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WOMEN'S RETREAT

When: 15th – 17th March, 2024.

Facilitator: Sr Jenny Scally of the Sisters of St Joseph

Where: St Mary's Towers Retreat Centre, Douglas Park

Cost: \$330 per person for full weekend

\$ 65 per person for Saturday only Accommodation, food, and facilitator fee included.

Fee assistance is available. Arrival: is any time after 2pm on Friday.

If you are able to attend or for more details, special needs, etc. contact Ann-Marie Green on 0416 051 206 or email amtg4@hotmail.com



Second Sunday of Lent, Year B 25 February 2024 Holy Family Church 136 Oxford Rd Ingleburn

Holy Trinity Church 57 Guernsey Ave

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REFLECTION

The readings for the 2nd Sunday of Lent Year B make us think of God's revelation of Jesus Christ as his beloved son and also how God loves us.

The first reading from Genesis highlights Abraham's unwavering faith and obedience to God, even when asked to sacrifice his son Isaac. God tested Abraham's faith by asking him to sacrifice Isaac, his beloved son. At the moment of sacrifice, an angel stopped him, providing a ram instead. Abraham's obedience led to God's promise of countless descendants and blessings for all nations.

The second reading features a poignant message from St Paul's Letter to the Romans emphasizing God's unwavering support for us, evidenced by the sacrifice of His Son. This assurance comes with the promise of God's generous blessings, righteousness bestowed upon us, and Christ's intercession, freeing us from condemnation.

The Gospel for the 2nd Sunday of Lent presents the Transfiguration, where Jesus, with Peter, James and John, shines with divine glory on a mountain. Witnessed by Elijah and Moses, this event underscores Jesus' messianic identity, confirmed by a heavenly voice proclaiming Him as the beloved Son. This episode not only highlights Jesus' divine authority but also foreshadows His resurrection, offering a profound insight into His role as the life-giver.

The readings collectively invite us to reflect on their journey of faith, anticipating the ultimate fulfillment of God's promises through the resurrection of Jesus.

They encourage a deep trust in God's plan, even amidst trials and sufferings.

SERVICE TIMES				
Holy Family	Mass	Wed - Fri	9am	
		Tue	7pm	
		Sat	5pm Vigil	
		Sun	9am and 5pm	
	Adoration	Tues	7.30pm	
	Benediction	First Friday of each month	9.30am	
	Reconciliation	Tue Sat	6.30pm - 7pm 9am - 10am	
Holy Trinity	Rosary	Mon	7pm	
	Mass	Wed	6pm	
		Sun	8am	



What's On In Our Parish

24 February26 February28 February	Ministry Workshop - 9.30am to 11.30am Sacrament of First Reconciliation, Preparation Session 1 - 6.30pm Year 6 and Year 3 attending 9am Mass Legion of Mary - 7.30pm (everyone is welcome)
 2 March 4 March 6 March	Parish Movie Night - 6.30pm Sacrament of First Reconciliation, Preparation Session 2 - 6.30pm Year 5 and Year 1 attending 9am Mass Parish Morning Tea and Visit from CatholicCare Legion of Mary - 7.30pm (everyone is welcome)
• 11 March	Sacrament of First Reconciliation, Preparation Session 3 - 6.30pm
• 13 March	Year 4 and Year 2 attending 9am Mass Legion of Mary - 7.30pm (everyone is welcome)
 16 March 	Ministry Workshop & Training - 9.30am to 11.30am
• 18 March	St Patrick's Day Mass- 9am
	Sacrament of First Reconciliation, Preparation Session 4 (Rehearsal) - 6.30pm
• 19 March	Mass for the Feast of St Joseph, <i>Spouse of the blessed Virgin Mary-</i> 7pm
• 20 March	Year 6 and Year 3 attending 9am Mass
	Legion of Mary - 7.30pm (everyone is welcome)
• 22 March	Sacrament of First Reconciliation - 5pm
• 27 March	Year 5 and Year 1 attending 9am Mass
• 29 March	Legion of Mary - 7.30pm (everyone is welcome) Stabat Mater presented by Léstro Armonico String Orchestra - 7pm
 3 April 5 April	Year 4 and Year 2 attending 9am Mass Legion of Mary, Acies Ceremony - 7pm



We pray ... For peace in the world and especially for people suffering because of war, violence, exploitation or abuse.

For all the forgotten Souls and Holy Souls in Purgatory.

For the sick and homebound: Margaret Rose Mellish, Celine Dion, 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: Luz U. Lopez, Clariza Sanchez, John Ward, Mary Vaz, Vincenzo Barletta, 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 Iopes, Anthony (Tony) Heginbotham.

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: Lally Sabater, Lesley McFarlane, Amelia Silverio Kabigting, Charles Henry Thorley, Donata Gumapas, Hilaria Jordan, Angelita Z Molano, Remedios Ladera, Hubert Pereira, Queenie Pereira, C. Peter, Ezio Epifania, For all children who have passed away; Members of the Hay family.

Having returned to the Father, may they rest in peace. Amen.

With joyful hearts, during February, we welcomed the newly Baptised to our Holy Family parish community: Aldora Lino, Amelia O'Neikl, Vitale Unasa.



PLEASE REGISTER VIA THE PARISH WEBSITE

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion to the Sick and Homebound

On Saturday, 16 March from 9.30am to 11.30am, Sr Monica and her team will be running a Workshop and Training Course for <u>anyone</u> interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion to the Sick and Homebound.

2024 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: FIRST RECONCILIATION

Session 1:

Date: Monday, 26 February 2024

Time: 6.30pm. Please ensure you arrive by 6.15pm to allow time to register attendance, pay enrolment fee (*CASH ONLY*) and collect workbook. Please ensure you bring a pencil with you.

Venue: Parish Meeting Room.

<u>Reminder:</u> Children must be accompanied by a parent/carer at all sessions. Attendance at all sessions is compulsory. If you are unable to attend a session, please contact the parish office.

FRIDAY WITH THE WORD OF GOD

During to the season of Lent, we will gather at 7.45pm, after the Stations of the Cross, for our Word of God reflection which during Lent, is our Lenten program



Season of Lent 2024

Stations of the Cross and Lenten Program: Every Friday during Lent (<u>commencing Friday, 16 February</u>), Stations of the Cross will be held at 7pm followed by the Lenten Program at 7.45pm



Lenten Program 2024: Copies of the 2024 Diocesan Lenten Book, "Pieta" are available for purchase from the table in the Church foyer for \$4.50.

TWO COLLECTIONS

Why do we have two collections at Mass? This is a question often asked.

Both collections are important and are used for two distinct purposes.

The money from the 1st collection goes to support the daily living expenses of our parish priest, with the left-over funds sent to the diocese to support the diocesan retirement fund.



The 2nd collection, which includes the planned giving program, is the main source of our parish income. This is the collection that keeps us going as a parish, as it is used for the day-to-day expenses of running of our parish. That is used to pay for the repairs and maintenance, wages, insurance, utilities, all church supplies, ministry expenses and the many other expenses incurred to keep our parish functioning. We thank you for your support of our weekly collections but would like to impress on you the importance of the second collection.



Project Compassion: Second Sunday of Lent 24 & 25 February

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *for all future generations*.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes, online by scanning the QR code or by visiting the parish website. Boxes/envelopes should be returned by Easter Sunday.



