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# Thank You For 2023!

Thank you for being part of our Parish in 2023. We want you to know how much we appreciate your consistent presence and participation in our community. Thank you for your continued active engagement in our parish life. We are grateful, as we should be, for our parish priest, but we know he can't do it alone. It takes all of us - priest, laity, parents, children, to be the complete Body of Christ. Your willingness to assume greater roles and responsibilities with respect to various parish ministries and activities and leadership opportunities has helped us to grow as a parish. But our work is not done, there is still plenty of opportunities awaiting us in the weeks and months ahead. Please continue to support your parish and encourage others to join and be part of our parish.

Some highlights from 2023 included:

- ✦ Friday Bible Sharing and Lenten/Advent Programs;
- ✦ Welcome Mass with Holy Family School;
- ✦ Ministry Workshops;
- ✦ Sacramental Programs;
- ✦ L'Estro Armonico String Orchestra;
- ✦ Holy Week commemorations;
- ✦ SVD Seminaries visit;
- ✦ Christmas celebrations;
- ✦ Various appeals;
- ✦ Ministry to the elder in Nursing Homes (Pembroke Lodge in Minto, Porter Lodge in Minto and Bolton Clarke Willowdale in Denham Court);
- ✦ St Vincent de Paul, Legion of Mary, Neocatechumenal Way Community, Childrens Liturgy Team.

Thank you for:

- ✦ Cleaning and maintenance;
- ✦ Lawn mowing and grounds maintenance;
- ✦ Flower arrangements;
- ✦ Choirs and organists;
- ✦ Preparation and projecting our liturgies;
- ✦ All who serve on the Altar, Acolytes, Altar Servers, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers;
- ✦ Catechists;
- ✦ Bell Ringers;
- ✦ Sponsors;
- ✦ Your regular contributions to the parish in various different ways.



## Holy Family Catholic Parish

INGLEBURN & MINTO

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph, Year B  
31 December 2023

**Holy Family Church**  
136 Oxford Rd  
Ingleburn

**Holy Trinity Church**  
57 Guernsey Ave  
Minto

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### Reflection

On this first Sunday after Christmas, the Liturgy invites us to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Nazareth. Indeed, every nativity scene shows us Jesus together with Our Lady and St Joseph in the grotto of Bethlehem. God wanted to be born into a human family, he wanted to have a mother and father like us.

The readings focus on the importance of family. The first reading tells of the wisdom and justice in honouring parents. Respecting one's father and mother brings blessings, atonement for sins, and longevity. Caring for aging parents is a lasting act of kindness.

The second reading tells us how to live together as families. And in the gospel Joseph and Mary take the infant Jesus to Jerusalem for the ritual of purification. There they meet Simeon and Anna, who both speak about Jesus' future.

As we celebrate the Holy Family, let us remind each other that family is a vehicle of journey spirituality, that community is a *community of growth*, and that in the process of growth of the whole community each one of us plays three roles: most often that of the child, sometimes that of the father, and, unfortunately, not often enough that of the mother.

The liturgy of today's feast calls for the return to that which is basic to a community of growth, namely: care, love and a healthy respect for one another that includes mutual correction. Let us put on this kind of kindness so that we become a true Christian families, living lives centered on God and His purposes.



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.

## What's On In Our Parish

- 30 December Altar Servers Meeting - 11am
- 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)

## Liturgical Dates

- 31 December The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
- 1 January Solemnity of Mary The Holy Mother of God
- 2 January Sts Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, *Bishops and Doctors of the Church*
- 3 January The Most Holy Name of Jesus
- 17 January St Anthony, *Abbot*
- 21 January St Agnes, *Virgin and Martyr*
- 24 January St Francis De Sales, *Bishop and Doctor of the Church*
- 25 January The Conversion of Saint Paul The Apostle
- 26 January Australia Day
- 27 January Sts Timothy and Titus, *Bishops*
- 28 January St Thomas Aquinas, *Priest and Doctor of the Church*
- 31 January St John Bosco, *Priest*



**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:** Trevor Clancy, 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:** Patrick McNamara, 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:** For all children who have passed away; 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:**

## 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 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.

## 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.