

"Our faith calls us to help one another through prayer and action. Offering dignified support and care for our retired clergy, who have always cared for us; and the sound and holistic formation of our Seminarians, our future priests, are my responsibilities as your Bishop.

I seek your prayers and practical support to help me ensure that I can do this. Your donation to this appeal is very much appreciated."

+ Bishop Brian Mascord

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A special collection will take place in our parish on the weekends of 20/21 and 27/28 September.





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#### **What's On In Our Diocese**

#### Catechist Retreat 2025: Growing in Faith, Hope and Love

As part of the Jubilee for Catechists, *Growing in Faith, Hope and Love* will be a joyful day of celebration and a special time to be nourished and refreshed. Wonderful facilitators: Jude Hennessy, Fr Bernard Gordon VG, and Sr Magdalen Mather OSB, will each lead us into a richer and more personal understanding of the theological virtues: Faith, Hope and Love.

The retreat will be 9:30am - 2:30pm in two locations: Wollongong on Monday 22 September and Rosemeadow on Friday 26 September. Spouses are welcome. Morning Tea is provided. BYO lunch.

#### To register go to: dow.sh/catret

## Vocaris: Testimony Night! Saturday, 4 October (6pm to 10pm) Wilton Community Centre: Main Hall, 20 Broughton Street. WILTON

Inviting all young adults (over the age of 18) to our next VOCARIS, a testimony night – a powerful evening of faith, testimonies, and community, brought to you by the Vocations Promotions Team! Whether you're a regular at events or brand new, you're so welcome here.

What's for Dessert? HOT CHOCOLATE STATION

For more details and registration visit: dow.sh/4mIVvrD

### menALIVE Growing Good Men Father and Teenage Son Weekend - Friday 5-Sunday 7 December The Tops Conference Centre, Stanwell Tops

A powerful weekend for fathers and their teenage sons (ages 12-17). Strengthen your bond, explore the journey into manhood, and share in engaging activities, reflection, prayer, and a memorable Rite of Passage. **Cost:** \$500 per father and son pair (\$250 each), includes accommodation, all meals, activities and resources. For further information and registration, please visit dow.org.au/events

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



**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.hft.org.au Email: ingleburn@dow.org.au Hours: 8.45am-2.45pm Tues-Thurs Phone:(02) 9059 4134

## The Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Year C 14 September 2025 Safeguarding Sunday

# PEACE WITH CREATION SEASON OF CREATION 2025

#### Gospel Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we concentrate on the power of the cross in our lives. It is the ultimate demonstration of the nature of God. Christ gave of himself even to death on the cross. This is characteristic, not only of the man Jesus, but

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of the Godhead. Creation is the first example of divine emptying; redemption is the ultimate example. Unlike Good Friday when we stand before the stark cross and mourn the death of our innocent messiah, today we stand before the glorious cross and praise God for God's incomprehensible goodness toward us. God's graciousness is poured out indiscriminately, prodigally as only profound love can be given. Such is the nature of our God, and the cross is the symbol of this nature.

Jesus compares the pole in the wilderness on which was fixed the serpent to the cross which becomes the source of our healing. It was through the cross that Jesus conquered sin and death and won for us access to God. It is through the cross that we die to sin and rise to new life in Christ. As painful as life's crosses may be, they serve to transform us. It can be our hope in the midst of pain and suffering and brokenness, because it promises to carry us into new life.

Through the goodness of God, which has been poured out for us, we have been granted eternal life. It is incomprehensible to think that death is the way to life, but that is the message of this feast. The cross, which is a sign of shame and misery, is now a symbol of glory and exaltation.

#### Safeguarding commitment statement

The Catholic Diocese of Wollongong is unwavering in its commitment to the safety and wellbeing of all persons in the diocese, in particular children, young people and vulnerable persons. This is at the heart of everything we do.

Every person has the right to be informed, heard, respected, empowered and to feel safe.

As a diocese, and as individuals, we commit to being safe people in the lives of all persons in the diocese, in particular children, young people and vulnerable persons, and to work together with them to create cultures that honour dignity, enrich wellbeing, and keep them safe.

