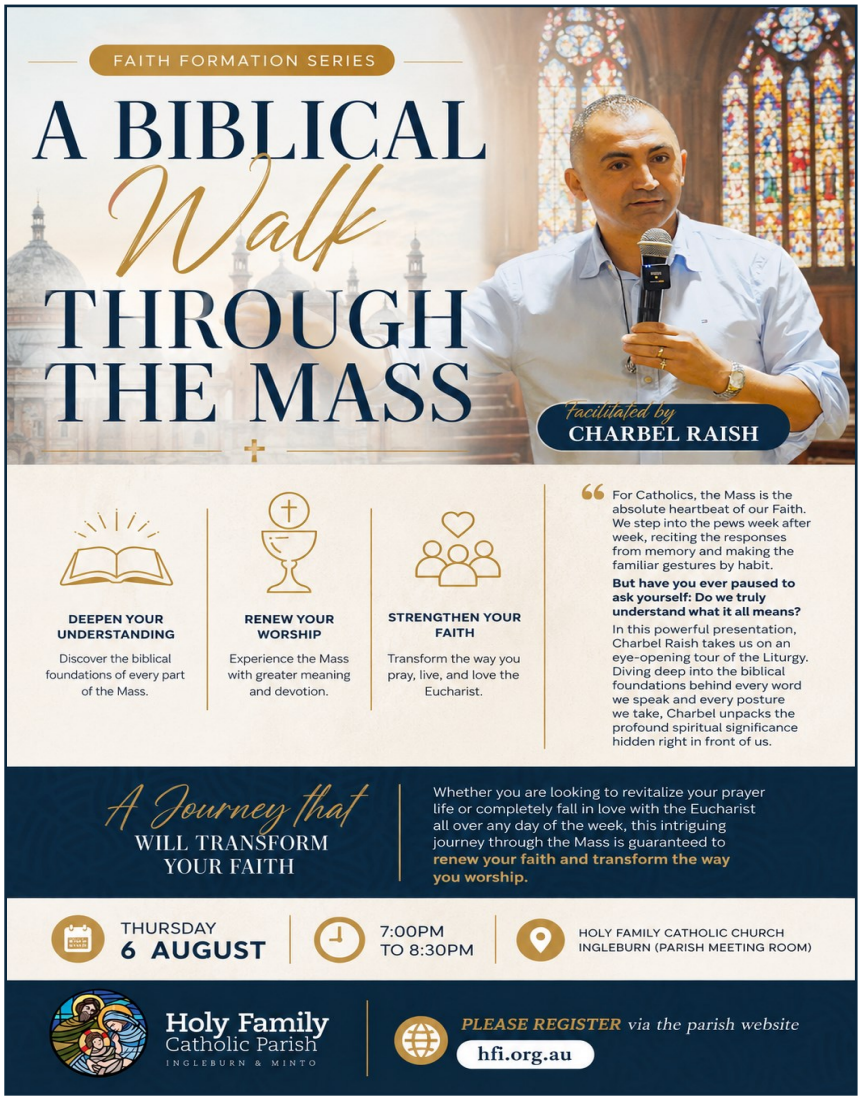

Proudly servicing the Catholic community in your time of need.

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

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

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
26 July 2026
World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 2026

Reflection by Father Henry

In this Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 13:44–52), Jesus once again uses simple parables to reveal the mystery of the Kingdom of God. A man discovers a treasure hidden in a field. A merchant finds a pearl of extraordinary value. In both cases, they gladly sell everything they own to possess what they have found. Jesus reminds us that nothing compares with the gift of knowing God and sharing in his Kingdom. Our relationship with Christ is the greatest treasure we can ever possess.

Yet there is an important difference between the two stories. The merchant finds the pearl because he has spent years searching for it. The man who discovers the treasure, however, finds it unexpectedly while going about his daily work. Together, these parables teach us that God reaches people in different ways. Some come to faith through a long and sincere search. Others encounter God when they least expect it, through an unexpected event, a conversation, a moment of suffering, or an act of kindness.

This is a comforting message. We should certainly seek God with all our heart, but our salvation does not depend on our efforts alone. God is always the first to seek us. Even when our prayers seem dry, our faith feels weak, or our search appears fruitless, God has not stopped looking for us. His grace is always at work.

As we also celebrate Grandparents Sunday, we give thanks for grandparents whose quiet faith has often helped their families discover this priceless treasure. Their example reminds us that the greatest inheritance we can pass on is not wealth, but a living faith in Jesus Christ.

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 well-being of fellow parishioners.

If you are feeling unwell, please consider those around you and take appropriate precautions to help protect our parish community.

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2

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

July

25 Parish Fundraising Event: Holy Family Parish Mid-Year Dinner Dance, 7pm in the Parish School Hall
26 Bukas Palad Music Concert, 2pm
27 School Mass - St Benedict & Grandparents Day, 11:45am

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 & 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

July

25 Saint James, *Apostle*
26 Saints Joachim and Anne, *Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
29 Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

***Saturday 25 July* - Holy Family Parish Mid-Year Dinner Dance**
7pm, Parish School Hall

***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.

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
Every Saturday, 8:30am-10:00am, Church Bell Tower.

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

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.

Other intentions: 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 our young people, particularly those preparing for examinations, making important life decisions, or discerning their future path, that they may be guided by wisdom, courage and trust in God's plan for them.

With joyful hearts, during May, we welcomed the newly Baptised into our Parish community:
Luis Lopez, Evelyn Amodeo, Matteo Pennisi-Gordon, Noah Perry, Jude Williams, Charlotte Williams, Jaron Manuel.
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.

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.

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.