish ministry teams: those who support the community at Sunday Masses and those who extend the Mission of the parish in the wider community.

Please give some consideration to joining one of our Parish Ministries: Acolyte, Altar Servers, Lectors (Readers), Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Visiting the Sick/Homebound, Legion of Mary, St Vincent de Paul.

Volunteers are also needed to help with the various tasks around the Church: gardening, cleaning.

If you would like to join one of the Ministries, please contact Father Henry.



St Vincent de Paul Society

good works

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal 2023

Thank you to all our Parishioners for the overwhelming response to the Vinnies Christmas Appeal this year.

We received over \$4,400 in donations comprising of:

Donations from Parishioners (including monies for cinema gift cards):	\$2,577.00
Other donations:	\$ 850.00
Online fundraising page donations:	\$ 550.00
Holy Family School P&F Association:	\$ 485.50
TOTAL:	\$4,462.50

Thank you also for all the generous and thoughtful gifts you provided for all the children, it was very much appreciated by the families.

May God bless you and your families this Christmas and throughout the coming year.

Ingleburn St Vincent de Paul Members