

2025 Christmas Schedule

Advent Reconciliation Times

Tuesday 16 December 6pm-7pm & 8pm for as long as required
 Saturday 20 December 9am-11am
 Tuesday 23 December 5pm-7pm

The Nativity of the Lord

Christmas Eve – Wednesday 24 December

5pm Holy Family Church Ingleburn
 7pm Holy Trinity Church Minto
 10pm Holy Family Church Ingleburn

Christmas Day – Thursday 25 December

9am Holy Family Church Ingleburn

Christmas Octave

9am Friday 26 December Holy Family Church Ingleburn
 9am Saturday 27 December Holy Family Church Ingleburn
 9am Monday 29 December Holy Family Church Ingleburn
 7pm Tuesday 30 December Holy Family Church Ingleburn
 9am Wednesday 31 December Holy Family Church Ingleburn
 6pm Wednesday 31 December Holy Trinity Church Minto
 7pm Wednesday 31 December Holy Family Church Ingleburn
 9am Thursday 1 January Holy Family Church Ingleburn
 7pm Thursday 1 January Holy Family Church Ingleburn

Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday 27 December

5pm Holy Family Church Ingleburn

Sunday 28 December

8am Holy Trinity Church Minto
 9am Holy Family Church Ingleburn
 5pm Holy Family Church Ingleburn

*Celebrate Christmas
with Us*



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Catholic Parish**
 INGLEBURN & MINTO
 136 Oxford Road, Ingleburn



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**Third Sunday of Advent, Year A
14 December 2025**

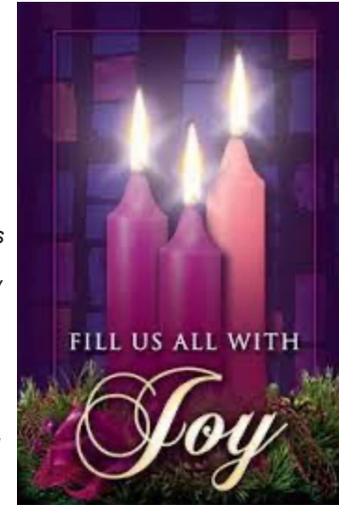
Reflection by Father Henry

On the first Sunday of Advent, we heard Jesus exhort the disciples, *“Therefore, stay awake!”* Last Sunday we heard John the Baptist, the voice in the wilderness, preaching *Repent!* This weekend, on Gaudete Sunday, we hear of joy, exultation, glory and gladness. *“Be strong,”* declared the prophet Isaiah, *“fear not!”*

But no joy can be found if we are not awake; those who slumber cannot sing. And there is no joy for the sinner, for those who refuse to repent cannot be reborn or renewed. *“The power of rejoicing is always a fair test of a man’s moral condition,”* observed Archbishop Fulton Sheen. *“No man can be happy on the outside who is already unhappy on the inside... As sorrow is attendant on sin, so joy is the companion of holiness.”*

Today’s reading from James anticipates one of the serious challenges for everyone who has awoken and repented and now waits: impatience. *“Be patient, therefore, brothers,”* writes James, who was addressing Christians dispersed outside of Palestine, *“until the coming of the Lord”* (Jm 5:7).

In today’s Gospel the imprisoned John the Baptist sent his disciples to Jesus, asking, *“Are you the one who is to come?”* John was a prophet – *“and more than a prophet”* – but he was not the Saviour. He announced that the Kingdom of heaven was at hand, but he was not the King. John’s greatness came from his faithful, joyful proclamation of the greatness of the Lord. Like him, we are called to rejoice in the glory, the gift and the goodness of God.



*Holy Family
Feast Day*

At ALL Masses on
27 and 28 December
we will celebrate our
Patronal Feast Day

Please bring a plate of finger food to share.

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HF YOUTH + YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY 2025

*End of Year
Meeting*

SUNDAY 14 DECEMBER 2025

Join us for our final Youth & Y.A gathering of the year
after 9am Mass in the Parish Meeting rooms

*Bring a friend ☺ And your ideas in preparation for an exciting year
ahead ☺ we look forward to seeing you there!*

Light refreshments provided

PLEASE NOTE

Our Parish Secretary will be on leave
from 19 December 2025 to 12 January 2026.
If you require anything urgently, please
contact Father Henry.

*During January there will be **NO**:*
 Tuesday night Rosary or Adoration - Mass
 will remain as normal at 7pm.
 Youth & Young Adult Meeting.
 Bible Sharing.
 Bible Reading.

