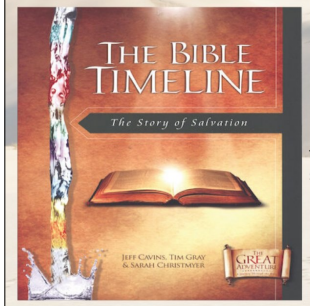
BIBLE STUDY GROUP



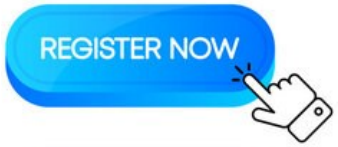
The Bible Timeline Study Program takes you on a guided journey through salvation history. Presenter Jeff Cavins shows you how fourteen of the Bible's narrative books tell the biblical story from beginning to end and gives you the keys to understanding the amazing story woven through Scripture. Using a unique color-coded system, you will learn the major people, places, and events of the Bible and discover how they all come together to reveal the remarkable story of our Faith.

Friday 16 May 2025

Every 1st and 3rd Friday at 7pm
in the Parish Meeting Room

Participants will be required to purchase a study set (approximately $40).
To register and for further information, visit the Parish website or speak with Father Henry directly.

Holy Family Catholic Parish Ingleburn & Minto



Please register for the Bible Study Group via the Parish website:
hfi.org.au/2025/04/17/the-bible-timeline-study-program-2025/

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CROSS+GEN FREE TECHNOLOGY TRAINING FOR SENIORS

Due to the popularity of the Cross+Gen technology program, CatholicCare, will again partner with St Benedict's Oran Park and CEDoW to assist with the technology issues that you may be struggling with. Bring your device, your phone, laptop or tablet and the students will assist you with becoming more confident in downloading apps, sending messages or even using google maps.

Dates are as follows, and afternoon tea will be provided:

Tuesday 13 May 1pm-2.30pm
Tuesday 27 May 1pm-2.30pm
Tuesday 3 June 1pm-2.30pm
Tuesday 10 June 1pm-2.30pm

Please join us in this unique opportunity to connect with seniors and students for some information sharing in a fun, relaxed setting at St Benedict's Catholic College Oran Park.

Please contact Jane Hollier, Parish and Community Officer CatholicCare on 0417 018 152 or email janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au

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 (doors open at 9.30am)
Fraternity Club, 11 Bourke Street, Fairy Meadow

Campbelltown
Wednesday 23 July - 10am to 1pm (doors open at 9.30am)
Campbelltown Catholic Club, 20/22 Camden Road, Campbelltown

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

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Third Sunday of Easter, Year C
4 May 2025

Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter

Scholars suggest that the 21st chapter of the Gospel of John is a later addition to the gospel, especially given the finality of the language at the end of chapter 20. The style of chapter 21 is much more church-oriented than the earlier chapters. The barbeque breakfast on the beach takes on a Eucharistic feel and the passage is at pains to portray Peter as the leader of the disciples and the one chosen by Jesus to provide leadership into the future. We must remember that the Gospel of John was written almost 70 years after the death of Jesus and if this final chapter is indeed an addition then it is likely written some time in the 2nd century. It was only in the late 1st and early 2nd centuries that the church began to adopt a structure of bishops as leaders of communities and it was important to clearly establish the authority of Peter as the first leader of the Church and the authority of his successors. Obviously, a scriptural reference to Jesus' choice of Peter would have cemented the case and so this later addition to the Gospel of John may have been constructed to serve this purpose.

Regardless of its original intended purpose, this passage provides a wonderful account of the appearance of the resurrected Jesus to his disciples. Like other post-resurrection accounts, the disciples do not at first recognise Jesus and it is not until the miraculous catch of fish that the beloved disciple declares, 'It is the Lord'. In a beautifully everyday touch, the risen Jesus prepares breakfast on the beach for the disciples and blesses the simple food in the same way as he did the bread and wine at their last supper.

Gospel Focus – Do you love me?

Three times Jesus asks Peter, 'Do you love me?' and three times Peter answers, 'You know I do'. Some writers suggest that the three-fold question by Jesus and the three-fold reply by Peter is intended to balance out the triple denial of Jesus by Peter at the time of the arrest and trial of Jesus. Where once Peter denied even knowing Jesus, he now declares his love for Jesus in no uncertain terms. It is a reminder to all of us that there is no act that we can perform that cannot be forgiven by God and from which we cannot come back.

