

# LENTEN PROGRAM

No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk through the Passion of Christ

- The Biblical background to each scene in Christ's passion.
- What was Jesus going through at each moment?
- How did the Old Testament foretell of Christ's death?
- Why did Christ die for us? What did it accomplish?
- What was the meaning behind the tearing of the temple veil, the crowning with thorns, and other events during Christ's Passion?



Program Facilitator: Charbel Raish

## Session 2:

Thursday, 5 March 2026

7pm in the Parish Meeting Room



Holy Family Catholic Church  
136 Oxford Road, Ingleburn



## Holy Family Catholic Parish

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**Second Sunday of Lent, Year A**  
**1 March 2026**

### Reflection by Father Henry

On the Second Sunday of Lent, Year A, the Church proclaims the Gospel of the Transfiguration. On the mountain, Jesus reveals his hidden glory to Peter, James, and John. For a brief moment, the veil is lifted. The One who will soon walk the road to Calvary shines with divine light.

The Transfiguration teaches us a truth at the heart of Christian life: there is no Easter Sunday without Good Friday. There is no glory without the Cross. In revealing his splendour, Christ is not bypassing suffering; he is preparing his disciples to endure it. The mountain of light stands beside the hill of Calvary.

Peter's reaction is beautifully human: "Lord, it is wonderful for us to be here." Of course it is! Who would not want to remain in such peace and radiance? But it was not yet time to build tents and stay. The voice from the cloud does not say, "Stay here." It says, "Listen to him." And Jesus will soon speak of suffering, self-gift, and the Cross. The struggle continues - but in Christ, victory is certain.

The Christian journey always involves leaving something behind. In Book of Genesis 12, Abraham leaves his homeland in trust. In the Book of Exodus, Moses confronts Pharaoh and leads his people through trial toward freedom. Before Elijah stands in God's gentle presence, he must face opposition and fear (1 Kgs 19). Glory follows fidelity. Promise follows perseverance.

The light of Tabor is given to strengthen us for the road ahead. It is a glimpse of our destiny, a reminder that suffering does not have the final word. If we walk with Christ to Calvary, we will also share in his risen life. And so, as we continue our Lenten journey, we hear again his reassuring words: "Do not be afraid."



**Second Sunday of Lent:**  
**28 February & 1 March 2026**

**Sisilia** is a 13-year-old girl living in remote Tanzania, who had to walk long distances to collect water every day. Thanks to Project Compassion, Sisilia's school and village now have safe clean water close by and she can spend more time studying so she can fulfil her dream of one day becoming a pilot.



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**Mount Carmel Catholic College Enrolments Year 7 2027**

Mount Carmel Catholic College Information Night will be held on Wednesday 4 March 2026 commencing at 6.00 pm with tours of the school followed by a presentation in the Champagnat Centre at 7.00 pm.

Expressions of interest to attend the evening can be made via the online portal using this [link](#). We encourage parents to attend the evening prior to completing an enrolment application.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent at 7pm in the Church.

### PARISH GROUPS & MEETINGS

#### LEGION OF MARY

6.30pm every Wednesday, Church Meeting Room.

#### BIBLE READING

9.45am 2nd & 4th Wednesday, Parish Meeting Room.

#### BIBLE STUDY

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

#### BIBLE SHARING

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

#### CHILDRENS LITURGY

Every Sunday during 9am Mass.

#### YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

Information night for parents and social gathering for young people aged 12-28  
*Saturday 28 February at 6.30pm*

### 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
Holy Trinity	Adoration	Tues	7.30pm
		First Friday of each month	9.30am
	Reconciliation	Tue Sat	6.30pm - 7pm 9am - 10am
		Rosary	Mon
	Mass	Reconciliation	Wed
		Wed	6pm
		Sun	8am

## What's On In Our Parish

### February

28 HF Youth + Y.A. Meet & Greet Night, 6.30pm Parish Meeting Rooms

### March

1 Older Children Baptism Preparation Session, 3.30pm Parish Meeting Rooms  
 2 Sacrament of First Reconciliation Preparation Session 1, 6.30pm Parish Meeting Rooms  
 5 Lenten Program with Charbel Raish, 7pm Parish Meeting Rooms  
 8 Older Children Baptism Preparation Session, 3.30pm Parish Meeting Rooms  
 9 Sacrament of First Reconciliation Preparation Session 2, 6.30pm Parish Meeting Rooms  
 12 Lenten Program with Charbel Raish, 7pm Parish Meeting Rooms  
 16 Sacrament of First Reconciliation Preparation Session 3, 6.30pm Parish Meeting Rooms  
 17 St Patrick's Feast Day (Holy Family 9am/11.35am (Grade Mass - Yr 5 & Yr 1)/7pm)  
 19 St Joseph Feast Day (Holy Family 9am/11.35am (Grade Mass - Yr 2 & Yr 4)/6pm  
 Lenten Program with Charbel Raish, 7pm Parish Meeting Rooms  
 21 Aboriginal Mass and Baptism, 10am Holy Trinity  
 23 Sacrament of First Reconciliation Preparation Session 4, 6.30pm Parish Meeting Rooms  
 25 Annunciation of the Lord (Holy Family 9am/11.35am (Grade Mass - Yr 6 & Yr 3)/7pm, Holy Trinity 6pm)



