

**SYNODALITY**  
From Pope Francis to Pope Leo XIV  
**WHERE ARE WE GOING?**  
THE FUTURE OF THE SYNODAL CHURCH

**with FATHER ASAEI RASS, SVD**  
former Provincial of the Divine Word Missionaries (SVD) and currently the Parish Priest of Mary Mother of the Church Parish in Macquarie Fields, Wollongong Diocese.

In 2023 Fr Rass was appointed by Pope Francis as one of the facilitators of the Synod on Synodality in Rome.

He has also facilitated countless workshops and reflections on Synodality in Australia, Fiji and USA.

In this talk Fr. Rass will reflect on the development of Pope Francis' concept of synodal church as a **deeply inclusive, missionary community** where all baptised Catholics are empowered to take **co-responsibility** for the church's mission and will place it **within** the current reality of Pope Leo XIV.

**DATE**  
THURSDAY  
3 SEPTEMBER 2026  
7:00 – 8:30 PM

**VENUE**  
HOLY FAMILY PARISH  
INGLEBURN

**Holy Family Catholic Parish**  
INGLEBURN & MINTO

Please register on [www.hfi.org.au](http://www.hfi.org.au)

“Journeying together as the People of God.”  
— Synod on Synodality

LET US WALK TOGETHER.  
LISTENING. DISCERNING.  
MISSIONING.

ALL WELCOME!  
For more information please contact the Parish Office.

**Parish Fair**  
Saturday 24 October 2026  
10am to 3pm  
136 Oxford Road, Ingleburn

Food Stalls | Live Performances  
Children's Activities | Raffles & Prizes  
Community & Fellowship  
**Everyone is welcome!**

**MULTICULTURAL DAY**  
= Sunday, 13 September 2026 =

- Celebrate** diverse cultures and traditions with our parish community!
- Enjoy** multicultural food, stalls and performances!
- Wear** your national costume and join us!
- Everyone** is invited!

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**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 or provide entertainment, please add your name to the Expression of Interest sheets in the Church foyer.

We also welcome support from local businesses and community members who may wish to contribute through sponsorship, donations of prizes, vouchers, goods or services. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to support the Parish Fair in this way.

We look forward to sharing this special day with our parish family and wider community. More information will be provided over the coming weeks.

**Together, let's make this a joyful celebration of our parish community.**



**Holy Family Catholic Parish**  
INGLEBURN & MINTO

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A  
23 August 2026

### Reflection by Father Henry

At Caesarea Philippi, Jesus turns away from the shifting public opinion and looks directly at His closest companions with a quiet, piercing query: *"Who do you say I am?"*

This is not a trivia question; it is an existential turning point. The crowds see Jesus merely as a prophet or a historical teacher. But Jesus requires a deeply personal verdict from each of us. Simon Peter steps into the grace of the Father's revelation and responds, *"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."*

Peter's bold confession transforms him into the "rock". Just as Eliakim received the keys of authority in our first reading from Isaiah, Peter is entrusted with a sacred stewardship. Answering Jesus' question is absolutely crucial for us today. It cannot remain a simple intellectual exercise. Instead, it must be a deeply transformative encounter that radically reshapes our entire identity, our values, and our life's direction.

Yet, this profound mystery echoes St. Paul's doxology in Romans: God's ways and wisdom far surpass human logic. We cannot master the Almighty; we can only surrender to Him in awe and vibrant faith.

Today, the Lord asks you this exact question in the quiet of your heart. It is not enough to repeat what society, family, or history says about Jesus. Your daily choices, your capacity to forgive, your active love for the poor, and your commitment to this parish community all answer the question. When we look at Christ and declare Him our Lord, that confession transforms us from passive onlookers into living stones of His Church. May our lives echo Peter's grace-filled declaration today.

