

Thank You For 2025!

Thank you for being part of our Parish community in 2025. We want you to know how much we appreciate your faithful presence and active participation in parish life. Your continued engagement strengthens our community and enriches our shared journey of faith.

We are grateful for our parish priest, and we also recognise that parish life flourishes only when we work together. It takes all of us - priest, laity, parents, children - to be the complete Body of Christ. Your willingness to assume greater roles and responsibilities in parish ministries, activities and leadership has helped our parish grow and thrive.

While we give thanks for all that has been accomplished, our work is not finished. Many opportunities for service and participation await us in the weeks and months ahead. We encourage you to continue supporting your parish and to invite others to join and become part of our parish family.

Some highlights from 2025 included:

- ✦ Friday Bible Sharing and Lenten/Advent Programs;
- ✦ Friday Bible Study;
- ✦ Wednesday Bible Reading;
- ✦ Welcome Mass with Holy Family Parish School;
- ✦ Ministry and Marriage Workshops;
- ✦ Sacramental Programs;
- ✦ Holy Week commemorations;
- ✦ Christmas celebrations;
- ✦ Various appeals;
- ✦ Ministry to the elderly in Nursing Homes;
- ✦ St Vincent de Paul, Legion of Mary, Neocatechumenal Way Community, Children's Liturgy Team, Youth and Young Adults Group.

Thank you for:

- ✦ Your consistent presence and spiritual support throughout the year;
- ✦ Your material and financial support of your parish;
- ✦ Cleaning and maintenance;
- ✦ Lawn mowing and grounds care;
- ✦ Flower arrangements;
- ✦ Church decorations and altar linens;
- ✦ Choirs, organists and musicians;
- ✦ Preparation and projecting our liturgies;
- ✦ All who serve at the Altar: Acolytes, Altar Servers, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers;
- ✦ Catechists;
- ✦ Hospitality team members;
- ✦ Bell Ringers;
- ✦ Sponsors;
- ✦ And all who contribute regularly to parish life in so many ways.

May God bless you abundantly for your generosity, faithfulness, and service. Together, let us continue building a vibrant and welcoming parish rooted in Christ.

With sincere gratitude,
Father Henry Adler SVD and the Parish Pastoral Council



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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph, Year A
28 December 2025

Reflection by Father Henry

On this Holy Family Sunday, the patronal feast day of our parish, we are invited to contemplate the life of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph - a family not marked by power or wealth, but by love, obedience, and trust in God. In Nazareth, God chose to dwell not in grandeur, but in the simplicity of family life. This alone teaches us that holiness is found in everyday moments: in work and rest, in listening and forgiving, in patience and sacrifice.

The Gospel presents the Holy Family as one that faced real struggles. They experienced uncertainty, displacement, and fear - most vividly when Mary and Joseph searched anxiously for the child Jesus in Jerusalem. Yet even in confusion, they remained faithful. Mary "kept all these things in her heart," showing us the importance of prayerful reflection, especially when we do not fully understand God's ways. Joseph, silent yet steadfast, models obedience and responsibility, reminding us that love is often expressed through action rather than words.

Jesus, though the Son of God, chose to grow within a human family and to be obedient to His parents. In doing so, He sanctified family life and taught us humility. His obedience was not weakness but loving trust - a lesson for children and adults alike.

As we celebrate our parish patronal feast, the Holy Family becomes both our model and our intercessor. In a world where families face many pressures - division, busyness, misunderstanding - we are reminded that unity is built on prayer, communication, and a shared openness to God's will. No family is perfect, but every family is called to holiness.

May the Holy Family bless our homes with peace, strengthen bonds of love, and help us grow together in faith. Like them, may we welcome Christ into our families, trusting that God is present in even the most ordinary moments of our lives.



SERVICE TIMES			
Holy Family	Mass	Wed - Fri	9am
		Tue	7pm
		First Friday of each month	6.30pm
		Sat	5pm Vigil
		Sun	9am and 5pm
	<i>Adoration</i>	Tues	7.30pm
	<i>Benediction</i>	First Friday of each month	9.30am
Holy Trinity	<i>Reconciliation</i>	Tue Sat	6.30pm - 7pm 9am - 10am
	<i>Rosary</i>	Mon	7pm
	<i>Reconciliation</i>	Wed	5.45pm - 6pm
	Mass	Wed	6pm
		Sun	8am

TUESDAY ROSARY AND ADORATION

On **Tuesday, 30 December**, Mass will be at **7:00pm only**, with *NQ* Rosary or Adoration.

