An Invitation from the Neocatechumenal Way Community

'Who do you say I am', asks Jesus Christ of his first followers. Also today, this could be a confronting question for many. If you are wanting to better understand where God is acting in your life, then the Neocatechumenal Community of Holy Family Parish invites you to come and listen. First approved by St Pope Paul VI in response to the challenge of the Second Vatican Council, these catechesis will help you to discover your baptism in adult faith.

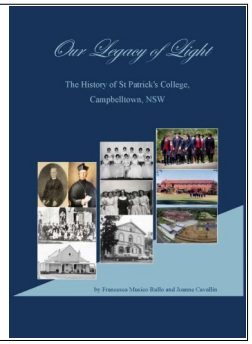
Commencing Saturday 25th of April at 7pm in the rooms below the Church, the nights will continue every Wednesday and Saturday night. If you require assistance to travel or with babysitting, please call/text Bernie 0432 413 803.

CATHOLICCARE Diocese of Wollongong Aged Care Chat – Sunday 3 May

CatholicCare will be present at the 9am Mass at Holy Family to provide an information session about the new Support at Home Aged Care Program and how it is changing the way older Australians access support. They will cover how to enter the aged care system, what the new Support at Home services mean for you or your loved ones, and the types of supports Catholic-Care can provide to help people remain living safely and independently at home.

Our Legacy of Light: A History of St Patrick's College, Campbelltown

'Our Legacy of Light: A History of St Patrick's College, Campbelltown', is a book by Francesca Musico Rullo and Joanne Cavallin documenting the 185-year history of St Patrick's College for Girls, Campbelltown, NSW. It chronicles the school's journey from 1840 as a community-run, Irish-Catholic school to its role as a modern Catholic school for girls. Drawing on archival records, photographs, and personal recollections, the book provides a valuable insight into both the school's history and its place within the broader Macarthur community. The book is published by the Campbelltown and Airds Historical Society and can be purchased in either hard copy or e-book at its website https://www.cahs.org.au/



CATHOLICCARE Free technology program for older parishioners

Cross+Gen is a FREE program where students support seniors with everyday technology in a friendly relaxed setting held at St Benedict's College Oran Park. Bring along your mobile phone, tablet or laptop and join other people who also struggle with technology.
The dates and times are listed below:
Tuesday 28 April 12.45-2.30pm
Tuesday 12 May 12.45-2.30pm
Tuesday 16 May 12.45-2.30pm
Tuesday 9 June 12.45-2.30pm
Please contact Jane Hollier from CatholicCare on 0417 018 152 or janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au

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Third Sunday of Easter, Year A
19 April 2026

Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter

One of the remarkable things about the Risen Jesus is that his friends and followers almost always fail to recognise him at first. In the instance on the road to Emmaus, two of the disciples are walking the road feeling sorry for themselves when Jesus joins them. It is, perhaps, an experience that is not unfamiliar in our own lives: so absorbed by what is happening to us that we fail to recognise the presence of Christ walking the journey with us – in spirit or in the guise of someone around us. Jesus allows the disciples to share their woes and their grief and then he slowly but surely relates all of what had happened to the scriptures and demonstrates to the disciples that the events of the previous few days were all part of God's plan. The disciples felt that their hopes and beliefs had been misplaced in Jesus; he hadn't delivered all that they had dreamed. But the Risen Jesus makes them realise that their hopes were not misplaced; they were right to trust and hope in Jesus and that belief will still bear fruit.

It is not until Jesus re-enacts the Last Supper breaking of bread that the disciples suddenly recognise him, but at that moment of recognition, Jesus vanishes from their midst. It must have been tantalising and frustrating for the two disciples – when they finally realised who they had been talking with and they could celebrate his presence Jesus disappeared. But the truth of what they had realised didn't abandon them. They reminded one another of the passion they had felt: 'Didn't our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road?' They are saying to each other, how stupid must we have been not to recognise Jesus? Only he could make us feel like that!

Living the Gospel – Living the journey

The story of the road to Emmaus is a perfect model for our Christian life. It reminds us first of all that none of us walk the journey alone. Even when we don't recognise his presence, Jesus joins us in the everyday realities of life. The breaking open and interpretation of scripture is essential to making sense of our life experiences and through the celebration of Eucharist and table fellowship we are nourished to not only continue the journey but to share the good news with others. Where do you find yourself in the events of this story?