### PARISH MINISTRIES & GROUPS

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

**BIBLE READING**  
9:30am 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                  |                            |
|--------------|----------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
|              |                |                            |                            |
|              |                | 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<br>9am - 10am |
| Holy Trinity | Rosary         | Mon                        | 7pm                        |
|              | Reconciliation | Wed                        | 5.45pm - 6pm               |
|              | Mass           | Wed                        | 6pm                        |
|              |                | Sun                        | 8am                        |

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

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

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## What's On In Our Parish

### September

- 1 September to 4 October - Season of Creation  
1 World Day of Prayer for Creation  
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

### October

- 1 September to 4 October - Season of Creation  
4 Youth + Young Adult Bake Sale after 9am Mass  
7 Monthly Morning Tea after 9am Mass  
17 & 18 Social Gathering Weekend  
24 Parish Fair, Holy Family Church grounds 10am to 3pm

## Liturgical Dates

### August

- 24 St Bartholomew, *Apostle*  
27 St Monica  
28 St Augustine, *Bishop & Doctor of the Church*  
29 The Passion of St John the Baptist

### September

- 3 Saint Gregory the Great, *Pope & Doctor of the Church*  
8 The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
12 The Most Holy Name of Mary

## DATES TO REMEMBER

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

**Saturday 24 October - Parish Fair**  
*Holy Family Church - 10am to 3pm*

**Saturday 28 November - Y&YA Retreat**

**Friday 4 December - Parish Carol Night**

### Sacrament of Confirmation

If your child is in Year 6 or above, has been Baptised and has received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, they are eligible to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Registration is via the parish website and will open on 25 August 2026.

*We look forward to journeying with your family  
as your child prepares to receive this important sacrament.*



### 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

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

## From The Diocese

### St Carlo Acutis Relic and Display coming in September!

Our Diocese is excited to be hosting the International Carlo Acutis Major Relic Pilgrimage between 14-21 September 2026. The relic will visit the parishes of Oran Park (Mon 14th), Rosemeadow (Tue 15th), Nowra (Wed 16- Thurs 17th), and the Wollongong Cathedral (Fri 18 - Mon 21), with opportunities for veneration of the first-class relic of St Carlo, participating in the sacraments, and visiting St Carlo's own Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition. Everyone, but especially students and young adults, will be amazed and drawn into a deep experience of faith in encountering St Carlo's story, relic and the display. Visit <https://www.stcarloaustralia.com/> for more information.

### Compass Catholic Family Camping Weekend - Friday 16 - Sunday 18 October

Registrations are now open for our next CCFC Weekend planned for Friday 16 - Sunday 18 October. Join with families from across the Diocese for a relaxed weekend of family fun, faith and food!

For more information and to register go to: [dow.sh/familycamping26](http://dow.sh/familycamping26)



**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, Susan Williams, Maureen Donnelly.

**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, Anne Swindles.

**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; Nelly Marianita Suarez, Gregory and Leon Rego, Paul Collins, Father Peter Caruana, Sue Mahony, Damirka (Doreen) Novakovich.

**Other intentions:** For our RCIA catechumens and candidates, that God will continue to open their hearts, deepen their faith, and guide their steps closer to Christ through this time of preparation.

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

**Ella Khoury, Aila Marie Bernardo,  
Jett Keating, Elliana Ansell.**

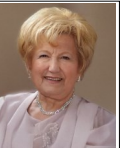


*We ask God to bless these children, their parents, Godparents and families, to surround them with your goodness and lead them in Your light each day of their lives.*



## Remembering Damirka (Doreen) Novakovich

On the 1st Anniversary of her passing  
19 February 1942 - 24 August 2025



As we mark the first anniversary of Doreen's passing, we give thanks to God for the gift of her life and for the many ways she was a valued part of our parish community.

We remember Doreen with gratitude and affection, and for the warmth, kindness and faith she shared with those around her. Her presence and contribution to our parish family remain fondly remembered by all who knew her.

As we honour her memory, we pray:

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

## WANT TO BE BAPTISED? WANT TO BECOME A CATHOLIC?

Anyone over the age of seven (7) who has not been baptised and who wishes to become a Catholic, NOW is the time to let the Parish Office know. Preparation for the three Sacraments of Initiation, Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist is called RCIA or RCIC, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults/Children. Similarly, if you have been baptised in another Christian Church and you want to become a Catholic, you won't be re-baptised, but there is a preparation period prior to you receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

If you or if you know anyone who wants to become a Catholic, please call the Parish Office, to obtain the "inquiry" form and to begin the preparation. People in the RCIA and RCIC programs will receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil, 27 March 2027.

Welcome to anyone wishing to become a Catholic.

**Please note: If you, your spouse and/or de facto have been previously divorced, you need to contact the Tribunal Office [4222 2409] prior to your enrolling in the RCIA Program.**