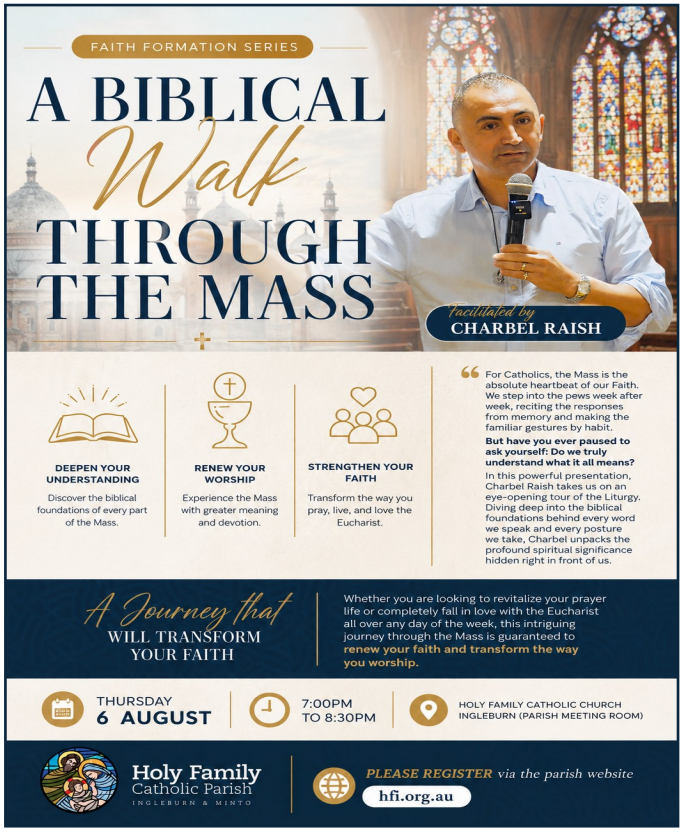
Planned Giving Envelopes

Please collect your PG Envelopes from the church foyer. If you would like to join, please speak to one of the volunteers or the parish office

RCIA Program 2026/2027

We pray for the RCIA journey that begins this weekend and wish all participants an abundance of God's blessings as they embark on this special journey of faith.

RCIA ...a journey in faith
Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults



Holy Family Catholic Parish
INGLEBURN & MINTO

Holy Family Church
136 Oxford Rd, Ingleburn

Holy Trinity Church
57 Guernsey Ave, Minto

Parish Office: 136 Oxford Rd
(PO Box 111) Ingleburn NSW 2565
Website: www.hfi.org.au
Email: ingleburn@dow.org.au
Hours: 8.45am-2.45pm Tues-Thurs
Phone:(02) 9059 4134

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
2 August 2026

Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter

The response of today's psalm is an excellent summary of the theme that runs throughout today's readings: *The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs.* The compassion of God is foremost in these readings – recognising need within the people and responding with an overflowing abundance. In the gospel, the abundant response of God is the miraculous feeding of more than five thousand people with twelve baskets full of leftovers.

As it became late in the day, the disciples wanted Jesus to send the people away to the nearby villages so that they could buy food for themselves. But Jesus is moved with compassion for the people. He knows that as it is now evening they probably won't be allowed to enter any of the local villages and, even if they were, they probably didn't have money with which to buy food. So it is compassionate care that moves Jesus to act. Remember, he had tried to get away from the crowds to spend some private time mourning the death of John the Baptist. He was entitled to be frustrated and angry with them for intruding on his grief. Instead, when they tracked him down, he went ashore and healed them and taught them. When it came to the evening he went one step further in his compassion and made sure that all were fed.

At the time of writing, the gospel writer knew that his audience would be familiar with the Eucharistic meal. The words and actions of Jesus in this miraculous feeding event foreshadow the events of the Last Supper: he *took* the bread and fish, *gave thanks, broke* the bread, and *gave* it to the disciples to distribute. This event is a Eucharistic one just as much as the Last Supper.

Remembering Father Peter Caruana

On the 5th Anniversary of his passing
20 June 1945-3 August 2021

As we mark the fifth anniversary of the passing of Father Peter, we pause to give thanks to God for the gift of his life, his priesthood and his faithful service to our parish community.

We give thanks especially for the years Father Peter spent serving our parish community and for the many lives he touched through his ministry

We remember with gratitude Father Peter's dedication, kindness and pastoral care, and the many ways he shared Christ's love with those he served. His faith, compassion and commitment to the people of God continue to be remembered and cherished by our parish family.

As we honour his memory, we pray:

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him.
May he rest in peace.
Amen.

PARISH MINISTRIES & GROUPS

LEGION OF MARY
6:30pm every Wednesday, Church Meeting Room.

BIBLE READING
9:45am 2nd & 4th Wednesday, Parish Meeting Room.

BIBLE STUDY
7:00pm 1st & 3rd Friday, Parish Meeting Room.

BIBLE SHARING
7:00pm 2nd & 4th Friday, Church Meeting Room.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY
Every Sunday during the 9:00am Mass.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS
6:30pm 2nd & 4th Friday, Parish Meeting Room.

BELL RINGERS
8:30am every Saturday, Church Bell Tower.

New members are warmly welcome in all parish ministries and groups.