#### Safeguarding Sunday, 14 September 2025

Today we are gathered on Safeguarding Sunday, a day when we pause to focus on our responsibility to protect and care for those who are vulnerable. In the Bible, we find a clear and strong message about justice, compassion, and speaking up for those who cannot speak for themselves. We are called to be a safe, welcoming and hope-filled church. In our everyday lives, let's be mindful of those around us who are vulnerable or marginalised. Who are the "silent" ones in our society, the ones without a voice? Today, God may be calling you to stand up for them. Whether it's through prayer, support, or direct action, we are invited to participate in God's work of justice.

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**

#### September

17 Kindergarten & Year 6 attending 9am Mass

20 & 21 Social Gathering Weekend

The Bishop's Annual Appeal
Older Children Baptism Preparation Session, 3.30pm

Parish Meeting Room

22 Sacrament of Confirmation Preparation Session 1, 6.30pm

24 Year 4 & Year 2 attending 9am Mass

26 Y&YA Meeting, 6.30pm Parish Meeting Room

27 & 28 The Bishop's Annual Appeal

28 Older Children Baptism Preparation Session, 3.30pm

#### October

5 Older Children Baptism Preparation Session, 3.30pm Parish Meeting Room

13 Sacrament of Confirmation Preparation Session 2, 6.30pm

19 Lord of Miracles, 1pm Mass



Saturday 18 October Youth & Young Adult Retreat

**Sunday 9 November** Sacrament of Confirmation

Thursday 20 November Choirs Gathering

Friday 5 December Parish Christmas Carols

<u>Saturday 13 December</u> Parish Advent Recollection Day

#### **PARISH GROUPS & MEETINGS**

#### **LEGION OF MARY**

6.30pm 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.



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#### **Liturgical Dates**

#### <u>September</u>

14 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

- 15 Our Lady of Sorrows
- 16 Saints Cornelius, *Pope* and Cyprian, *Bishop, Martyrs*
- 20 Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, *Priest*, Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, *Martyrs*

### Baptism

#### <u>Baptism for Older Children</u> <u>(aged 7 to 12 years)</u>

#### Preparation Dates

Sunday, 21 September, 3.30pm followed by 5pm Mass Sunday, 28 September, 3.30pm followed by 5pm Mass Sunday, 5 October, 3.30pm followed by 5pm Mass Sunday, 19 October, 3.30pm followed by 5pm Mass

<u>The Sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated on</u> <u>Sunday, 26 October at 5pm Mass</u>

If you have a child (aged 7 to 12 years) and you would like them to be baptised, please contact the Parish Office.

#### **Sacrament of Confirmation**



The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Sunday, 9th November.

#### Compulsory Preparation Dates

Session 1 - Monday, 22 September, 6.30pm.

Session 2 - Monday, 13 October at 6.30pm.

Session 3 - Monday, 20 October at 6.30pm. Session 4 - Monday 27 October at 6.30pm

Session 5 - Monday, 3 November at 6.30pm.

Registration via the parish website.

## CCIA ...a journey in faith tet el Christian intration for Adults

#### RCIA PROGRAM

A new <u>RCIA</u> program has commenced.

Please contact the parish office if you would like further information.

## 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.



**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. Lito De La Rosa, Horatius Y. Macariola, Susan (Sue) Lattuga, Kenneth Krezel, George Mikhael, Luisa Lena, Darren Mack, Damirka (Doreen) Novakovich, Fely Myers, Apaula Martin, Gladys Bucad.

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, Sue Mahony, Gerry Honrade, Exequel Honrade, Ricardo Villarosa, Maxima Diola, Bridie Ryan, Joyce Eagle, Clarita Trajano, Rodrigo Dumlao, and Control of the Pather, may they rest in peace.

**Other intentions**: For all Year 11 students sitting their Preliminary Examinations. Thanksgiving Mass to God for Jayanthini & Christy Reanson's birthdays.

<u>Visiting the Sick and Homebound</u>. 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 <u>Piety Stall</u> is open after each weekend Mass. All profits go to the work of the Ingleburn Chapter of St Vincent de Paul Society.

#### **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.

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



#### Olivia Gale and Isabella Gale.

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.



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



Mass Procession and Tribute Lord of Miracles Ingleburn 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Sunday 19 October 2025 1:00pm Holy Family Catholic Church 136 Oxford Road, Ingleburn NSW 2565

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