

# Thank You For 2024!

Thank you for being part of our Parish in 2024. We want you to know how much we appreciate your consistent presence and participation in our community. Thank you for your continued active engagement in our parish life. We are grateful, as we should be, for our parish priest, but we know he can't do it alone. It takes all of us - priest, laity, parents, children, to be the complete Body of Christ. Your willingness to assume greater roles and responsibilities with respect to various parish ministries and activities and leadership opportunities has helped us to grow as a parish. But our work is not done, there is still plenty of opportunities awaiting us in the weeks and months ahead. Please continue to support your parish and encourage others to join and be part of our parish family.

Some highlights from 2024 included:

- ✦ Friday Bible Sharing and Lenten/Advent Programs;
- ✦ Wednesday Bible Reading;
- ✦ Welcome Mass with Holy Family School;
- ✦ Ministry Workshops;
- ✦ Sacramental Programs;
- ✦ L'Estro Armonico String Orchestra;
- ✦ Holy Week commemorations;
- ✦ Parish Fair;
- ✦ 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 in the parish and your spiritual support throughout the year;
- ✦ Your material support of your parish;
- ✦ Cleaning and maintenance;
- ✦ Lawn mowing and grounds maintenance;
- ✦ Flower arrangements;
- ✦ Church decorations and altar linens;
- ✦ Choirs, organists and musicians;
- ✦ Preparation and projecting our liturgies;
- ✦ All who serve on the Altar, Acolytes, Altar Servers, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers;
- ✦ Catechists;
- ✦ Hospitality team;
- ✦ Bell Ringers;
- ✦ Sponsors;
- ✦ Your regular contributions to your parish in various ways.

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## Holy Family Catholic Parish

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph, Year C  
29 December 2024

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Ingleburn

**Holy Trinity Church**  
57 Guernsey Ave  
Minto

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### Reflection

Today is the Feast of the Holy Family, and our Parish Patronal Feast-Day.

Just the word "family" triggers an instant reaction in many people, in positive, and sometimes not so positive ways. Many of us may not feel like our family is very holy, and perhaps are even ashamed of our families, because we do not live up to the Christian ideal.

By celebrating the Sunday following Christmas as the Feast of the Holy Family, the Church encourages us to look to the Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph for inspiration, example and encouragement. They were a model family in which both parents worked hard, helped each other, understood and accepted each other, and took good care of their Child so that He might grow up not only in human knowledge but also as a Child of God. Jesus brought holiness to the family of Joseph and Mary as Jesus brings us holiness by embracing us in His family. *The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC)* gives the following advice to the parents: "Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children. They bear witness to this responsibility first by *creating a home* where tenderness, forgiveness, respect, fidelity, and disinterested service are the rule. The home is well-suited for *education in the virtues*."

We may not experience our family as perfect. We may even struggle to accept some members of our families, but these are who we are. The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph were united in one heart and one mind. They accepted to be faithful to God and shared what they learned from each other. Mary and Joseph were a people with a mission to share God's presence with the world. May our families be given the strength to live out this mission in our lives and interactions with others.



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

## What's On In Our Parish

### December

28 & 29 Patronal Feast Day (Social Gathering weekend)

### January

- 1 Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God (Mass: Holy Family - 9am/7pm, Holy Trinity - 6pm)
- 15 St Arnold Janssen SVD, Founder of the Society of the Divine Word
- 18 & 19 Monthly Social Gathering Weekend
- 26 Australia Day
- 29 St Joseph Freinademetz SVD, Priest & Missionary of the Society of the Divine Word

## Liturgical Dates

### December

- 28 The Holy Innocents, *Martyrs*
- 29 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*
- 31 St John Bosco, *Priest*

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### Sunday 29 December

Patronal Feast of Holy Family

### LEGION OF MARY

7.30pm every Wednesday in the Church Meeting Room.

## RESUMING IN FEBRUARY

### FRIDAY WITH THE WORD OF GOD

7pm every Friday - Parish Meeting Room.

### BIBLE READING

9.45am every second & fourth Wednesday of the month in the Church Meeting Room.

### YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS MEETING

6.30pm every second and fourth Friday of the month in the Parish Meeting Room

### CHILDRENS LITURGY

During 9am Mass every second and fourth Sunday of the month



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

**Sebastian Kiriakos, Alexander Bunoza, Zoe Valentina Astudillo, Leo Stjepan Vojvodic, Lyana Ponce and Bobbi Allen.**

*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.*



**Has Your Child Been Baptised?** If you have a child (aged 7 to 12 years) and you would like them to be baptised, please contact the Parish Office.

### RCIA PROGRAM



A new **RCIA** program has commenced. If you, or anybody you know, is interested in being baptised, or becoming a member of the Catholic Church, please speak with Father Henry or contact the parish office.

Would you like to be part of the RICA team and help with the preparation of baptism of adults in our parish? If so, please speak with Fr Henry or contact the parish office.

### PLEASE NOTE

Our Parish Secretary will be on leave from 6 December 2024 to 21 January 2025. 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.

Friday with the Word of God.

Bible Reading.

**We pray ...** For world leaders and policy makers to work to foster peace and justice in all nations. For those impacted by natural disasters. For those feeling overwhelmed and challenged in mind, body, soul and spirit. 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; Bernardina Velenzuela, Doris Benjamin, Regina Montoya, Assunta Limpin, Moy McConnell, Akata, Doris Benjamin, Ofelia Gonzales, Pearl Savage, Frank Cudmore, Tom Cudmore, Richard Valovalo, Hoydee Rios, Joelle Cadoue, Rose Davis, Erwin Andrade, Gina Macalalad, Marie Crotty, David Harrison, Ann Marie Praud.

**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.*

Yvonne and John Gatta, Josephine Trimarchi, Angelina Smith, Assunta Limpin, Tojo Sebastian, Tino Lauofo, Pulimutath Chacko, Maria Lourdes Navarro Yap, Tanya Carney, Ricardo Villarosa, Gervacio Santos, Ma. Consuelo Balangon, Eleazar Makilan, Adrienne Mulvihill, Phil Eyles, Rodrigo Bautista, Sue Mahony, Alison Bowling, Peter Thinh Duc Nguyen.

**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 member and friends; For all children who have passed away; For members of the Hay family; Brigida Dy, Jimmy Helene, Marie Lisette Leclair, Maria da Costa guedes, Janice Garban, Julie Concepcion, Salvador A. Lopez, Maureen Healy.

**Prayers of thanksgiving and personal intentions:** Best wishes to all Year 6 students - may you transition smoothly into your secondary education journey. A heartfelt farewell to the families and teachers leaving Holy Family Parish Primary School - best wishes for your new schools and retirement.



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.**