



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

Under the pontificate of Pope Leo XIV the Catholic Church is currently in the active implementation phase of a multi-year global synodal journey, steering toward a major Ecclesial Assembly at the Vatican scheduled for **October 2025**.

Pope Leo XIV has preserved the foundational "Synod on Synodality" legacy initiated by Pope Francis, but he is refining it into what theologians call a "Leonine" version of synodality. This approach prioritises **institutional structural unity, balances hierarchy with dialogue**, and treats synodality as an **ongoing attitude** rather than a tool for continuous radical reform.



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

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

LET US WALK TOGETHER.
LISTENING. DISCOVERING.
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 forms 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.

Raffle tickets are on sale after each weekend Mass for \$2 each. Tickets are available from the table in the Church foyer. Prizes are: 1st \$500, 2nd \$300 and 3rd \$200.

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-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
30 August 2026

Reflection by Father Henry

In this Sunday's Gospel, we encounter a striking contrast. Just after Peter has confessed Jesus as the Messiah, Jesus begins to reveal what this mission will involve: suffering, rejection and death. Peter cannot accept this. He recoils at the thought of a Messiah who must suffer, and Jesus rebukes him for thinking "not as God does, but as human beings do."

Jesus then makes clear that discipleship cannot be separated from the cross. Following Jesus is not always comfortable or easy. It requires trust, sacrifice and a willingness to put God's will before our own.

We see something similar in the First Reading (Jeremiah 20:7–9). Jeremiah has experienced rejection and suffering because of his prophetic mission. He is tempted to give up, yet he discovers that he cannot remain silent. God's word is "like a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones." Despite the difficulties, he cannot turn away from the mission entrusted to him.

St Paul, in the Second Reading (Romans 12:1–2), gives us another way of understanding discipleship. He urges us to offer our lives to God as "a living sacrifice" and not to conform ourselves to the standards of the world, but to allow God to transform our minds and hearts.

The cross, therefore, is not something we deliberately seek. Rather, it is the cost of faithful love. Whenever following Christ requires patience, forgiveness, courage, generosity or perseverance, we are invited to remain faithful rather than choose the easier path.

This week, let us ask ourselves: **Where am I tempted to avoid the cross of faithful discipleship?** And where might God be asking me to trust Him more deeply? May we have the courage to take up our cross, follow Christ faithfully, and allow His love to transform our lives.

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.

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57 Guernsey Ave, Minto

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Living Water Season of Creation 2026

Join Christians worldwide in celebrating the Season of Creation, which begins this Tuesday, 1 September (the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) and concludes on 4 October (the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi).

This year's theme, "**Living Water**", invites us to reflect on how we can better protect God's precious gift of water and heal our local ecosystems.

Let us join together in prayer, simpler living, and advocacy for our common home. To learn more or get involved, visit seasonofcreation.org.

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
Holy Trinity	Reconciliation	Tue Sat	6.30pm - 7pm 9am - 10am
	Rosary	Mon	7pm
	Reconciliation	Wed	5.45pm - 6pm
	Mass	Wed	6pm
		Sun	8am

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
- 4 First Friday of the Month
- 5 & 6 Bishop Brian Mascord's Foster Care Call 2026
- 8 SVD Foundation Day
- 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

Liturgical Dates

August

- 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
- 13 Saint John Chrysostom, *Bishop & Doctor of the Church*
- 14 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- 15 Our Lady of Sorrows

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.

Please register via the parish website.

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



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. 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

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

SVD Foundation Day Tuesday 8 September

On Tuesday 8 September, we celebrate **SVD Foundation Day**, marking the foundation of the Society of the Divine Word (SVD) and giving thanks for the missionary work and service of the SVD priests around the world.

We invite our parish community to join **Father Henry and Father Mike** for Mass on **Tuesday 8 September at 7pm**, celebrating SVD Foundation Day and giving thanks for the many ways the Divine Word Missionaries serve our Church and our community.

Please join us on Tuesday 8 September.



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.



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:



**Chiara Casey,
Patrick Hernandez, Sophia Bunoza,
Nevaeh Murray, Sophia Rodriguez**

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

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.

Holy Family Parish Youth + Young Adults Ministry 2026

TASTE & SEE Bake Sale

**SUNDAY 4 OCT 2026
AFTER 9AM MASS**

HOLY FAMILY, INGLEBURN

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.