#### ST FRANCIS XAVIER FEAST DAY

The Indian community invites you to celebrate Saint Francis Xavier's Feast Day

Date: Tuesday, 3 December 2024

Time: Rosary at 6.30pm followed by 7pm Mass

You are welcome to join us after Mass for tea, coffee soft drinks and snacks in the Church foyer.. Please bring a plate.





# **CHRISTMAS CAROLS**

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



# Advent Reconciliation Times

Tuesday 17 December 6pm –7pm and 8pm onwards

Saturday 21 December Monday 23 December 9am-11am 5pm-7pm

Feast of The Holy Family

# Sunday 29 December

8.00am Holy Trinity 9.00am Holy Family

Please bring a plate of food to share for morning tea after Mass as we celebrate our Patronal Feast Day at Holy Family

# The Nativity of the Lord

# Christmas Eve - Tuesday 24 December

5:00pm Holy Family Carols from 4.30pm 7:00pm Holy Trinity Carols from 6.30pm 10:00pm Holy Family Carols from 9.30pm

Christmas Day – Wednesday 25 December 9:00am Holy Family

9.00am

9.00am

9.00am

9.00am

7.00pm

9.00am

6.00pm

7.00pm

There will be NO 8am Mass at Holy Trinity on Christmas Day

# Christmas Octave

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Th	ursday 26 Dece	ember	Holy	Family
Fr	iday 27 Deceml	ber	Holy	Family
Sa	aturday 28 Dece	ember	Holy	Family
Mo	onday 30 Decer	nber	Holy	Family
Τu	iesday 31 Dece	mber	Holy	Family
W	ednesday 1 Jar	nuary	Holy	Family
W	ednesday 1 Jar	nuary	Holy	Trinity
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Holy Trinity Church 57 Guernsey Ave Minto

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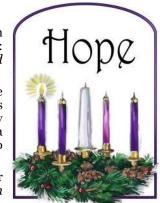
First Sunday of Advent, Year C 1 December 2024

### Reflection

For us Christians Advent is a time of expectation and preparation for the Lord's birth. So, the prophecy of John the Baptist: "a voice of one calling in the desert, prepare a way for the Lord ..." (Mk 1, 3), echoes loudly to us this season.

The first reading from Jeremiah reminds us that we expect the fulfillment of God's promises to us this season. The promise is about our deliverance, and the restoration of our lost integrity which has been stifled by fear of the unknown. It is equally a time of restoration of our hope and faith. Jesus comes also to liberate us from shame and sorrows.

How do we begin this preparation? Paul gives us a clue in our second reading when he says: "May he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God... when our Lord Jesus comes with all his saints."



In spite of the difficulties we face in attaining holiness, this season Paul admonishes us to "conduct ourselves in the way that please God." This is a call to strive for perfection. If it were not possible, Christ would not have demanded it from us.

Today's gospel reminds us of something very important in our Christian journey. It calls us to be awake and watchful. Therefore, this is a call for us to intensify and strengthen our prayer life. This is because prayer purifies the soul and casts away all fears. It prepares and strengthens us in joyful hope.

May our Lord find us awake and ready when he comes in glory. So, with the psalmist let us proclaim: "To you, O Lord I lift up my soul."

# ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2024

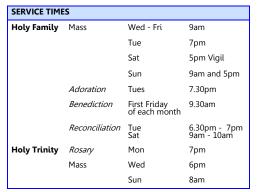
<u>Monetary donations only</u> this year via the Vinnies Appeal envelopes provided.

Please place your donation in the envelopes provided under the Christmas tree by the

## weekend of 7 & 8 December.

Alternatively, you may donate online via this link or QR code:

https:// my.fundraise.vinniesnsw.org.au/ fundraise-your-way/holy-familyparish-ingleburn-st-vincent-de-paulfundraising-page



## **What's On In Our Parish**

#### December

- 1 Samoan Mass with Fr Feleki 12noon 3 St Francis Xavier Feast Day - 6.30pm Rosary
- followed by 7pm Mass (**NO adoration after Mass** social gathering after mass as per poster on the back page)
- 4 Monthly Morning Tea after 9am Mass
- 6 Parish Christmas Carols 6.30pm
- 7 Church Cleaning Team "A"
- 9 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin
  - Mary Mass at 9am and 7pm
- 11 Year 6 & Kindergarten attending 9am Mass
- 40 year at Minto Anniversary Mass with Bishop Brian - 10.30am, Holy Trinity Church, Minto
- 21 Church Cleaning Team "B"
- 28 & 29 Social Gathering weekend
- 29 Patronal Feast Day morning tea

# **Liturgical Dates**

## December

- 3 St Francis Xavier, Priest
- 7 St Ambrose, Bishop and doctor of the Church
- 8 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe
- 13 St Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
- 14 St John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- 25 The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day(
- 26 St Stephen, Apostle and Evangelist
- 27 St John, Apostle and Evangelist
- 27 Stronn, ripostic and Evangens
- 28 The Holy Innocents, *Martyrs*
- 29 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



Friday 6 December
Parish Christmas Carols - 6.30pm

<u>Sunday 29 December</u> Patronal Feast of Holy Family

#### **ADVENT REFLECTIONS**

7pm every Friday of Advent in the Parish Meeting Room. Please bring your 2024 reflections booklet with you. \*\*Please note there will be NO Friday Advent Reflection on 6 December due to the Parish Christmas Carols\*\*

#### **BIBLE READING**

9.45am every second & fourth Wednesday of the month in the Church Meeting Room.