Please also note that Rosary and Adoration will not be held throughout January and will resume on Tuesday 3 February 2026.

What's On In Our Parish

December

27 & 28 Patronal Feast Day Social Gathering Weekend

January

7 Monthly Morning Tea after 9am Mass

16 Bible Study, 7pm

17 & 18 Social Gathering Weekend

30 Bible Study, 7pm

February

1 Word of God Sunday - morning tea after 9am Mass
Samoa Mass with Father Feleki

14 & 15 Social Gathering Weekend

Liturgical Dates

December

28 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

January

1 Solemnity of Mary The Holy Mother of God

2 Sts Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen,
Bishops and Doctors of the Church

3 The Most Holy Name of Jesus

15 St Arnold Janssen SVD

17 St Anthony, *Abbot*

21 St Agnes, *Virgin and Martyr*

24 St Francis De Sales, *Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

25 The Conversion of Saint Paul The Apostle

26 Australia Day

27 Sts Timothy and Titus, *Bishops*

28 St Thomas Aquinas, *Priest and Doctor of the Church*

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

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.



The Jubilee Prayer

"Pilgrims of Hope"

Father in heaven,
may the *faith you have given us*
in your Son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity enkindled*
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.
May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.
May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you, our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.
Amen.

INVITATION TO JOIN THE SAINT CECILIA CHOIR

The **Saint Cecilia Choir** (formerly the Saint Peter & Saint Paul Choir) warmly invites parishioners to join their choir.

If you enjoy singing and would like to serve the parish through music, please see Isaia for more information.

Everyone is welcome!

Request for Professional Assistance

We warmly invite members of our parish community who have professional skills - such as carpentry, plumbing, electricians, IT knowledge, gardening/landscaping, or related trades - to kindly offer their assistance from time to time. If you are willing to help, please speak with Father Henry.

Your support would be greatly appreciated.

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.

RESUMING IN FEBRUARY

BIBLE SHARING

7pm 2nd & 4th Friday in the Parish Meeting Room.

RESUMING IN 2026

BIBLE READING

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

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

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

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SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF OUR PARISH – 2025 YEAR IN REVIEW

With grateful hearts, we rejoice in all that God has done in our parish during 2025. We celebrated the sacraments with many of our parishioners at every stage of life. A total of 59 children received their First Holy Communion, and 40 young people were strengthened in their faith through the Sacrament of Confirmation. We rejoiced with 27 couples united in the Sacrament of Matrimony, and we accompanied 14 families in prayer and hope, entrusting their loved ones to God's mercy through funeral liturgies.

New life in Christ continued to flourish as 76 infants and 15 older children were welcomed into the Church through Baptism. We also celebrated the faith journeys of 9 adults who entered into full communion with the Church through the RCIA process - 7 through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and 2 who were received into the Catholic Church.

We thank God for these sacred moments and for the continued growth and faithfulness of our parish family.



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.*

Agustin F. Llenado, John Payne, Mary Kathleen and Graeme Hunter, .For the parents and 8 siblings and loved ones of Mrs Belen H. Bernardo, Walter Glynn, Flora Manuel-Castro.

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; Anthony William Eskett, Jacob Pullan, Domingo Diola, Eladio Vellarosa, Julie Concepcion, Eugenia Vellarosa, Arther Giannetti, Gracie "Esso" Eshaya.

Other intentions: We keep in our prayers all Year 12 students who received their HSC and ATAR results. Lord, please continue to bless, guide and protect them as they look toward the future.

For all students and their teachers at the conclusion of this academic year - may you all have a safe, refreshing holiday break. Best wishes to all Year 6 students - may you transition smoothly into your secondary education journey. Farewell to all families and teachers leaving Holy Family Parish Primary School. May the Holy Family - Jesus, Mary and Joseph - guide and protect you and may God richly bless you in all that lies ahead.

Thanksgiving from Lynette Chacon for Andrew Chacon.