YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal
31 May & 1 June 2025

The Ingleburn St Vincent de Paul Members seek your financial support for our Winter Appeal. Please give to this appeal and help us to provide support for those in our community who need it the most. As the Conference has only volunteer members, all of the money raised by this Appeal will be used to assist the families in need.

High inflation and large cost of living increases due to rises in the cost of, rent, food, energy bills and petrol have affected us all, but it has affected the marginalised in our community more acutely. Families in private rental have been finding it particularly difficult dealing with large increases in rent, whilst others in the community have recently lost a job, are escaping family violence or are struggling on reduced income.

There will be appeal envelopes on the Church pews which you can use to make a cash or credit card donation, and these can placed in the second collection or be placed in a Appeal Box as you leave the Church. If you require a receipt for taxation purposes please include your details on the appeal envelope.

If you wish, you may also donate on-line directly to the Ingleburn St Vincent de Paul Conference by following the below link to our fund-raising page. You can also scan the QR code on the Vinnies Winter Appeal posters in the Church and this will also take you to the fundraising page.

https://my.fundraise.vinniesnsw.org.au/fundraise-your-way/holy-family-parish-ingleburn-st-vincent-de-paul-fundraising-page

Any monies donated through this link get allocated directly to the Ingleburn St Vincent de Paul Conference. We thank you so much for your generosity in support of this Appeal.

The Ingleburn St Vincent de Paul Members.

Vinnies good works

Celebrating Pentecost

Join us for light refreshments and fellowship after each mass on
Saturday 7 June
and
Sunday 8 June

Please bring a plate of finger food to share

Are you a Catholic Teacher attending Holy Family Church?

We encourage Catholic teachers who are part of our parish community to connect with Father Henry. This is a valuable opportunity for Father Henry to get to know you, and for you to share your faith journey and a commitment to Catholic education. This information may be helpful for any pastoral references needed. Consider introducing yourself to Father Henry after Mass or make an appointment at a convenient time.

Thank you for your service to our parish and schools.

Weekend Readers Rosters 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.

If you are a current reader and would like to be removed from the roster, please speak with Sharon.

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

The Ascension of the Lord, Year C
1 June 2025

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The Feast of the Ascension is really a kind of liminal moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times; a moment when we have left one place but have not yet arrived at a second. While the narratives that describe the Ascension fit well into the unfolding story of redemption, the feast celebrates the exaltation of Jesus. The readings allow us to focus on this theological point while we commemorate a turning point in the life of the church. We do this by considering the enthronement of Christ in the heavens and the new body of Christ on earth.

Many of the Easter accounts have directed our attention to the appearances of Jesus which were intended to strengthen the Christians' belief in his bodily resurrection.

Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at the right hand of God. Today is a day to be overwhelmed by the reality of the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity.

Christ who ascended into heaven in his body carries on what he began on earth through his new body, the community of believers. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists. He ministers through its prophets and pastors. We have not been left alone; we have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have not been left alone; we have each other. Together we make up the new body of Christ.

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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

May

30 Bible Sharing - 7pm, Parish Meeting Room
31 Vinnies Winter Appeal

June

1 Vinnies Winter Appeal
2 Sacrament of First Holy Communion Preparation Session 4 - 6.30pm Parish Meeting Room
4 Year 1 & Year 5 attending 9am Mass
Monthly Morning Tea
5 Marriage & Relationship Workshop - 7pm to 8.30pm, Parish Meeting Room
6 Bible Study - 7pm, Parish Meeting Room
7 & 8 Pentecost Celebration-Social Gathering Weekend
16 Sacrament of First Holy Communion Preparation Rehearsal in the Church - 6.30pm
18 Kindergarten & Year 6 attending 9am Mass
22 Sacrament of First Holy Communion

July

10-13 The Light: Ignite Conference 2025 (register at https://igniteconference.com.au/registration)
12 & 13 SVD Seminarian visit to Holy Family Church
19 & 20 Aid to the Church in Need representatives visit

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

Sunday 22 June **Sacrament of First Holy Communion**
10.30am or 12noon for enrolled candidates only

LEGION OF MARY
7.30pm every Wednesday in the Church Meeting Room

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

BIBLE STUDY
7pm 1st & 3rd Friday in the Parish Meeting Room.

