

## What's On In Our Diocese

**Diocese of Wollongong Men's Prayer Breakfast Launch**  
**Friday, 28 November 6:30am-8am Xavier Conference Room, 38 Harbour St Wollongong**  
**Guest Speaker: Peter Abela** Cost: \$20 RSVP: [dow.sh/mpb25](http://dow.sh/mpb25)  
*The Men's Prayer Breakfast Series is organised by the Office of Renewal and Evangelisation and menALIVE in the Diocese of Wollongong*

### Jubilee Year Event: Jubilee Pilgrimage Day: Our Souls and Prayer

The parish of **Our Lady Help of Christians, Rosemeadow** invites everyone to our final Jubilee Pilgrimage Day. The day will include a catechesis that will explore God's plan for creation, the structure of the soul, and the essential role of prayer in leading us into the innermost chamber of our souls, where Christ our Bridegroom dwells. Taking place on **Saturday, 6 December, the day begins with Mass at 10:00am**, followed by the 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 and hope!

### Register Now! 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:** \$400 per father and son pair, includes accommodation, all meals, activities and resources. To register [www.dow.org.au/events](http://www.dow.org.au/events)

### Jubilee Year Event: Cathedral Jubilee Pilgrimage and Feast Day Celebration - Saturday 6 December 2025

**St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong.** See updated event details here: <https://lumenchristi.org.au/celebrations/pilgrimage-and-feast-day>. Come, walk in faith and be renewed in hope.

**Advent Retreat St Mary's Towers: 415 Douglas Park Drive, Douglas Park, Saturday 13 December 2025 9:30am – 3:30pm** You are invited to a day of calm contemplation amongst the beautiful surroundings of St Mary's Towers Retreat Centre in Douglas Park. This is a day of embracing a slower pace, rekindling our inner journey, and enjoying time with like-minded others. The day will include sensory prayer walks, lectio divina, breathing meditation and praying through walking the labyrinth. Cost: \$60 (morning tea and lunch are included).  
 RSVP by 3 December: contact 0422 725 438 or [christabelhoneysett@barnabasministries.org.au](mailto:christabelhoneysett@barnabasministries.org.au)



**Holy Family**  
**Catholic Parish**  
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**Holy Family Church**  
 136 Oxford Rd, Ingleburn

**Holy Trinity Church**  
 57 Guernsey Ave, Minto

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**Hours:** 8.45am-2.45pm Tues-Thurs  
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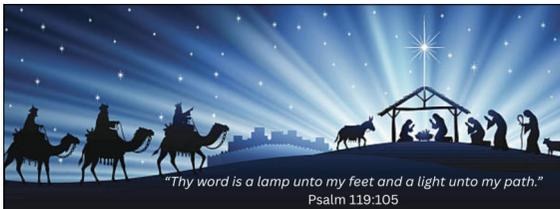
**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Year C**  
**23 November 2025**

### Reflection by Father Henry

This Sunday is the final Sunday of the church's liturgical calendar as we celebrate *Christ the King*. Concentrating on the crucifixion for Christ the King Sunday is a confluence of some rather puzzling and disturbing truths. First of all, in Jesus, we have a king who is crucified. Second, we have a king who forgives the very people who have secured his death. Third, we have a king who, while hanging on his cross, grants salvation to the criminal on the cross next to him. And fourth, we have a king who brings the condemned into Paradise with him rather than bring upon them further condemnation.

One of the primary characteristics of our king, Jesus Christ is his commitment to solidarity with those who suffer. The salvation in which we believe because of the cross of Christ is not just about Jesus' death. It is salvation that the criminal received, felt, and knew both before his own death and Jesus' death - that there was someone who saw his suffering, who was willing to stand in that suffering with him, who spoke up against his suffering in the form of empire, evil, and totalitarianism. That someone was Jesus. The criminal died knowing that someone was with him in his suffering.

As we worship Christ as our God and King, we are reminded that Christ is with us in our sufferings. We recognize our worth as human beings, redeemed in His Blood, who suffered and died on the Cross that we might live, through the power of His Resurrection. The Eucharist, Holy Mass, is our Church's principal means of bestowing the needed grace for us and experiencing it sacramentally.



## ADVENT RETREAT

### FROM EDEN TO BETHLEHEM



Retreat Facilitator:  
**Charbel Raish**

**Saturday 13 December 2025**  
**9am to 5pm**

Please register on the parish website [hfi.org.au](http://hfi.org.au)

 **Holy Family**  
 Catholic Parish  
 Holy Family Catholic Church (Parish Meeting Room)  
 136 Oxford Road, Ingleburn

### NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

We traditionally pray for all our departed loved ones during the month of November. If you would like a Mass offered for departed family or loved one, please fill out a November Mass Offering Envelope available in Church. Masses will be offered during November and ongoing. If you would like Mass offered on a particular day, please see Father Henry.

We will also remember our loved ones who have died in our Book of Remembrance which will be on display in the Church during November.