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

- 13 Parish Advent Reflection Day with Charbel Raish, 9am-5pm
- 14 Youth & Young Adults End of Year Meeting after 9am Mass
- 19 Bible Study, 7pm
- 20 Aboriginal Mass and Baptisms 10am, Holy Trinity
- 27 & 28 Patronal Feast Day Social Gathering Weekend

January

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

PARISH GROUPS & MEETINGS

LEGION OF MARY

6.30pm every Wednesday in the Church Meeting Room.

BIBLE STUDY

7pm 1st & 3rd Friday in the Parish Meeting Room.

CHILDRENS LITURGY

Every Sunday during 9am Mass.

BIBLE READING

Has concluded for 2025. Will recommence in 2026.

BIBLE SHARING

Has concluded for 2025. Will recommence in February 2026 at 7pm 2nd & 4th Friday in the Parish Meeting Room.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

Has concluded for 2025. Will recommence in 2026.

Liturgical Dates

December

- 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



Saturday 27 & Sunday 28 December

Patronal Feast Day - Social Gathering Weekend

Wednesday 31 December

Mass at 9am and 7pm at Holy Family Ingleburn
Mass at 6pm at Holy Trinity Minto

Thursday 1 January

Mass at 9am and 7pm Holy Family Ingleburn

Thank You Mr. Charbel Raish

A Heartfelt Thank You to Mr. Charbel Raish

We extend our warmest gratitude to Mr. Charbel Raish for joining us on Saturday, 13 December 2025, and for so generously leading our Advent Retreat and Reflection Day, "From Eden to Bethlehem."

Your thoughtful reflections, deep love for the faith, and gift for teaching have truly enriched our parish community. As we journey through this holy season of Advent, your guidance has helped us enter more fully into the mystery of God's loving plan - from the beginning of salvation history to the humble glory of Christ's birth.

Thank you, Mr Raish, for giving your time, your wisdom, and your heart to our parish. May God continue to bless your ministry abundantly, and may the Holy Family watch over you and your loved ones.

In gratitude and prayer,
Holy Family Parish, Ingleburn

Parish Christmas Carols Thank You

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make our Parish Carols on Friday, 5 December, such a beautiful and joy-filled evening.

To the Choirs who shared their gifts so generously - your voices lifted our spirits and filled the church with the true warmth of the Christmas season. Your dedication, preparation, and joyful presence were deeply appreciated by all.

Warm thanks to the Hospitality Team and to all who brought a plate to share. Your kindness and generosity created a wonderful sense of fellowship and celebration.

We also extend our gratitude to the parish school community for their support and involvement. Your presence and participation truly enriched the evening and strengthened the bond we share as one faith community.

We are blessed to be part of such a vibrant, caring parish. Thank you for giving your time, your talents, and your hearts.

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.

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.

Christmas Pageant 2025

This year we would like to do a Christmas Pageant in a fun and imaginative way of retelling the Christmas Story through music. We are looking for boys and girls to partake in the pageant that will be performed at the Christmas Vigil. We are also looking for parents to help prepare the children for the pageant. Please write your contact details on the sign up sheet in the Church foyer or contact Henry or Emma on 0452 341 041.

Macarthur Combined Churches Christmas Lunch

If you have no plans for Christmas Day this year, members of the Macarthur Combined Churches invite you to come and enjoy a day out and share the meaning of Christmas by attending their annual Christmas lunch at the Campbelltown Civic Centre. People from all walks of life attend this free celebration. The event runs from 10:30 am to 2:00 pm at the Campbelltown Civic Centre, which is located at 91 Queen St, Campbelltown. Morning tea is at 10:30 am and lunch is served at 12 noon.

 **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.* 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; , Paul Collins and Jan Collins, Anthony William Eskett, Jacob Pullan, Domingo Diola, Eladio Vellarosa, Julie Concepcion, Eugenia Vellarosa.

Other intentions: We keep in our prayers all Year 12 students awaiting their HSC and ATAR results this week. May the peace of Christ calm their hearts, and may they know their worth comes from God, not from any mark or rank. Lord, please continue to bless, guide and protect them as they look toward the future. Amen.



With joyful hearts, during November, we welcomed the newly Baptised into our Parish community:

Evie Gudge, Antonio Mavros, Greyson Patti, Elijah Lang, Eden Harris, Henry Berry and Gwendolyn Yiu.

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.

Parish Planned Giving

Thank you for supporting your parish.

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