Congratulations and Best Wishes for your Retirement Sister Kerry McDermott oln

With deep gratitude, we thank you for your 40 years of dedication service and unwavering support in ministering to the Macarthur community.

Your compassion, strength, and tireless advocacy - particularly your close and meaningful involvement with the indigenous community - have left a lasting impact.

May your retirement be filled with peace, joy and the same grace you've so generously shared with others.

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.

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.

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

Vocaris 'Beer and Beads' Saturday 9 August 5:30pm – 10pm
Inviting all young adults (over the age of 18) to our next VOCARIS Beer and Beads - a Catholic twist on the classic "Paint & Sip". Instead of painting, we will be making your own set of Rosary beads! Please see the registration page for more information or to register https://app.tickets.org.au/DOW/BeerandBeads

2025 Significant Marriage Anniversaries Mass - Sunday 24 August 2025 at 2pm
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 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

JUBILEE YEAR EVENT – Rosemeadow Jubilee Pilgrimage Day Saturday 6 September 2025
The Parish of Our Lady Help of Christians, Rosemeadow invites everyone to a Jubilee Pilgrimage Day where we will uncover the profound meaning, history and significance of the Year of Jubilee and how we can continue living it out in our pilgrimage of life towards Christ. The day begins with Mass at 10:00am, followed by a catechesis led by Elise Duval, a time of Eucharistic Adoration with opportunity for confession, and concludes with Benediction at 3:00pm. Please BYO lunch. Come and be renewed in God's mercy!

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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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C
3 August 2025

Reflection by Father Henry

On this Sunday the church urges us to remain focused on our quest for heaven. It is a call to live a Christ-centered life. We are encouraged to focus our attention on the heavenly realities more than on the earthly shadows. The first reading begins with a warning: *"Vanity, vanity, the preacher says …!"* It strikes a reality that most of us have neglected. However, one day each one of us will come to terms with it. The Preacher calls us to remember God in all we do. He reminds us that there will be an ultimate end to all created things. He also reminds us that the ultimate goal here on earth is to walk our way straight to heaven.

In the second reading Paul succinctly differentiates true life, that is, a life lived in Christ, from a life lived outside Christ. Without mincing words, he reminds us that we must be heaven bound where Christ is everything. In today's gospel, Jesus speaks to us as he did to the man from the crowd: *"Watch out and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made more secured by what he owns."* The pursuit of wealth and the pleasures of this world have blinded us to the reality that we are pilgrims here on earth. Avarice is one of the seven capital sins. It is a sin that makes one become like the material good that one seeks. It is a hidden enemy of every child of God. So, we must avoid it because it is dangerously contagious! Let us therefore fix our eyes and minds on heavenly things, and not only on the vain things of this earth.

Welcome Catholic State School Scripture Students

We warmly welcome all students who attend Catholic Scripture classes in the local state schools, along with their families, to a special **Celebration Mass** on **Sunday 3 August at 2pm** in our Parish.

This is a wonderful opportunity to come together in faith, give thanks, and celebrate the spiritual journey of these young people. We will continue to keep all these students and their families in our prayers.

We look forward to sharing this special occasion with you.

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	EMHC Commissioning State School Scripture Student Mass, 2pm
6	Monthly Morning Tea & Welcome to Fr Mike
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
22	Holy Family Youth & Young Adults "Bingo 4 Blessings Night", 6.30pm Parish Meeting Rooms
27	Year 1 & Year 5 attending 9am Mass

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 ...a journey in faith
Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults
Baptism Confirmation Eucharist

RCIA PROGRAM REGISTER NOW

A new **RCIA** program will be commencing on *3 August 2025* at 6pm.

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

22 August Youth & Young Adult "Bingo 4 Blessings" Night
18 October Youth & Young Adult Retreat
20 November Choirs Gathering
5 December Parish Christmas Carols
13 December Parish Advent Recollection Day

Liturgical Dates

August

3	St Dominic, *Priest*
4	St John Vianney, *Priest*
5	The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major
6	The Transfiguration of the Lord

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.

Baptism

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*.

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; Sandra Irani., Edgee Le Clerc, Deborah Wolf (nee Tattler), Ron Tattler, Father Peter Caruana.

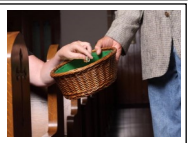
Other intentions: For all Year 12 students preparing of their trial HSC exams.
For all seminarians, as they continue their journey toward the priesthood: may their hearts remain open to God's will, steadfast in faith, and inspired daily by the example of Christ the Good Shepherd.

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

Kira Oquendo, Tully Davis, Georgia Brown, Luna Elder-Marshall, Ivy Elder-Marshall, Mira Marshall, Hydrsnsia Kali, Jezekiah Vili-Singh.

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.

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.
The **Piety Stall** is open after each weekend Mass. All profits go to the work of the Ingleburn Chapter of St Vincent de Paul Society.

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.