Congratulations and Best Wishes for your Retirement Sister Kerry McDermott oln

Thank you for your 40 years of dedication and support ministering to the Macarthur community and in particular your close involvement with the indigenous community.

Would you like to learn to ring?
Or at least find out what's involved?
If you are interested in learning to ring and enhance the life of the Church and community, please visit the Bell Tower on Saturday mornings between 8.30am and 10am.

Learn to Ring

If you would like to **donate altar flowers** for weekend Masses, please bring them to the Church kitchen from 9am Saturday mornings.

The **Piety Stall** is open after each weekend Mass. There is a range of bibles, prayer books, Rosary beads & other religious items. All profits go to the work of the Ingleburn Chapter of St Vincent de Paul Society.

1800 ELDERHelp (1800 353 374)
Nearly 1 in 6 older Australians experience some form of abuse each year. If you suspect someone is being mistreated, help is available. Call 1800 ELDERHelp (1800 353 374) confidentially for advice or to report concerns. In emergencies, always call 000.

What's On In Our Diocese

menALIVE Regional Weekend 9-10 August 2025, Xavier Conference Centre, Wollongong
For more information and to register: https:/menalive-weekend-2025

2025 Significant Marriage Anniversaries Mass
If you are celebrating 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 or over 60 years of marriage this year, we invite you to the celebration of Significant Marriage Anniversaries, to be celebrated with Bishop Brian Mascord on Sunday 24 August 2025 at 2pm at the St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong. Mass will be followed by light refreshments in the Xavier Centre Conference Room. Please register online at https://dow.sh/MA2025 by Monday, 11 August 2025. Any enquiries please email Helen Bennett helen.bennett@dow.org.au

Compass "Bush" family camping weekend 5-7 September 2025 Guntawang-Wooglemai Catholic Camping Facility This weekend is designed to bring together families of all ages, including couples with or without children, single parents with their children, grandparents to celebrate the incredible gift of family life. Enjoy shared meals, games, music, prayer and Mass together. Cost $50 per adult or $100 per family. RSVP by 29 August 2025. Register at dow.org.au/events/compass-bush-family-camping-weekend

If you have any information, news or messages that you would like us to consider for the parish bulletin, please contact the Parish office .

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Hours: 8.45am-2.45pm Tues-Thurs
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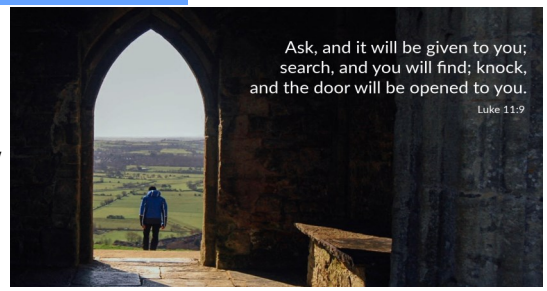
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C
World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly
27 July 2025

Gospel Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Heaven and Earth can coincide



People often imagine huge distance between Earth and a Heaven beyond the horizon of the universe. But Jesus Christ taught us to pray 'Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.'

How can this come about? Jesus identified two areas on which we need to focus to help make Heaven and Earth share the same space.

'Give us this day our daily bread.' This petition is very real for most inhabitants of the world – a plea for the necessities of life to stave off real hunger. If we respond to this plea, we can change a Hellish situation to a place where Heaven and Earth coincide.

'Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.' But, first to Shakespeare: 'The quality of Mercy is not strained. It falleth as the gentle rain of Heaven on to the place beneath.'

If we develop a hardness of heart which refuses to show forgiveness, then we are like earth concreted over and are unable to absorb God's forgiveness into our own lives. When we forgive someone, we become more able to absorb the gentle rain of heavenly mercy and forgiveness.

So, Heaven and Earth need not be as distant as supposed. Our Lord has shown us how we can help make these dimensions of existence coincide.

We could take a moment to resolve to pray the 'Our Father' by our lives, helping to provide evidence for our acclamation:

'Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts,
Heaven and *Earth* are full of your Glory'

FATHER HENRY'S ABSENCE

Father Henry will be away from 6 August to 17 September. During his absence, Father Mike Knight SVD will take care of the pastoral needs of our parish.