#### **LEGION OF MARY**

7.30pm every Wednesday in the Church Meeting Room.

#### **YOUTH MEETING**

6.30pm every second and fourth Friday of the month in the Parish Meeting Room



**We pray ...** For world leaders and policy makers to work to foster peace and justice in all nations. For those impacted by natural disasters. For those feeling overwhelmed and challenged in mind, body, soul and spirit. For all the forgotten Souls and Holy Souls in Purgatory.

For the sick and homebound: 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 sick relatives, friends and parishioners and all who have nobody to pray for them; Bernardina Velenzuela, Doris Benjamin, Regina Montoya, Assunta Limpin, Moy McConnell, Akata, Doris Benjamin, Ofelia Gonzales, Pearl Savage, Frank Cudmore, Tom Cudmore, Richard Valovalo, Hoydee Rios, Joelle Cadoue, Rose Davis, Erwin Andrade, Gina Macalalad, Marie Crotty, David Harrison, Ann Marie Praud.

For our recently dearly departed: 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.

Marie Lisette Leclair, Yvonne and John Gatta, Josephine Trimarchi, Angelina Smith, Assunta Limpin, Tojo Sebastian, Tino Lauofo, Pulimutath Chacko, Maria Lourdes Navarro Yap, Tanya Carney, Ricardo Villarosa, Gervacio Santos, Ma. Consuelo Balangon, Eleazar Makilan, Adrienne Mulvihill, Phil Eyles, Rodrigo Bautista, Sue Mahony, Alison Bowling, Peter Thinh Duc Nguyen.

For those whose death anniversaries occur at this time: Having returned to the Father, may they rest in peace. Amen. For all of our family member and friends; For all children who have passed away; For members of the Hay family; Maria da Costa guedes, Janice Garban, Julie Concepcion, Salvador A. Lopez, Maureen Healy, Dewi Suyati, Amparo Soldevila José Roca, Victoria Macariola, Deodita D'souza, Felicidad Dumlao.

<u>Prayers of thanksgiving and personal intentions</u>: Moy McConnell and Akata and ICU patients in Newcastle and other hospitals. For the successful surgeries, healing and full recovery of everyone sick and traumatized. Roza Papas, Maria Lakis, Kaliopy Panagopoulos and family.



With joyful hearts, during November, we welcomed the newly Baptised into our Holy Family Parish community:

# Sebastian Kiriakos, Alexander Bunoza, Zoe Valentina Astudillo, Leo Stjepan Vojvodic, Lyana Ponce and Bobbi Allen.

We ask God to bless these children, their parents, Godparents and families, to surround them with your goodness and lead them in Your light each day of their lives.



## 2025 Columban Catholic Art Calendar

The Columban Art Calendar is an iconic Catholic calendar, well-known for its traditional religious paintings and liturgical information and is a major fundraiser for Columban Missionaries.

2025 Columban Catholic Art Calendar's can be purchased from the Piety Stall for \$11.



# The Light: Advent and Christmas Daily Reflections 2024

The Light is a 88-page book of daily reflections designed to deepen your spiritual journey from the beginning of Advent (1 December) through to the Baptism of the Lord (12 January). The Light can be purchased from the table in the Church foyer for \$2.50



# Has Your Child Been Baptised?

If you have an child (aged 7 to 12 years) and you would like them to be baptised, please contact the Parish Office.

<u>Weekend Readers Rosters</u> 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 time on the sign up sheet in the Church foyer.

### RCIA PROGRAM



A new **RCIA** program has commenced. If you, or anybody you know, is interested in being baptised, or becoming a member of the Catholic Church, please speak with Father Henry or contact the parish office.

Would you like to be part of the RICA team and help with the preparation of baptism of adults in our parish? If so, please speak with Fr Henry or contact the parish office.

#### **NEW DONATION POINT TERMINAL HAS ARRIVED!**

Our new Eftpos terminal is located in the Church foyer and is pre-set with four nominated amount of \$10, \$20, \$30 or \$50. There is also the option to select your own amount.

To use the machine, select one amount, or custom amount, on the screen, tap your card or device on the screen to make a donation.

Our traditional collections during Mass will remain exactly the same, for those that like to donate cash, and our planned giving program will remain the same for those who prefer to commit to donating on a regular basis.





