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 3:

Thursday, 12 March 2026

7pm in the Parish Meeting Room

Holy Family Catholic Parish INGLEBURN & MINTO

Holy Family Catholic Church
136 Oxford Road, Ingleburn

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Third Sunday of Lent:
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Holy Family Catholic Parish

INGLEBURN & MINTO

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Third Sunday of Lent, Year A
8 March 2026

Reflection by Greg Sunter

The encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well is rich in historical and cultural nuance that enhances our understanding and interpretation of this passage. When he asks the woman for a drink, Jesus breaks two cultural taboos: firstly, for a man to speak directly to an unchaperoned woman was somewhat scandalous; secondly, as the woman points out, Jesus is a Jew and directly addresses a Samaritan – another scandal. Jesus successfully gains the woman's attention by ignoring these social taboos but she fails to fully understand his reference to 'living water'.

The reference to the woman's five husbands has often been construed to suggest that she was either a prostitute or a serial widow. However, it may in fact be a reference to the Samaritans binding themselves (wedding themselves) to the five books of the Torah and ignoring the writings of the prophets and other later writings. This reference is followed by another fact that set Jews and Samaritans apart: the Samaritans worshipped God on a local mountain, Mt Gerazim, whilst the Jews held that true worship could only take place in Jerusalem. Jesus dismisses this major difference between Jews and Samaritans by declaring that soon 'true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth'. He is indicating the much more personal relationship with God that he models; not bound up by ritual, place and law.

Having set the scene for breaking down the walls between Jews and Samaritans, Jesus then reveals to the woman unequivocally that he is the promised Messiah. The woman rushes back to the town to spread the good news about Jesus. She becomes a missionary for him; and a remarkably effective one. The people are convinced by her testimony and flock to Jesus where they have their own personal faith encounter with him

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
RESUMES: FRIDAY 13 MARCH
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
	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

March

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
15	Youth Leaders Commissioning during 9am Mass
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)
26	Lenten Program, 7pm Parish Meeting Rooms
29	Palm Sunday

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday 15 March **- Youth Leaders Commissioning**
During 9am Mass

Tuesday 17 March **- St Patrick Feast Day**
9am, 11.35am (Grade Mass - Yr5 & Yr 1), 7pm (Rosary 6.30pm)

Thursday, 19 March **- St Joseph Feast Day**
9am, 11.35am (Grade Mass - Yr 2 & Yr 4), 6pm

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)

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, 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

2026 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: FIRST RECONCILIATION

Session 2:
Date: Monday, 9 March 2026
Time: 6.30pm
Venue: Parish Meeting Room.
Reminder: Please ensure you bring a pencil with you.. 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.

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.

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, 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; Arnold Rodaje LaPena, Brian Smith, Dorothy Willmott, Eulalia "Lally" Sabater.

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.

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.

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

Confession

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness". 1 John 1:9

Saturday 9am to 10am
Tuesday 6.30pm to 7pm

INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2028

"THIS IS MY BODY, GIVEN FOR YOU."

The Catholic Church in Australia will host the International Eucharistic Congress in Sydney in 2028 (Eucharist28). This will be a wonderful grace-filled time of renewal and transformation centred on encountering the Eucharistic Lord truly present with us. In preparation, Australian Catholics will enter a Year of Prayer from 1 March 2026 to rediscover Our Lord's loving presence in the Blessed Sacrament. The theme, *"This is My Body, Given for You."*, calls us to deeper faith, generosity and mission.

Visit eucharist28.org for more information about the Congress.