What's On In Our Diocese

***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

***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

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First Sunday of Advent, Year A
30 November 2025

Reflection by Father Henry

No season of the year is more at odds with the prevailing culture today than Advent. The advertising blitz for the Christmas shopping binge, reinforced by Christmas decor in shops, stores and streets, starts several weeks prior to Advent. To make matters worse, all this commercial Christmas decoration disappears on Christmas night to make way for the Boxing Day sales.

And yet, the church's liturgy urges us to prepare. This Sunday's readings are all focused in this direction. Isaiah says, "let us climb the Lord's mountain." The psalmist says, *"Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord."* The Gospel reminds us that, "*two men will be out in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left.*" St. Paul tells us that *"it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed*." The Church, through her selection of scriptures at this Mass, is calling us to turn to God and go to him. In a word, the Church is calling us to *repent*.

This Advent, we are encouraged to try and not get caught up in celebrating Christmas for four straight weeks, because then we miss out on something truly important. We miss out on the very time of preparation for both Christmas and the Return of the King that the Church has given us.

Avent reminds us that now is the time to prepare and be ready. Now is the time to wake up and to reflect if we've grown slack in our prayers, routines, and practices. If you're waiting for a spiritual wake-up call, today's gospel is it. Now is the time when we prepare to see the loving Master come once again and long to hear him say to us, *"Well done, my good and faithful servants*."

PARISH GROUPS & MEETINGS

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

BIBLE READING
Has concluded for 2025. Will recommence in 2026.

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			
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

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

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

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, Josephine Flores Ferrer.

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.*
George Mikhael, 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 and loved ones of Mrs Belen H. Bernardo.

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; Pablo Tubera, Domenica Occhiuto, Maureen Healy, Paul Collins and Jan Collins.

Other intentions: The Diocesan representatives attending the Australian Catholic Youth Festival.

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.

Volunteers Needed for Church Upkeep

We are looking for friendly volunteers to help with various tasks around the church - gardening, lawn maintenance, and general cleaning both inside and outside.

If you are handy and willing to assist with small repairs or maintenance projects, we would greatly appreciate your help.

Your time and effort make a real difference. Thank you for considering lending a hand.

Please leave your details with the Parish Office.

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.

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.

ST FRANCIS XAVIER FEAST DAY

The Indian community invites you to celebrate the Holy Mass of Saint Francis Xavier's Feast on 3 December at 6.30pm.
Mass at St Thomas More Catholic Church, Ruse
43 Acacia Ave, Ruse NSW 2560
Please bring a plate to share.

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

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.

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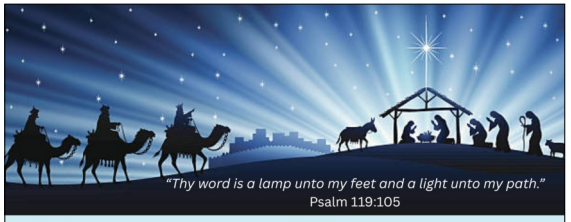

ADVENT RETREAT
FROM EDEN TO BETHLEHEM

Retreat Facilitator:
Charbel Raish

Saturday 13 December 2025
9am to 5pm

Please register on the parish website hfi.org.au

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