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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](tel:0432413803).

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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 CatholicCare can provide to help people remain living safely and independently at home.

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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Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year A
26 April 2026
World Day of Prayer for Vocations / Good Shepherd Sunday

Reflection by Father Henry

The Fourth Sunday of Easter, often called Good Shepherd Sunday, invites us to reflect on the voice that guides our lives. In the Gospel, Jesus declares, "I am the gate for the sheep," reminding us that true life, freedom, and safety are found through him. The image is simple yet profound: sheep recognize the shepherd's voice because they belong to him. The question for us is whether we are listening closely enough to recognize Christ calling us.

In Acts, Peter speaks boldly to the crowd, and many are "cut to the heart." Their response - repentance and baptism - shows that vocation begins with openness. Before any specific calling, there is the fundamental call to turn toward God and receive new life. Similarly, the letter of Peter reminds us that Christ suffered for us, leaving an example to follow. Our vocation is not merely about what we do, but how we live - marked by patience, trust, and love even in difficulty.

On this Vocation Sunday, we remember that every Christian has a calling. Some are called to priesthood or religious life, others to marriage, family life, or dedicated service in the world. Yet all vocations share a common root: listening for the Shepherd's voice and following where he leads.

In a world filled with competing voices, it can be difficult to discern what is true and life-giving. Jesus assures us that he comes so that we "may have life, and have it abundantly." Let us ask for the grace to recognize his voice, to trust his guidance, and to respond generously. For when we follow the Good Shepherd, we do not walk aimlessly - we are led into fullness of life.

From the Diocese: A Vocation View
"Ephphatha: Be Opened!" Calling young men 18-35 years old

Jesus, our Good Shepherd, is always calling us to life, and life to the full - the challenge for us is to be open to listening for his quiet voice in our lives. How can we become more open to the voice of the Good Shepherd in the big and small decisions of life? How do we know if we are called to marriage, priesthood or religious life, and how do you live your baptismal vocation more fully as a single young man? The Fourth Sunday of Easter is called "Good Shepherd Sunday" and is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. We take this opportunity to invite all unmarried young men aged 18-35 who are open to discerning God's call in their lives to join Bishop Brian Mascord, the priests of the Vocations Team and our Seminarians for lunch, formation, Q&A, one to one chats and Adoration. Register as soon as you can!

Where: St Therese Parish, 2 Powell Street, West Wollongong
When: Saturday 13th June, 12:30pm for 1pm lunch
Cost: Free, but registration is essential - via this QR code or dow.sh/Ephphatha



8 weeks of Formation

ALPHA YOUTH

Schedule

FRIDAY 24TH APRIL 6.30PM
SUNDAY 3RD MAY 10.15AM
FRIDAY 8TH MAY 6.30PM
SUNDAY 17TH MAY 10.15AM
FRIDAY 22ND MAY 6.30PM
SUNDAY 7TH JUNE 10.15AM
FRIDAY 12TH JUNE 6.30PM
FRIDAY 26TH JUNE 6.30PM

HOLY FAMILY INGLEBURN PARISH MEETING ROOMS

HOLY FAMILY PARISH INGLEBURN & MINTO
YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY 2026

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

May

National Count of Attendance (Mass Count) - All Sunday Masses (including Saturday vigils)

1	St Joseph the Worker, 9am Mass and 6:30pm Mass Bible sharing resumes - 7pm in the Church Meeting Room
3	CatholicCare Aged Care Information Session - 9am Mass
4	Sacrament Preparation Program: First Holy Communion - Session 2 at 6:30pm in the Parish Meeting Room
6	Monthly Morning Tea after 9am Mass
10	Mother's Day
11	Sacrament Preparation Program: First Holy Communion - Session 3 at 6:30pm in the Parish Meeting Room
13	Grade Mass (Year 6 and Year 3), 11:40am
16 & 17	Social Gathering Weekend
18	Sacrament Preparation Program: First Holy Communion - Session 4 at 6:30pm in the Parish Meeting Room
23	Parish Fundraising Event: Bingo Night, 6:30pm in the Parish Meeting Room
25	Our Lady, Help of Christians, 9am Mass and 7pm Mass Whole School Mass, 11:45am
31	Sacrament Preparation Program: First Holy Communion - Rehearsal at 6pm in the Church Sacrament of First Holy Communion, 10:30am Mass and 12:30pm Mass

DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday 23 May - Bingo Night
6:30pm

Sunday 31 May - Sacrament of First Holy Communion
10:30am and 12:30pm Mass

Saturday 25 July - Christmas in July Dinner

Saturday 24 October - Parish Fair

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.

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Liturgical Dates

April

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

New Presbytery

Father Henry is not leaving the parish. In the coming weeks, he will be moving into his new residence at the presbytery in Oxford Gardens. He will continue to his ministry here as usual and will remain readily available to parishioners.

Meetings, appointments, and enquiries will continue to be arranged through the parish office in the usual way.

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

Welcoming Father Mike Knight SVD as Resident Priest

We are pleased to share that from May, Father Mike Knight SVD will join our parish as a Resident Priest, helping Father Henry.



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.

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 all who have served and sacrificed in war, especially those we remember on ANZAC Day; for those who gave their lives in service of our country, and for all veterans and their families. 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, Pamela 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, Maureen Hardy-Smith, Joly Cabuso.

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; Amado Ladera, Rodrigo LaPená, 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.



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