Father Mike is a member of the Divine Word Missionaries and has previously ministered as the Parish Priest at Macquarie Fields.

There will be no changes to the Parish schedule during Father Henry's absence.

SERVICE TIMES

Holy Family	Mass	Wed - Fri	9am
		Tue	7pm
		First Friday of each month	6.30pm
		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
	Reconciliation	Wed	5.45pm - 6pm
	Mass	Wed	6pm
		Sun	8am

What's On In Our Parish

August

3	State School Scripture Student Mass, 2pm
6	Monthly Morning Tea
15	Feast of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary & India's Independence Day - 6pm, St Mary MacKillop Parish, Oran Park
16	Aboriginal Mass and Baptisms 10am, Holy Trinity
16 & 17	Social Gathering Weekend
20	Year 4 & Year 2 attending 9am Mass
27	Year 1 & Year 5 attending 9am Mass

September

2	Monthly Morning Tea
7	Father's Day
8	SVD Foundation Day (150th Anniversary)
17	Kindergarten & Year 6 attending 9am Mass
20	Aboriginal Mass and Baptisms 10am, Holy Trinity
20 & 21	Social Gathering Weekend

October

18	Aboriginal Mass and Baptisms 10am, Holy Trinity

PARISH GROUPS & MEETINGS

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 & 4th Friday in the Parish Meeting Room.

CHILDRENS LITURGY
Every Sunday during 9am Mass.

RCIA PROGRAM REGISTER NOW

A new **RCIA** program will be commencing on *3 August 2025*.

If you, or anybody you know, is interested in being baptised, or becoming a member of the Catholic Church, please 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.

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. A new preparation program will be commencing on *21 September* at *3.30pm*.

Liturgical Dates

July

26	Saints Joachim and Anne, *Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
29	Martha, Mary and Lazarus

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.

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.

CARLO ACUTIS
Patron Saint of the Internet
Feast Day - 12 October

Canonisation Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, 7 September 2025 in Rome.

"To always be close to Jesus, that's my life plan." Carlos Acutis

BIBLE READING

Please note, there will be ***NO*** Bible reading during August. The next Bible reading meeting will be on *Wednesday 10 September*.

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We pray ... For the eternal rest of Father David John Catterall. 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 those who have nobody to pray for them. 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, Rebecca Velasco.

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.*
Paul Myers, Juan Cataldo, Marcus Parker, Santana D'Souza, Janice O'Keefe, William Francis Milgate, Lito De La Rosa, Horatius Y. Macariola.

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; Hazel Pereira, Felicia Pereira, Sandra Irani., Edgee Le Clerc.

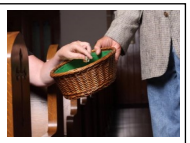
Other intentions: For all teachers, students and staff that Term 3 may be a time of growth, perseverance and grace. For all Year 12 students preparing of their trial HSC exams.

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

Madison Agoo, Ava Vaurasi, Hazel Royce, Tucker Warr, Malachi Issa, Andre Jabro.

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.

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. It 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.

Parish Planned Giving

You can continue to contribute financially to the Parish via the two collections at the weekend Masses, but if you prefer, the Holy Family Parish bank account details are:

First collection
Account name: Ingleburn Presbytery
BSB: 066711
Account number: 001978

Second collection
Account name: Ingleburn Parish
BSB: 066711
Account number: 001773

To contribute via planned giving envelopes, please contact the Parish Office.

Thank you for supporting your parish.

Celebration Mass for Catholic State School Scripture Students - Sunday 3 August at 2pm

All students who attend Catholic Scripture classes in the local state schools, together with their families, are warmly invited to attend this special event. There will be student participation in various ways, and afternoon tea to enjoy following the Mass. Please RSVP at the Parish Office.

An invitation from the Indian Community

The Indian community invites you for the solemn Mass on the Feast of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and celebration of India's Independence Day on 15 August at 6pm. The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at St Mary MacKillop Parish, Oran Park.