BIBLE SHARING
7pm 2nd & 4th Friday in the Parish Meeting Room.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS
6.30pm 2nd and 4th Friday in the Parish Meeting Room

CHILDRENS LITURGY
During 9am Mass every 2nd and 4th Sunday

Liturgical Dates

May

31 The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

June

1 The Ascension of the Lord
6 Saint Marcellin Champagnat
8 Pentecost Sunday
9 Mary, Mother of the Church
11 Saint Barnabas, *Apostle*
13 Saint Anthony of Padua, *Priest & Doctor of the Church*
15 The Most Holy Trinity
22 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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

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.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: SESSION 4

Date: Monday, 2 June 2025
Time: 6.30pm. Please bring your workbook and a pencil with you.
Venue: Parish Meeting Room.
Reminder:
Attendance at all sessions is compulsory.
Children must be accompanied by a parent/carer at all sessions.
If you are unable to attend a session, please contact the parish office.

Please keep these candidates and their families in your prayers as they embark on their Holy Communion Sacramental journey.

Aid to the Church in Need
ACN AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND

Together we can keep the faith alive - Aid to the Church in Need (*ACN*)
Did you know that across the world tens of millions of Christian families are in exile following persecution because of their faith?
Aid to the Church in Need is a spiritual and pastoral charity which seeks to keep the flame of faith alive in those places where it is at risk of extinction.
The weekend of July 19/20 we welcome to our parish ACN representatives who will share with us about the work of Aid to the Church in Need and how we can help our suffering and persecuted brothers and sisters.

We pray ... For the children, their families and the sacramental team preparing for the sacrament of First Holy Communion. For those affected by natural disasters. For world leaders and policy makers to work to foster peace and justice in all nations. 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; Maria Elizabeth Tuason, Emerlida Castillo.

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.*
Santana D'Souza, Marcus Parker, Juan Cataldo, Paul Myers, Mary Lewis, Emeren Reyes, Richard Myers.

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 members and friends; John and Margaret Matthews, Noel Del Rosario, Nenita Del Rosario, Yohanes Harjono and Yosefa Oeniwati, Ricardo Geliz Jr, Vicente Santos Junior.

Prayers of thanksgiving and personal intentions: For the eternal rest of Pope Francis. We pray to God the Father that Pope Francis, who served as the Vicar of His Incarnate Son on earth may, through Divine Mercy, rest in Peace.

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

Ezekiel Stathis, Luca Jones, Sabrina Iannuzzelli, Bobby McFadden, Amari Fuentefria, Michael Hailstone, Ashton Hailstone.

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.

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AGEING WITH CONFIDENCE
Join Robert Fitzgerald AM, Age Discrimination Commissioner, as he explores the critical issues facing older Australians today - including elder abuse and ageism - while offering practical insights and strategies for ageing with dignity, purpose and positivity.

Wollongong
Friday 13 June - 10am to 1pm
Fraternity Club

Campbelltown
Wednesday 23 July - 10am to 1pm
Campbelltown Catholic Club, 20/22 Camden Road,

Registration is free, please call (02) 4227 1122 or online at catholiccare.dow.org.au/events

From Our Diocese

In 2015, Pope Francis wrote that "charity and mercy demand that the Church, like a good mother, be near her children who feel themselves estranged from her. **The Interdiocesan Tribunal of Sydney**, which has an Office in the Diocese of Wollongong, is a service of the Church to assist with the pastoral care of Catholics and non-Catholics who are civilly divorced, and who are seeking to remarry or who want clarification of their standing in the Church. The Tribunal also assists remarried persons seeking to have their current marriage recognised in the Church, and remarried persons wishing to be baptised or received into the Catholic Church. Any divorced person, or a divorced and remarried person is welcome to contact the Wollongong Office of the Tribunal to obtain further information, or to have their status within the Church clarified. Brochures are available from the church foyer or notice board area. The Wollongong Office of the Tribunal is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. You are welcome to contact the Tribunal on 4222 2409 or tribunal@dow.org.au or visit www.tribunal.dow.org.au

The Diocese of Wollongong Cursillo Movement is celebrating 25 years of guidance by the Holy Spirit. We would like to invite anyone who has been involved with the CM in the past 25 years to join us for Mass and a reunion luncheon on 21st June at 11am. Mass will be celebrated at St. Paul's Church Camden with lunch in the church hall. Please call Dianne for further details. 0418640373.

Hear from Pope Leo XIV
Sunday Echo is a **limited-release resource** the Diocese has developed using the Holy Father's most recent homily or reflection and accompanying discussion questions. **Each issue will be released the day after Pope Leo XIV gives a homily or reflection on the most recent Sunday Gospel readings** go to https://www.dow.org.au/media-resources/faith-circles/ to access or sign up to have sent straight to you.