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

August

5	Monthly Morning Tea after 9am Mass Grade Mass (Year 3 and Year 6), 11:45am
6	Parish Monthly Faith Formation Series: *A Biblical Walk Through The Mass* facilitated by Charbel Raish
14	Youth & Young Adult Ministry Fundraiser: *Bingo 4 Blessings*, 7pm Parish Meeting Rooms
15	Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 9am Mass
15 & 16	Social Gathering Weekend
17	School Mass - Feast of the Assumption, 11:45am

September

2	Monthly Morning Tea after 9am Mass
3	Parish Monthly Faith Formation Series: *Synodality* facilitated by Father Asaeli Raass SVD
9	Grade Mass (Year 2 and Year 4), 11:45am
19 & 20	Social Gathering Weekend
23	Grade Mass (Kindergarten and Year 6), 11:45am

Liturgical Dates

August

1	Saint Alphonsus Liguori, *Bishop and Doctor of the Church*
3	St Dominic, *Priest*
4	St John Vianney, *Priest*
5	The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major
6	The Transfiguration of the Lord
8	St Mary of the Cross (MacKillop)
10	St Lawrence, *Deacon and Martyr*
11	St Clare, *Virgin*
14	St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, *Priest & Martyr*
15	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
20	St Bernard, *Abbot & Doctor of the Church*
21	St Pius X, *Pope*
22	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
24	St Bartholomew, *Apostle*
27	St Monica
28	St Augustine, *Bishop & Doctor of the Church*
29	The Passion of St John the Baptist

Caring For Our Parish Family This Winter

During the winter months, colds, flu and other illnesses are more common. We kindly ask everyone to be mindful of their own health and the wellbeing of fellow parishioners.
If you are feeling unwell, please consider those around you and take appropriate precautions to help protect our parish community.

DATES TO REMEMBER

***Thursday 6 August* - Parish Monthly Faith Formation**
"A Biblical Walk Through the Mass", 7pm Parish Meeting Rooms

***Friday 14 August* - Y&YA Ministry Fundraiser: Bingo 4 Blessings**,
6pm (first game 7pm) Parish Meeting Rooms

***Thursday 3 September* - Parish Monthly Faith Formation**
Synodality, by Father Raass SVD, 7pm Parish Meeting Rooms

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

***Saturday 21 November* - Y&YA Retreat**

***Friday 4 December* - Parish Carol Night**

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.

Mid-Year Dinner Dance Thank You

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens." Ecclesiastes 3:1

Thank you to everyone who attended, supported and contributed to the success of our recent Parish Mid-Year Dinner Dance.

The evening was a beautiful reflection of our parish family, bringing together people of all ages to share laughter, fellowship and the joy of being united in faith. We are grateful to all who gave their time, shared their talents, volunteered behind the scenes, performed, assisted with preparations, and helped create such a memorable occasion.

A special thank you to our Youth and Young Adults Ministry for their generous service, and to all our volunteers and supporters whose dedication and kindness helped make the evening such a success.

The funds raised from the event will support our parish projects and ministries. The final amount raised will be announced shortly.

Thank you once again for helping make this a beautiful celebration of faith, friendship and 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 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, Pamela Smith, Tuainekore Maraera, Joanna Oca.

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.*
Maureen Hardy-Smith, Joly Cabuso, Alexander Mackie, Beverley Foley, Esther Thierjung, Richard Chukwulobe, Tumua Oláaiga, Joanne Canceri, Gogo Nakamandlovu, Salesi Charles Ramsay.

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;
Ricardo R. Celiz Jr, Hazel Pereira, Felicia Pereira, Horatius V. Macariola, Nelly Marianita Suarez, Father Peter Caruana.

Other intentions: For our Year 12 students as they prepare for and undertake their Trial HSC examinations, that the Holy Spirit may bless them with wisdom, perseverance, peace and confidence. May they recognize the gifts and talents God has given them and place their trust in His loving plan for their future.

For all families in our parish and wider community, especially those experiencing hardship, division, illness or grief, that they may find strength, hope and support in the love of Christ and the care of one another.

For all our young people, particularly those preparing for examinations, making important life decisions, or discerning their future path, that they may be guided by courage hope and faith as they journey towards the future God has prepared for them.

With joyful hearts, during May, we welcomed the newly Baptised into our Parish community:
Ella Khoury, Aila Marie Bernardo, Jett Keating, Elliana Ansell.
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.

Proudly servicing the Catholic community in your time of need.

As a family-owned business with years of experience in delivering that personal touch to funerals, Kenneally's know how to take care of the finer details to make your loved one's farewell the way it should be.

Servicing Greater Sydney & the Macarthur area
Call 02 4620 8822 or 02 9708 6972
kenneallysfunerals.com.au

Kenneally's Funerals

Invitation to Become an Altar Server

Have you ever considered serving at the altar?
Our parish warmly invites children, young people and adults who have received their First Holy Communion and would like to become altar servers to express their interest.
Serving at the altar is a wonderful opportunity to participate more fully in the celebration of the Mass, grow in faith, and serve our parish community.
If you are interested in becoming an altar server, or would like to learn more about what is involved, please speak with Father Henry or contact the Parish Office.
We look forward to welcoming new members to this important ministry.

Save the Date – Holy Family Parish Fair

Join us on ***Saturday, 24 October*** for our Holy Family Parish Fair – a wonderful day of food, entertainment, stalls, friendship and community.

Preparations are now underway, and we warmly invite all parish ministries, parish groups and parishioners to become involved.

If you or your group would like to host a stall, provide entertainment or assist with the planning of the day, please add your name to the expression of interest sheet in the church foyer.

We look forward to sharing this special day with our parish family. More information will be provided over the coming weeks. Together, let's make this a joyful celebration of our parish community.

An invitation from the Indian Community

The Indian community invites you for the solemn Mass on the feast of "Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary" & celebration of India's Independence Day on the 15th of August at 12 noon. The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at Mount Carmel parish Varroville. Please bring a plate.