We invite you to take a moment to add the names of your loved ones to our Parish Book of Remembrance.  
**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.**

### 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.

### SERVICE TIMES

Parish	Service	Day	Time
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
Holy Trinity	Reconciliation	Tue Sat	6.30pm - 7pm 9am - 10am
	Rosary	Mon	7pm
	Reconciliation	Wed	5.45pm - 6pm
	Mass	Wed	6pm
		Sun	8am

## What's On In Our Parish

### November

22 State Organs Documentary Screening, 6pm

### December

3 Monthly Morning Tea after 9am Mass  
5 Parish Christmas Carols, 6.30pm  
13 Parish Advent Reflection Day with Charbel Raish, 9am-5pm  
19 Bible Study, 7pm  
20 Aboriginal Mass and Baptisms 10am, Holy Trinity  
27 & 28 Social Gathering Weekend -

### January

16 Bible Study, 7pm  
30 Bible Study, 7pm

## Liturgical Dates

### November

22 St Cecilia, *Virgin and Martyr*  
24 St Andrew Dung-Lac, *Priest and Companions, Martyrs*  
25 Saint Catherine of Alexandria, *Virgin and Martyr*  
30 St Andrew, *Apostle*

### December

3 St Francis Xavier, *Priest*  
7 St Ambrose, *Bishop and doctor of the Church*  
8 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
12 Our Lady of Guadalupe  
13 St Lucy, *Virgin and Martyr*  
14 St John of the Cross, *Priest and Doctor of the Church*  
25 The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)  
26 St Stephen, *Apostle and Evangelist*  
27 St John, *Apostle and Evangelist*  
28 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

## Acknowledgement of Country

At the last Parish Pastoral Council meeting, it was decided that beginning with the new liturgical year, an Acknowledgement of Country will be introduced and displayed on a slide before each Mass. This acknowledgement will not be spoken aloud or read by anyone. Instead, the slide will appear for a short time before Mass begins, offering parishioners a quiet opportunity to read, reflect and pray in their own time.

This simple gesture invites us to recognise the Traditional Custodians of the land on which our parish gather and to honour their enduring care for and spiritual connection to God's creation. It also offers us a moment to pray for healing, reconciliation, and deeper unity - values at the heart of our Catholic faith and central to the Gospel message.

We thank you for taking a brief moment of silent reflection when the slide is shown and for embracing this addition with the same spirit of openness and charity that characterises our parish family.

May this new season draw us deeper into understanding, peace, and unity as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ.

## Christmas Carols by the Marian Singers

The Marian Singers are bringing the sounds of the season to our parish community! Throughout this Advent and Christmas seasons, they'll be spreading joy with heartwarming carols at homes, gatherings, and events. If you'd like to be serenaded with festive cheer, please contact Aida 0422 907 250 or Recto 0436 911 827 to schedule a visit. **Support Our Parish** While the music is free, donations are warmly welcomed to support parish initiatives. Let's make this season meaningful for all. Let's celebrate with music, joy, and the spirit of togetherness!

**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, offering a wide range of Bibles, prayer books, rosary beads, and gifts for Confirmation, Holy Communion and Baptism, other religious items are available. All profits support the work of the Ingleburn Chapter of the St Vincent de Paul Society.

**Weekend Readers Rosters** If you are interested in joining this ministry, please neatly and clearly write your name, contact details and preferred mass time on the sign up sheet in the Church foyer. If you are a current reader and would like to be removed from the roster, please speak with Sharon.

**Neocatechumenal Community** Morning Prayer will take place in the Church at 6pm, Monday to Friday beginning the first week of Advent. Everyone is welcome.

## Holy Family Parish Christmas Carols

Join us for a joyful evening of sacred hymns and carols as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

FRIDAY 5 DECEMBER 2025  
6.30PM

BYO drinks and food to share for supper afterwards (NO alcohol).

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Friday 5 December** Parish Christmas Carols

**Saturday 13 December** Parish Advent Recollection Day

**We pray ...** 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, Susitina Unasa.

**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.*

Susan (Sue) Lattuga, Kenneth Krezel, George Mikhael, Luisa Lena, Darren Mack, Damirka (Doreen) Novakovich, Fely Myers, Apaula Martin, Gladys Bucad, Iakimo Vilis, George Mikhael, Maria Paz Maracha, Juanita Sibi, Agustin F. Llenado, John Payne, Mary Kathleen and Graeme Hunter, .For the parents and 8 siblings of Mrs Belen Bernando.

**For those whose death anniversaries occur at this time:** *Having returned to the Father, may they rest in peace. Amen.* For those who have nobody to pray for them; For all of our family members and friends; Victoria C. Macariola, Pablo Tubera, Domenica Occhiuto, Maureen Healy, Paul Collins and Jan Collins.

With joyful hearts, we welcomed the newly Baptised into our Parish community:  
**Esther Phornthip, Eleanor Cooper, Holly Rautahi-Spilker, Jacob Rautahi-Spilker, Rylee Rautahi-Spilker, Arkhen Handoko, Harvey Handoko and Isla Hinton.**

*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.*

## Thank You

Catholic Mission Appeal  
\$1,741.20

## 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

Acct name: Ingleburn Presbytery  
BSB: 066711  
Account number: 001978

### Second collection

Acct name: Ingleburn Parish  
BSB: 066711  
Account number: 001773

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

The Columban Art Calendar is an iconic Catholic calendar, well-known for its traditional religious paintings and liturgical information and is a major fundraiser for Columban Missionaries.

2026 Columban Catholic Art Calendar's can be purchased from the Piety Stall for \$11.



Embark on a spiritual journey of hope this Advent and Christmas with **The Promise: Advent and Christmas Daily Reflections 2025** - a beautifully presented 88-page book of daily reflections designed to guide you from the beginning of Advent (30 November) through to the Baptism of the Lord (11 January).

*The Promise* can be purchased from the table in the Church foyer after each weekend Mass for \$3.

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