

**8 weeks of Formation**  
**ALPHA YOUTH**  
**Session 4**

FACILITATED BY  
 HF LEADERS RATU, LIZ &  
 ANDREW

**Sunday**  
**17 May 2026**  
**10:15am**

HF Parish Meeting Rooms

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**WHAT IF GOD IS CLOSER THAN YOU THINK?**

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# Holy Family Catholic Parish

INGLEBURN & MINTO

The Ascension of the Lord, Year A  
 17 May 2026

**Holy Family Church**  
 136 Oxford Rd, Ingleburn

**Holy Trinity Church**  
 57 Guernsey Ave, Minto

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## Reflection by Father Henry


The Feast of the Ascension reminds us that Jesus has not abandoned the world; rather, he now reigns in glory and remains present to his people in a new way. When Saint Luke tells us that Jesus “was lifted up” and taken from the disciples’ sight (Acts 1:9), he is expressing the mystery of Christ returning to the Father. The Ascension is not about Jesus leaving the earth behind, but about Jesus entering fully into God’s glory and authority. As Saint Paul writes, God has made Christ “the ruler of everything” and “head of the Church” (Eph 1:22-23).

In the Gospel, the Risen Lord gives his disciples a mission: “Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations” (Mt 28:19). The disciples are sent not simply to spread information, but to invite people into a relationship with Jesus and into a new way of life shaped by the Gospel. To be a disciple means to learn from Christ, to follow his example, and to live according to his teachings.

This mission must have seemed overwhelming to the first disciples, who were still fearful and uncertain. Yet Jesus reassures them with one of the most comforting promises in Scripture: “I am with you always, yes, to the end of time” (Mt 28:20). Notice that Jesus says “I am with you,” not merely “I will be with you.” His presence is constant and active through the Holy Spirit.

The Ascension therefore is not a farewell, but a commissioning. Christ entrusts his mission to the Church and empowers us with his presence. In a world often marked by uncertainty and fear, we are called to live with confidence, knowing that the Risen and Ascended Lord continues to guide, strengthen, and accompany us every day.

In faith and hope of the Resurrection, we commend to God our beloved sister in Christ



## Esther Thierjung

We give thanks for her life, her faith, and the love she shared so generously.  
 May she rest in the eternal embrace of our Lord.


**† MONDAY 18 MAY**

**1pm Rosary**  
*Led by the Legion of Mary*  
 at Holy Family Catholic Church

**1:30pm Requiem Mass**  
 Holy Family Catholic Church  
 136 Oxford Road, Ingleburn

**Followed by burial at:**  
 Forest Lawn Memorial Park,  
 Camden Valley Way, Leppington

*Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,  
 and let perpetual light shine upon her.  
 May she rest in peace. Amen.*



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SERVICE TIMES			
<b>Holy Family</b>	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	6.30pm - 7pm	
	Sat	9am - 10am	
<b>Holy Trinity</b>	<i>Rosary</i>	Mon	7pm
	<i>Reconciliation</i>	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)

- 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 Mary, 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 Patronal Feast Day of Holy Trinity Community Minto  
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  
24 Grade Mass (Year 5 and Year 1), 11:40am

## Liturgical Dates

### May

- 17 The Ascension of the Lord  
24 Pentecost Sunday  
25 Mary, Help of Christians  
31 The Most Holy Trinity

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Saturday 23 May - Bingo Night**, 6:30pm

**Sunday 31 May**

**Patronal Feast Day of Holy Trinity Community Minto**

**Sacrament of First Holy Communion**

10:30am and 12:30pm Mass

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

**Saturday 24 October - Parish Fair**

## SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

### Session 4:

**Date:** Monday, 18 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.*

## 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, please contact the Parish Office.

***Thank you for supporting your parish.***



**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, Alexander Mackie, Beverley Foley, Esther Thierjung.

**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; Naty G Jimenez, Mary Lily Lemasson, Eladio and Engenia Villarosa, Rodrigo LaPená, Juan Cataldo, Rogelio Calypaz and Severina Salas, Nenita Del Rosario and Noel Del Rosario.

**Other intentions:** Congratulations to Denis and Stella Mathias on the 50th Wedding Anniversary.



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

**Sage Casao, 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.*

## Thank You

With grateful hearts, the Fundraising Team from Holy Trinity Community Minto would like to thank all parishioners and the wider community who so generously supported our recent fundraising initiative. Through your kindness and generosity, we successfully raised **\$5,850.00**.

We extend our sincere gratitude to the following people for their generous donations: Manu Fifita, Vili and Ofa, Petelo Fidow and Katie, Masoud, Jo, and Digna.

We are now working in collaboration with Father Henry to purchase a ride-on lawnmower for the Parish, which will greatly assist in maintaining our church grounds for the benefit of the whole community.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support and generosity.  
May God bless you all.

## 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](tel:0432413803).



## 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](mailto:ingleburn@dow.org.au), speak with Father Henry or contact the Parish Office on (02) 9059 4134.

*All are welcome.*