Historical Context – Feed my sheep

When Jesus asks Peter, 'Do you love me?' and Peter repeatedly assures Jesus that he does, Jesus instructs Peter to 'Feed my sheep'. This image of feeding sheep is used to describe the caring leadership Peter is to take over the other disciples and the other followers of Jesus. The image of a shepherd has carried through the years and finds expression in the stylised shepherd's crook (crosier) that is carried as a symbol of office by bishops. The people of the church are often referred to as the bishop's flock – further carrying on the image of a shepherd and his sheep.

Have you thought? – 153 fish

When the disciples drag ashore their miraculous haul of fish, the gospel writer tells us that there were 153 fish! This seems an odd number and an odd fact to specifically mention. Mathematically, 153 is a number with several interesting attributes, and historically, it has been suggested that the ancients believed that there were 153 species of fish or 153 nations in the world. Like nearly every number used in the Bible, its meaning is symbolic, not literal. It is intended to convey that the catch of fish was huge and is indicative of the vast numbers of people who will be caught up in the disciples' new ministry.

What's On In Our Parish

May

4	Samoan Mass - 12noon
12	Sacrament of First Holy Communion Preparation Session 1 - 6.30pm Parish Meeting Room
14	Year 6 & Year 3 attending 9am Mass
16	Bible Study Group - 7pm, Parish Meeting Room
17	Church Cleaning - Team "B"
17 & 18	Social Gathering Weekend
19	Sacrament of First Holy Communion Preparation Session 2 - 6.30pm Parish Meeting Room
26	Sacrament of First Holy Communion Preparation Session 3 - 6.30pm Parish Meeting Room
28	Year 4 & Year 2 attending 9am Mass

June

2	Sacrament of First Holy Communion Preparation Session 4 - 6.30pm Parish Meeting Room
4	Year 1 & Year 5 attending 9am Mass
5	Marriage & Relationship Workshop - 7pm to 8.30pm, Parish Meeting Room
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 (to register https://igniteconference.com.au/registration)
12 & 13	SVD Seminarian visit to Holy Family Church
23	CatholicCare Ageing With Confidence Workshop 10am-1pm at Campbelltown Catholic Club

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 16 May **Bible Study Group**
PLEASE REGISTER VIA THE PARISH WEBSITE (HFI.ORG.AU)

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

FRIDAY WITH THE WORD OF GOD
7pm every 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

3	Saints Philip and James, *Apostles*
13	Our Lady of Fatima
14	Saint Matthias, *Apostle*
24	Our Lady Help of Christians
26	Saint Philip Neri, *Priest*
31	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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.

SERVING AS PARISH MINISTERS

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.

SERVICE TIMES

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

We pray ... For the Sacred College of Cardinals, may they listen to the Holy Spirit in electing the new Roman Pontiff, successor of Saint Peter. 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.

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.*
Mary Lewis, Emeren Reyes, Richard Myers, Rebecca Forwood, Brian Smith, Lucia Rosalejos, Maritess Vinoya.

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; Eladio and Eugenia Villarosa, Margaret Rose Mellish, Horatius Macariola.

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.
Salvatore (Sam) Falanga - thanksgiving for successful surgery and prayers requested for continued recovery.

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

Alexander O'Neill, Valentino Herrera, Domenico Debellis, Leon Faigafa, Iana Grasso, Penelope Peat, Sidney Peat.

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.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion

Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." (John 6:35)

Session 1 - Monday, 12 May at 6.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room.
Session 2 - Monday, 19 May at 6.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room.
Session 3 - Monday, 26 May at 6.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room.
Session 4 - Monday, 2 June at 6.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room.
Session 5 - Monday, 16 June at 6.30pm in the Church.
The Sacrament of First Holy Communion - Sunday, 22 June 202.

Reminder:

* Attendance at all sessions is compulsory. If you are unable to attend a session, please contact the parish office.
* Children must be accompanied by a parent/carer at all sessions. Please be on time for each session.
* Ensure you bring your workbook and a pencil with you.

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

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