A CALL TO LIVE THE JUBILEE

Jubilee Pilgrimage Day

Saturday 6 September

The parishof 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. Taking place on Saturday, 6 September, 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!

What the day will include:

10:00am: Mass
10:45am: Catechesis by Elise Duval: Discover the Jubilee
11.45am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession available
3:00pm : Benediction

- Please BYO lunch.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK (3–10 August)

Are you feeling a call to serve God and His people? During this National Vocations Awareness Week, take time to reflect on God's plan for you.
Pray for the courage to answer His call and consider if the priesthood might be your path to fulfilling His will.
Our community needs dedicated priests to lead us in faith and service.
If you are discerning a vocation to the priesthood, we are here to support you on your journey.
If you would like any further support, please don't hesitate to contact Fr Duane Fernandez (Vocations Director) *vocations@dow.org.au.*

Would you like to learn to ring? Or at least find out what is 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

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

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 12-14 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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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C
10 August 2025

Reflection by Greg Sunter

This week's gospel passage carries with it the expectation of the late 1st Century as the early Christians awaited the triumphant return of the Christ (sometimes called the Second Coming or the Parousia). This is a familiar theme through the gospels and, in fact, across the gospels we can see that the communities were beginning to face the realisation that the promised return was taking longer than they had expected. In the gospel of Mark, it is clear that the community expects the Parousia at any moment, while by the time of the writing of the gospel of Luke, 10 or 15 years later, we can see that the language has taken on an aspect of uncertainty about the timing – it could be sooner or it could be later ('It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third…').

What began to emerge was an attitude that if we don't know when the Parousia will come, then we need to live 'in anticipation' of it. We need to live as if the Parousia were imminent. So, rather than waiting for the kingdom of God to be delivered, we must live our lives in such a way as to bring about the kingdom; to draw the kingdom into the present. Jesus often spoke of the kingdom as both near and not yet. If we all live the values of the kingdom, by our very actions we bring the kingdom into being. This gives an incredible significance to the way we choose to live our lives. If we 'invest' in the kingdom by living out the values of the kingdom and living in expectation of the Parousia, then that 'investment' is its own reward.

Historical Context – Parousia

The Greek word parousia means 'presence' or 'arrival'. In ancient times the word was usually associated with the formal visit of a king or a ruler. The parousia of a king was a significant and sometimes formidable event. In the writings of the New Testament, the word is used for the return of Christ, the drawing to a close of salvation history and the full establishment of the kingdom of God. The earliest Christians expected to see the Parousia in their own lifetimes. The realisation that this was not to be the case led to a rethinking about living a Christian life.

Gospel Focus – Answer the Question!

Peter asks Jesus very specifically, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' Frustratingly for Peter (and for the audience), Jesus doesn't give the direct question a direct answer, he answers the question with another story. Throughout the gospels, this is a constant tactic used by Jesus. He almost never gives a question a straightforward answer. By doing this, he invites the questioner to reflect on their own question and their purpose in asking it in the first place. He also cleverly avoids being tied down to a yes/no answer when a matter is not that simple.

Have you thought? – Stewardship

Jesus responds to Peter's questioning the gospel in a roundabout way by speaking about a steward acting either faithfully and with wisdom or alternatively irresponsibly and recklessly. A steward is one who stands in the place of the master during the master's absence – taking on the duties, responsibilities and authority of the master. That's exactly what Christian people are called to do: become stewards who act in the place of Jesus as we await his return. As the prayer of St Teresa of Avila says, Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

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

15 Feast of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 9.15am (with School) and 6.30pm
16 Aboriginal Mass and Baptisms 10am, Holy Trinity
16 & 17 Social Gathering Weekend
22 Holy Family Youth & Young Adults "Bingo 4 Blessings Night", 6.30pm Parish Meeting Rooms
27 Year 1 & Year 5 attending 9am Mass

September

2 Monthly Morning Tea
7 Father's Day

PARISH GROUPS & MEETINGS

LEGION OF MARY
6.30pm every Wednesday in the Church Meeting Room.

BIBLE READING
Resuming *Wednesday 10 September*
at 9.45am 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

*A new **RCIA** program has commenced.*

If you, or anybody you know, is interested in being baptised, or becoming a member of the Catholic Church, please contact the parish office.
If you would you like to be part of the RICA team and help with the preparation of baptism of adults in our parish please speak with Fr Henry or contact the parish office.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 22 August
Youth & Young Adult "Bingo 4 Blessings" Night

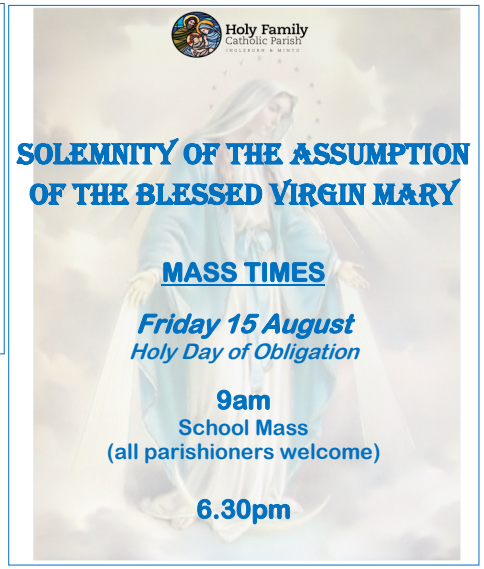
Saturday 18 October Youth & Young Adult Retreat

Sunday 9 November Sacrament of Confirmation

Thursday 20 November Choirs Gathering

Friday 5 December Parish Christmas Carols

Saturday 13 December Parish Advent Recollection Day



Liturgical Dates

August
10 St Lawrence, *Deacon and Martyr*
11 St Clare, *Virgin*

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*.

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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.*
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; Edgee Le Clerc, Deborah Wolf (nee Tattler), Ron Tattler, Father Peter Caruana, Paul Collins, Phero Le Luong.

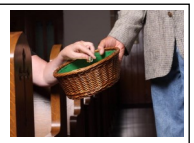
Other intentions: For all Year 12 students sitting their trial HSC exams.
For all seminarians, as they continue their journey toward the priesthood: may their hearts remain open to God's will, steadfast in faith, and inspired daily by the example of Christ the Good Shepherd.

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 for Mass to be held at St Mary MacKillop Parish, Oran Park
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 at St Mary MacKillop Parish, Oran Park.