

Holy Week and Easter 2026

RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 24 March: 5:30pm (Holy Family)
 Wednesday 25 March: 5:30pm (Holy Trinity)
 Tuesday 31 March: 5:30pm (Holy Family)
 Wednesday 1 April: 9:30am (Holy Family)
 Good Friday 3 April: 4pm (Holy Family)
 Saturday 4 April: 8:30am (Holy Family)



Holy Family
 Catholic Parish
 INGLEBURN & MINTO

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Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year A
 22 March 2026

Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter

The third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent in Year A feature significant passages from the gospel of John. The first of the three readings was the story of the Samaritan woman at the well, to whom Jesus described himself as Living Water. The second was the healing of the blind man and Jesus declaring himself to be the Light of the World. In today's passage about the death and raising of Lazarus, Jesus declares, 'I am the resurrection and the life.' Living Water; Light of the World; and the Resurrection and the Life – three important images of Jesus that all emerge from the gospel of John. Each of the events relate to Jesus' response to some physical need: thirst; blindness; and death. However, in each case, Jesus not only responds to the physical need but also reveals a truth about himself that leads people to belief.

The raising of Lazarus marks a turning point in the gospel of John. Chapter 11 concludes with the Jewish authorities plotting to arrest Jesus and then Chapter 12 begins the final week of Jesus' life in Jerusalem. The significance of this episode is highlighted by the disciples who question Jesus about the wisdom of going back to Judea when the people there had wanted to stone Jesus to death. In going to save the life of his friend, Lazarus, Jesus knows that he is journeying towards his own death. In fact, the end of Chapter 11 makes clear that it is some of the witnesses to the raising of Lazarus who go and complain to the authorities and precipitate the action against Jesus. In the gospel of John, it is the episode with Lazarus that effectively signs Jesus' death warrant. The gospel makes clear that Jesus gives up his own life so that Lazarus may live.

Gospel Focus – Death for Life

The gospel writer paints the picture that Jesus is fully conscious of the implications of his return to Judea. As the events of the Passion unfold through this gospel, the reader has a very clear impression in their mind that if Jesus had not come to Judea; had not raised Lazarus; then he would not have been arrested and crucified. The reader is also drawn into the revelation that the sacrifice of Jesus was not solely for Lazarus but rather for all humanity. This realisation leads the reader to the ultimate humbling conclusion that if the sacrifice of Jesus was for people then the reader themselves is also the recipient of that sacrifice.

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
 6.30pm 2nd & 4th Friday, Parish Meeting Room

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
	<i>Reconciliation</i>	Tue Sat	6.30pm - 7pm 9am - 10am
Holy Trinity	<i>Rosary</i>	Mon	7pm
	<i>Reconciliation</i>	Wed	5.45pm - 6pm
	Mass	Wed	6pm
		Sun	8am

"We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You, because by Your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world"

HOLY WEEK

MASS SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday (28 March): Palm Sunday (29 March):
 Holy Family - 5pm Holy Family - 9am • 5pm
 Holy Trinity - 8am

Holy Thursday (2 April):
 7pm (Adoration until 10pm) (No 9am Mass)

Good Friday (3 April):
 Holy Family - 10am (Stations of the Cross)
 Holy Trinity - 10am (Stations of the Cross)
 Holy Family - 3pm (Passion of our Lord)

Easter Vigil (4 April):
 Holy Family - 7pm (Blessing of Fire & Baptisms)
 (No 5pm Mass)

Easter Sunday (5 April):
 Holy Trinity - 8am
 Holy Family - 9am (No 5pm Mass)



What's On In Our Parish

March
 21 Aboriginal Mass and Baptism, 10am Holy Trinity
 Legion of Mary Acies Ceremony Annual Consecration for the Blessed Virgin Mary, 1pm
 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)
 26 Lenten Program, 7pm Parish Meeting Rooms
 29 Palm Sunday
 30 Sacrament of Reconciliation Liturgy (5pm) - *for enrolled students only*

April
 2 Holy Thursday (Holy Family 7pm, Adoration to 10pm)
 3 Good Friday (Holy Family 10am Stations of the Cross, 3pm Passion Of Our Lord)
 4 Easter Vigil (Holy Family 7pm Mass and Sacrament of Initiation)

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 25 March - Annunciation of the Lord
 Holy Family: 9am, 11.35am (Grade Mass - Yr 6 & Yr 3), 7pm
 Holy Trinity: 6pm

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

Saturday 23 May - Bingo Night

Saturday 25 July - Christmas in July Dinner

Saturday 24 October - Parish Fair

Liturgical Dates

March
 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, 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

Please keep these children, their parents, Godparents their families in your prayers.

ANNUAL LADIES' RETREAT

10-12 April 2026

St Mary's Towers Retreat Centre Douglas Park

Facilitator: Sr Rosie Drum, Missionaries of God's Love
 Theme: "Lasting Peace"
 Cost: \$410 per person for the full weekend
 \$75 per person for Saturday only
 Cost includes accommodation, all meals and facilitator fee.

If you would like to attend, for more information or special requirements, please contact Ann-Marie Green on 0416 051 206 or amtg4@hotmail.com

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 all who shape public policy, that they may seek peace, uphold justice and protect the dignity of every human life. For those who are burdened in mind, body, or spirit, especially those carrying heavy crosses. For those who feel forgotten, for those who have no one to pray for them, and for the 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, Tumua Oláaiga.

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, Benita Cervantes, Juanita Emnas, Robert "Bob" James, Ofelia Tonogranua, Nanny Iskandor, Miriam Azwelli.

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; Brian Smith, Dorothy Willmott, Eulalia "Lally" Sabater, Manuel Bayani Bukas, Françoise Sidonie, Tony Heginbotham.

Other intentions: For our Youth Leaders, Sone, Ratu, Andrew, A.J. and Dennis who each answered the call to serve with open hearts and generous spirits. May they be strengthened with courage, patience and joy in their ministry. Through their leadership, may seeds of hope and belonging continue to grow among our youth.

HOLY FAMILY LENTEN SERVICES

Sunday Mass & Weekday Mass

9am and 5pm Sunday
 9am Wednesday to Friday
 7pm Tuesday
 5pm Vigil Saturday

Morning Prayer

6am Monday to Friday in the Church

Lenten Program with Charbel Raish

7pm every Thursday in the Parish Meeting Room

Stations of the Cross

7pm every Friday in the Church



2026 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: FIRST RECONCILIATION

Session 4

Date: Monday, 23 March 2026

Time: 6.30pm

Venue: Parish Meeting Room.

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be received on Monday, 30 March at 5pm.

A friendly reminder that this is reconciliation for the children preparing for First Holy Communion. Parishioners are encouraged to attend reconciliation in the parish at the allocated times.

Please continue to keep these children and their families in your prayers.



PROJECT COMPASSION

Fifth Sunday of Lent
 21 & 22 March 2026



Since October 2023, Caritas Jerusalem staff in Gaza have endured displacement, personal loss, and danger alongside the communities they serve. Despite unimaginable challenges, they remain committed to providing lifesaving support, standing in solidarity with families enduring this conflict.

Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code. Or by calling: 1800 024 413. Or online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate

Thank you for standing with us, as we



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Have You Ever Wanted to Ring the Church Bells?



Would you like to learn - or simply find out what's involved?

Bell ringing is a wonderful way to serve our parish, preserve a cherished tradition, and add to the life and joy of our Church and wider community.

We warmly invite anyone interested to visit the Bell Tower on Saturday mornings between 8.30am and 10am. Come along for a chat, see how it all works, and discover how you can get involved.