

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

MASS TIME:

Saturday 15 August
Holy Day of Obligation

9am
(5pm Vigil Mass is 20th Sunday
in Ordinary Time,
not the Feast of the Assumption)

Holy Family Parish Youth and Young Adults Ministry 2026

BINGO

4-Blessings

FRI 14 AUG 2026

EARLY BIRD BOOK PRICE 6:00PM TO 6:30PM: \$20 ONLY
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Holy Family Catholic Parish

INGLEBURN & MINTO

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
9 August 2026

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57 Guernsey Ave, Minto

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Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter

I don't know that we've ever properly understood the significance of the disciples in the gospels; our attention is always focused on Jesus. The disciples certainly got the inside running on all of Jesus' teachings; they witnessed the miracles; and were themselves empowered to carry on the work of Jesus. They can be seen as the prototypes for all the followers of Jesus that have come since. When we read the gospel stories we can perhaps place ourselves in the position of James or John or Peter or Andrew.

To be a disciple to a rabbi was not just to be a supporter or an interested bystander. To be a disciple was to hungrily learn from your rabbi. The fact that all of Jesus' disciples were called from other walks of life means that no other rabbi had already chosen them. They had been passed over as not good enough to study with a rabbi. When they were called by Jesus it was an opportunity they would never have dreamed possible; of course they left everything and followed him.

To be a disciple was effectively an apprenticeship to becoming a rabbi. To be discipled to a rabbi was to believe that you could do what your rabbi did. It is this belief that makes Peter get out of the boat. His rabbi is walking on the water and Peter believes that he can do what his rabbi does. And extraordinarily, Peter begins to walk on the water just like Jesus. It is only when he starts to think about what he's doing that he sinks. When Jesus asks Peter, 'Why did you doubt?' he is asking Peter why he doubted himself. It wasn't that Peter doubted Jesus; he doubted his own ability to be the equal of his rabbi!

Living the Gospel – Christian

What does it mean to describe oneself as a Christian today? A common understanding might be 'one who follows the teachings of Jesus Christ'. Perhaps, based on the understanding of what it meant to be a disciple, we might better describe a Christian as one who learns from the teachings of Jesus and seeks to emulate the work of Jesus. That is, a Christian is someone who models their life on the example of Jesus and is the face of Jesus to others. That's a tougher job description than just turning up to church once a week or putting a bumper sticker on your car.

Gospel Focus – 'Lord! Save me!'

The cry of Peter is one that each of us feels the need to cry out at some stage in our life. Jesus trusted Peter's ability to walk to him on the water; otherwise he would not have called Peter to do so. It is Peter who doubts himself. In this moment of realising that he can't do it alone, he calls out to Jesus. One of the enduring images of Jesus is as the one who saves - the Saviour. When the realisation eventually comes to each of us that we can't do it all alone, we need only call on the one who saves.

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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 2028**.

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 ASAELI 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

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LISTENING. DISCOVERING.
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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	9am
		Tue	7pm
		First Friday of each month	6.30pm
		Sat	5pm Vigil
		Sun	9am and 5pm
	<i>Adoration</i>	Tues	7.30pm
Holy Trinity	<i>Benediction</i>	First Friday of each month	9.30am
	<i>Reconciliation</i>	Tue Sat	6.30pm - 7pm 9am - 10am
	<i>Rosary</i>	Mon	7pm
	<i>Reconciliation</i>	Wed	5.45pm - 6pm
	Mass	Wed	6pm
		Sun	8am

What's On In Our Parish

August

- 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

- 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

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.

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

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



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.

*The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on
Sunday, 15 November 2026, at 10:30am and 12:30pm Masses*

Compulsory Preparation Dates

- Monday, 12 October, 6:30pm.
- Monday, 19 October at 6:30pm.
- Monday, 26 October at 6:30pm.
- Monday 2 November at 6pm (followed by Mass for All Souls Day)
- Monday, 9 November at 6:30pm (rehearsal in the Church).

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

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.

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, Gregory and Leon Rego, Paul Collins, 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



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.



Altar
Servers

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.

A Big Thank You from Ingleburn St Vincent de Paul Conference Members St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal

The Ingleburn St Vincent de Paul Society Conference members would like to offer our sincere thanks to the Holy Family Ingleburn parishioners, including those who contributed directly to our online fundraising page, for your generosity in contributing to the Ingleburn Conference Winter appeal. The total amount of money raised is **\$4,385.30**, which is a fantastic response. These monies will be utilised to help support those in need of assistance in our local community.

Thank you for your generosity and support,
The Ingleburn St Vincent de Paul Conference

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.