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, Church 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
	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

April

18 & 19	Social Gathering Weekend
24	Alpha Youth Formation Program commences - 6.30pm, Parish Meeting Rooms
25	ANZAC Day - 9am Mass

May

1	Bible sharing resumes - 7pm in the Church Meeting Room
3	CatholicCare Aged Care Information Session - 9am Mass
6	Monthly Morning Tea after 9am Mass
16 & 17	Social Gathering Weekend
23	Parish Bingo Night, 6.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 24 April **- Alpha Youth Formation 8 week Program**
6.30pm

Saturday 23 May **- *Bingo Night***
6.30pm

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

Saturday 24 October **- *Parish Fair***

Liturgical Dates

April

25 ANZAC Day
26 Saint Mark, *Evangelist*
29 Saint Catherine of Siena, *Virgin and Doctor of the Church*
30 Saint Pius V, *Pope*

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Session 1:

Date: Monday, 20 April 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.

Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they embark on their Holy Communion Sacramental journey.

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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

Second collection
Acct name: Ingleburn Parish
BSB: 066711
Account number: 001773

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

Thank you for supporting your parish.

Welcoming Father Mike Knight SVD as Resident Priest

We are pleased to share with our parish community that from May, Father Mike Knight SVD will be joining us as a Resident Priest.

Please join us in warmly welcoming Father Mike to our parish family, and keep him in your prayers as he begins his ministry among us. We look forward to this new chapter in the life of our parish.

New Presbytery

In the coming weeks, Father Henry will be moving into his new residence at the presbytery in Oxford Gardens.

Father Henry will continue to be readily available to parishioners, with meetings, appointments, and enquiries arranged through the parish office as usual.

Please keep Father Henry in your prayers during this time of transition.

National Mass Attendance Count

In May, all parishes across Australia will take part in the National Count of Mass Attendance, conducted by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. The count will occur over the first four weekends of May and includes all who attend Mass (of all ages), as well as participation in online liturgies.
This important initiative helps the Church better understand and respond to the pastoral needs of our communities.
Please be assured that the counting process is respectful and unobtrusive.

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, Pam Smith.

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; Manuel Bayani Bukas, Françoise Sidonie, Tony Heginbotham, Amado Ladera, Rodrigo LaPena, Josefina and Andres Relojero, Jan Collins, Hugo and Josefina Orecchia, Teresa and Antonio Nese, Melania and José Busto, Margaret and John Matthews, Mary Lily Lemasson, Anna Vo Thi Hue and Phero Le Dung, Naty G Jimenez, Eladio and Engenia Villarosa.

Other intentions: For those who received the Sacrament of Initiation, the older children baptised into our parish community at the Easter Vigil Mass, and the children who celebrated the Sacrament of First Reconciliation: may they continue to grow in faith and love.

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.

RCIA Program 2026/2027 - Commencing in August

Are you, or someone you know, thinking about baptism or becoming part of the Catholic Church? We warmly invite you to begin this journey of faith through our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program.

To express your interest or learn more, please email ingleburn@dow.org.au, speak with Father Henry or contact the Parish Office on (02) 9059 4134.

All are welcome.

RCIA Program - Volunteers Needed

Our parish is seeking parishioners who feel called to support the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program. We are looking for volunteers to help coordinate and assist with:

- Preparation of sessions
- Active participation in the program
- Facilitating fortnightly sessions held on Sunday evenings

The RCIA program is intended to be a parish-led journey of faith, supported and facilitated by a dedicated team of parishioners. Rather than being led solely by the parish priest, this team works collaboratively to accompany and guide those preparing to enter the Catholic Church, sharing in the responsibility of formation, hospitality and witness.

This is a meaningful opportunity to journey alongside those exploring and embracing the faith, offering your time, gifts and personal experience as part of a supportive community.

If you are interested in being part of the RCIA team, please speak with Father Henry.

Your support can make a lasting difference.

The Tribunal of the Catholic Church

In 2015, Pope Francis wrote that "charity and mercy demand that the Church, like a good mother, be near her children who feel themselves estranged from her." The Interdiocesan Tribunal of Sydney, which has an Office in the Diocese of Wollongong, is a service of the Church to assist with the pastoral care of Catholics and non-Catholics who are civilly divorced, and who are seeking to remarry or who want clarification of their standing in the Church. The Tribunal also assists remarried persons seeking to have their current marriage recognised in the Church, and remarried persons wishing to be baptised or received into the Catholic Church.

Any divorced person, or a divorced and remarried person is welcome to contact the Wollongong Office of the Tribunal to obtain further information, or to have their status within the Church clarified.

Brochures are available at the back of the church in the notice board area.

The Wollongong Office of the Tribunal is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. You are welcome to contact the Tribunal on 4222 2409 or tribunal@dow.org.au or visit www.tribunal.dow.org.au