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# Fourth Sunday of Lent 29th and 30th of March 2025

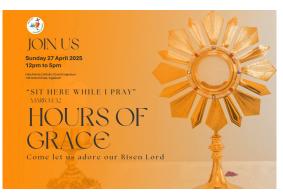
Irene lives in the Kongolo Region in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and faced immense challenges after losing her father to war and raising her children in poverty. With support from Caritas Australia, Irene received vocational training in sewing and farming and can now support her whole family.



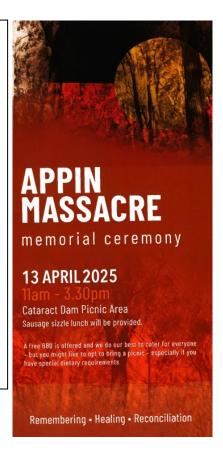


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### **ANNUAL LADIES' RETREAT**

11-13 April 2025 St Mary's Towers Retreat Centre, Douglas Park

Facilitator: Sr Jenny Scally of the Sisters of St Joseph

Cost: \$390 per person for the full weekend \$70 per person for Saturday only Cost includes accommodation, all meals and facilitator fee.

If you would like to attend, for more information or special requirements, please contact Ann-Marie Green 0416 051 206 or amtg4@hotmail.com



Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year C 30 March 2025 Holy Family Church 136 Oxford Rd Ingleburn

Holy Trinity Church 57 Guernsey Ave Minto

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# Reflection

The Gospel parable this Sunday is commonly known as 'The Parable of the Prodigal Son,' for obvious reason. The younger son is prodigal by senselessly spending all his inherited wealth. But it is a misnomer, for the popular name fails to indicate that the father has two lost sons, not one. The resentful elder son, however, did not know that he was lost. Though physically near, he was just as lost as the one who had set off for a distant country squandering his inheritance in a dissolute life.

In the parable we are given a most beautiful description of our heavenly Father. The father is outside of the house waiting for the younger son to return; and when the son returns, he runs to him, clasps him in his arms, kisses him, brings him in and throws a party for him. There is no negotiation, condition or fine print - just <u>pure acceptance</u> and <u>total forgiveness</u>. Similarly, when we return to God, He does the same to us and throws a party for us.

Again, not only does the father come out of the house once, but he comes out a second time to try to persuade the elder son to come in. In the same way, our heavenly Father welcomes each of us to his party. The most beautiful words in the parable, perhaps, is what the father says to the elder son, "All I have is yours." Our heavenly Father says the same thing to us too, "All I have is yours." This is a most beautiful promise and invitation.



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**

March

Sacrament of Reconciliation, Session 4 - 6.30pm 31

<u>April</u>

Year 1 and Year 5 attending 9am Mass Monthly Morning Tea - 9.45am

Sacrament of Reconciliation 5pm Liturgy (for

enrolled students only) Social Gathering - after 9am Mass only

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25 ANZAC Dav

27 Hours of Grace - 12pm to 5pm

<u>May</u>

Liturgy Workshop (current members of all Ministries)

# Workshops

Friday 16 May Bible Study Group

Further information will be available soon.

Saturday 3 May Liturgy Workshop

9.30am to 12noon - for current members of all Ministries

Thursday 5 June Marriage & Relationship Workshop Holy Family 7pm to 8.30pm



Friday 4 April Sacrament of First Reconciliation Liturgy 5pm for enrolled students only

Sunday 27 April Hours of Grace Holy Family 12pm to 5pm.

**LEGION OF MARY** 

7.30pm every Wednesday in the Church Meeting Room **BIBLE READING** 

9.45am 2nd & 4th Wednesday in the Parish Meeting Room

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND LENTEN REFLECTION PROGRAM

Every Friday of Lent

Stations of the Cross 7pm in the Church Lenten Reflection Program 7.45pm Parish Meeting Room.

**YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS** 

6.30pm 2nd and 4th Friday in the Parish Meeting Room **CHILDRENS LITURGY** 

During 9am Mass 2nd and 4th Sunday

# **Liturgical Dates**

<u>April</u>

- 7 Saint John Baptist De La Salle, *Priest*
- 11 Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr
- 25 ANZAC Day
- 26 Saint Mark, Evangelist
- 29 Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
- 30 Saint Pius V, Pope

## **HOLY FAMILY LENTEN SERVICES**

Sunday Mass & Weekday Mass

9am and 5pm Sunday 9am Wednesday to Friday 7pm Tuesday 5pm Vigil Saturday

Morning Prayer 6am Monday to Friday in the Church

Stations of the Cross 7pm every Friday in the Church

**Lenten Reflection Program** 

7.45pm in the Parish Meeting Room (please bring your copy of "Metanoia").

# Confession

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness". 1 John 1:9

> Saturday 9am to 10am Tuesday 6.30pm to 7pm

#### **SERVING AS PARISH MINISTERS**

As a parish, we need to continue to build the various parish ministry teams. Please give some consideration to joining one of our Parish Ministries: : Acolyte, Altar Servers, Lectors (Readers), Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

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



**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; Ann Marie Proud, David Harrison, Marie Crotty, Gina Macalalad, Erwin Andrade, Rose Davis, Joelle Cadoue, Hoydee Rios, Richard Valovalo, Tom Cudmore, Frank Cudmore, Pearl Savage, Ofelia Gonzales, Akata, Doris Benjamin, Moy McConnell, Assunta Limpin, Regina Montoya, Bernardina Velenzuela, Walter & Nell Glynn, Elsa Mendoza, Najwa, Celeste Paquia, Liza Lambo, Bill Clarke.

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. Emeren Reyes, Richard Myers, Rebecca Forwood, Brian Smith, Lucia Rosalejos, Maritess Vinoya, Anna Dalli, 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; Angelica Carvalho, Peter O'Connor, Giuseppe Occhiuto, Tony Heginbotham, Irene Ward, Amado Ladera, Janice Collins, Horatius Macariola.

Prayers of thanksqiving and personal intentions: For Catechumens as they prepare to receive the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil Mass and or the children preparing to receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation.

Jayanthini - thanksqiving for God on Jeevan's 15th birthday.

Brcic Family - reconciliation, forgiveness and healing in all families, marriages and community. Saint Patrick's College for Girls Campbelltown for providing quality Catholic education for 185 years.

#### SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION

Session 4: Monday, 31 March 2025 at 6.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room. Please bring your workbook and a pencil with you.

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be received on Friday, 4 April at 5pm. A friendly reminder that this is reconciliation for the children preparing for First Holy Communion. Parishioners are encouraged to attend reconciliation in the parish at the allocated times (please see below).

Please continue to keep these children and their families in your prayers.

#### RECONCILIATION PRAYER

HEAVENLY FATHER, WE LIFT UP TO YOU THE CHI<mark>ldr</mark>en preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Help them to recognize their shortcomings and to humbly ask for your forgiveness. May THEY BE OPEN TO YOUR HEALING GRACE AND EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF BEING RECONCILED WITH YOU AND WITH OTHERS. STRENGTHEN THEIR HEARTS TO FORGIVE THOSE WHO HAVE WRONGED THEM, AND LET THEM BE INSTRUMENTS OF PEACE AND LOVE IN OUR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES. WE THANK YOU FOR THE GIFT OF YOUR LOVE AND FORGIVENESS. BLESS THEIR FAMILIES AND CATECHISTS WHO HAVE SUPPORTED AND PREPARED THEM FOR THIS SACRED MOMENT. MAY THEY CONTINUE TO NURTURE THESE YOUNG SOULS IN FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE. WE ASK THIS THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.

> HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH, PRAY FOR THEM. ST. JOHN VIANNEY, PATRON SAINT OF CONFESSORS, PRAY FOR THEM. GUARDIAN ANGELS, GUIDE AND PROTECT THEM. AMEN.

Visiting the Sick and Homebound: There are an increasing number of people who, whether due to age or ill health, are not able to attend Church, but would like to receive Holy Communion. If you, or someone you know, is in this situation, please contact the Parish Office so that a visit can be arranged.

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



Carter McGeoch, Sofia Thelmo, Aria Aslan, Lara Aslan, Ethan Ienna, Reynald Kumar, Fred Lapham, Marija Rosa Rakvin, Samuel Morell-Koroi and Catherine Jose.

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.