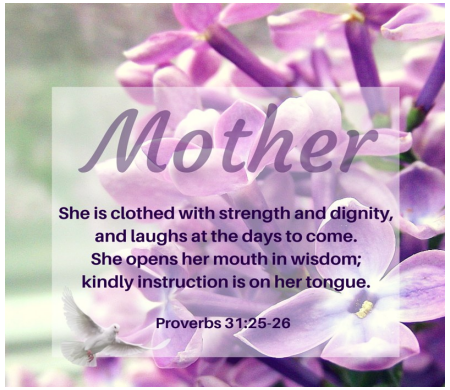
Happy Mother's Day

A very happy and blessed Mother's Day to all mothers, and to all the special women whose love has formed and nurtured us over the years!

Dear Lord,
We pray in gratitude and with affection for all our mothers.
We give thanks for their loving care, attention and support.
We ask that You bless them and sustain them in this very special vocation.
We pray for women who are not mothers, but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.
We pray too, that all mothers who have gone before us in faith, will find eternal rest in Your love and Your peace.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



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Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year A
10 May 2026

Reflection by Father Henry

As we move closer to Pentecost, the readings for the Sixth Sunday of Easter remind us of the gift and power of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Church. In the first reading, the Samaritans joyfully receive the Gospel and are baptized. Peter and John then lay hands upon them so that they may receive the Holy Spirit. This moment reflects the Church's understanding of Confirmation, where the Spirit strengthens believers to become courageous witnesses of Christ.

The Holy Spirit is not simply a symbol or feeling. He is God's presence within us, guiding, strengthening, and renewing us. Jesus promises this gift in today's Gospel when He says: *"I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you forever."* Yet Jesus also reminds us that love for Him must be shown through obedience to His commandments. True discipleship is lived through love of God and love of neighbour, expressed in acts of kindness, forgiveness, faithfulness, and witness to the Gospel.

Saint Peter, in the second reading, encourages Christians to remain gentle and respectful, even when facing misunderstanding or opposition. The Holy Spirit gives us the courage to stand for truth without fear or bitterness. The same Spirit who raised Christ from the dead continues to give life and hope to His people today.

In a world often marked by anxiety, division, and uncertainty, we are reminded that we are never abandoned. Christ does not leave us as orphans. Through the Holy Spirit, He remains with us always. May we open our hearts anew to the Spirit's presence and pray each day: **"Come, Holy Spirit, and renew the face of the earth."**

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 QR code or dow.sh/Ephphatha

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)**

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) - Feast of Saint Matthew, 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 - Pentecost, 11:45am
Sacrament Preparation Program: First Holy Communion - Rehearsal at 6pm in the Church
31 Sacrament of First Holy Communion, 10:30am Mass and 12:30pm Mass

June

3 Monthly Morning Tea after 9am Mass
20 & 21 Social Gathering Weekend

Liturgical Dates

May

13 Our Lady of Fatima
14 Saint Matthias, *Apostle*
24 Pentecost Sunday
25 Mary, Help of Christians

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 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

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Session 3:
Date: Monday, 11 May 2026
Time: 6.30pm
Venue: Parish Meeting Room.

Reminder: Attendance at all sessions is compulsory.
Please ensure you bring your workbook and a pencil with you..
Children must be accompanied by a parent/carer at all sessions.
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 continue their Sacrament of Holy Communion journey.

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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; 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 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:

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

Sage Casaol, Taitum Maher, Kiya Turoa, Anakai Fuentefria.

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 National Count of Attendance (Mass Count)

The 2026 National Count of Attendance (Mass Count), will take place during the first four weekends of May.

Week 1 (2 & 3 May) and Week 2 (9 & 10 May) will be a simple head count at each Mass.
Week 3 (16 & 17 May) will be counting Males and Females.
Week 4 (23 & 24 May) will be counting parishioners by age groups.

Please be assured that the counting process is respectful and unobtrusive, and that no personal details are recorded.

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.
Catechesis is held at 7pm every Sunday and Wednesday evening at Holy Trinity Church Minto.
If you require assistance to travel or with babysitting, please call/text Bernie 0432 413 803.

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

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.