**Thursday 26 February**  
**Lenten Program with Charbel Raish**  
 7pm Parish Meeting Room

**Monday 30 March - Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
 5pm Liturgy (for enrolled candidates only)

**May - Bingo Night**

**Saturday 25 July - Christmas in July Dinner**

**Saturday 24 October - Parish Fair**

### Liturgical Dates

#### March

17 St Patrick, *Bishop*  
 19 St Joseph, *Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
 25 Annunciation of the Lord  
 29 Palm Sunday

### Parish Events Committee - Volunteers Needed

Our parish is seeking volunteers to join the committees for each of our upcoming parish events. Sign up sheets are available on the table in the Church foyer. Thank you for your support.



### Baptism for Older Children (aged 5 to 12 years)

#### Preparation Dates

Sunday, 1 March at 3.30pm followed by 5pm Mass  
 Sunday, 8 March at 3.30pm followed by 5pm Mass  
 Sunday, 22 March at 3.30pm followed by 5pm Mass

*The Sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated at the Holy Saturday Vigil Mass on 4 April 2026 at 7pm*

If you have a child (aged 7 to 12 years) and you would like them to be baptised, please speak with Father Henry or contact the Parish Office.

## Thank You

With grateful hearts, we thank all our parish volunteers who so generously serve our parish.

We are deeply thankful for our liturgy team, acolytes, altar servers, flower ladies, bell ringers, musicians and choirs, and cleaning and gardening teams. Through your prayerful preparation, faithful service, and generous sharing of your gifts, you help lead our parish more fully into the sacred mystery of the Eucharist.

May God bless you abundantly for the time, love, and devotion you offer in service to Him and to our parish community.



## 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, 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.*  
 John Hall, Walter Glynn, Flora Manuel-Castro, Benita Cervantes, Juanita Emnas.

**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; Arnold Rodaje LaPena, Brian Smith, Dorothy Willmott.

**Other intentions:** Peter Cassidy for his operation.

Francis Philip Medalla for his birthday from the Macariola-Medalla family.

John Hall for his birthday.

For the souls of Phero Dung, Anna Hoe, Phero Luong, Phero Vinh and Anna Huong.

## Vinnies Emergency Food Hampers and "Comfort Gifts"

Dear Parishioners,

Holy Family Vinnies is dedicated to supporting those in our community facing financial hardship, homelessness, or isolation. Your ongoing generosity helps us provide crucial assistance throughout the year.

We gratefully accept donations for:

- Non-perishable food hampers: These help individuals and families in urgent need.
- "Comfort gifts": Small gifts bring cheer to those who are lonely or cannot afford presents for children.

Donations may be placed in the plastic tubs on the table near the Piety Stall. Items are collected fortnightly and delivered to Samaritan House for distribution through the Vinnies Welfare Service at Macquarie Fields.

#### Suggested Donation Items:

- Pantry Staples: breakfast cereal, long-life milk, tinned spaghetti, tinned baked beans, vegetable soup, tinned tuna, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, rice, pasta, pasta sauce.
- Treats: sweet or savoury biscuits, tea, coffee.
- Toiletries: toilet rolls, toothpaste, soap.

**Important:** Kindly ensure all donated items are well within their use-by date, do not require refrigeration (unless opened), and that tins have pull-top lids where possible.

Thank you sincerely for your continued support and compassion.



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

**Henry Hopwood, Felipe Palma, Indie Hannah, Lata Maka, Tyshawn Punay.**

*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.*

## 2026 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: FIRST RECONCILIATION

### Session 1:

**Date:** Monday, 2 March 2026

**Time:** Please arrive by 6.15pm to allow time to register attendance, pay enrolment fee (CASH ONLY) and collect workbook. Please ensure you bring a pencil with you.

**Venue:** Parish Meeting Room.

**Reminder:** Children must be accompanied by a parent/carer at all sessions. Attendance at all sessions is compulsory. If you are unable to attend a session, please contact the parish office.



**HF YOUTH + Y.A.**  
**MEET & GREET NIGHT**

INFO NIGHT FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS & SOCIAL GATHERING FOR ALL YOUNG PEOPLE AGES 12-28  
**6.30PM**  
**SATURDAY 28 FEB 2026**  
 HOLY FAMILY PARISH MEETING ROOMS

*All are welcome, Come as you are*

What to expect: *Supper Provided*

- Meet Father Henry + our team
- Info pack + professional standards for parents/guardians
- Youth activities + Chance to mingle!
- Youth E-Y.A parish registration for 2026
- Young Adults only (18+) open discussion at the end of the night

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