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Holy Family Parish Como-Kensington

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## A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY

A proposal to 'prepare documentation recording the Parish's history to date and establish an archive of historical information' was approved by the Parish Pastoral Council in January 2018. A small team of parishioners was formed. Led by Michael Taylor, the team includes Kerry Hardwick, Judy Priestly, Josie Staude, Marianne Taylor, Tony Bray and parish archivist Lucia Steeman.

The team has been gathering data, indexing historical material, conducting interviews and collecting information from parishioners through a questionnaire. They now have a significant amount of information and over the next few months will write material based on subjects that are of interest. All material produced will be in digital form and available on the Parish web site.

Parish history begins with the establishment of St Columba's Parish in South Perth in 1917. With slow growth South of the river until after the Second World War, the Kensington, Como and Manning suburbs were originally part of the St Columba's Parish. The establishment of the church schools which used to exist on Carey Street in Kensington (opened in 1938) and Thelma Street in Como (opened in 1953) occurred while Kensington and Como were part of St Columba's Parish.

As the population increased, the Holy Cross Kensington Parish was formed in 1950 and the Holy Family Como Parish in 1955. Kensington used the school hall until their church was opened in November 1964 and Como used a number of venues until their church was opened in April 1959. Pictures of the two churches are below.



Holy Cross Catholic Church – Broad Street, Kensington



Holy Family Catholic Church – Thelma Street, Como

With the appointment of the Blessed Sacrament Fathers in 1985, the Holy Cross Kensington and Holy Family Como Parishes were amalgamated. The two parishes continued to function under amalgamated conditions until the Blessed Sacrament Fathers left Perth in December 1998. It was then that the Parish of Kensington was closed, with all its facilities and the Como Parish became the Como-Kensington Parish. The Parish we have to-day has three stories, the Kensington story, the Como story and the Holy Family Como-Kensington story.

It is important we record and acknowledge these stories so that we can appreciate the efforts of our earlier parish communities and clergy. Their achievements were considerable; and we continue to benefit from their efforts. The parish church has also been an important commitment for many of our older parishioners and the story of a number of families over several generations remind us of what is important in to-days rapidly changing world.

As part of Holy Family Church's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in April 2009, there was a one-page history article prepared by Ken Kelsall. There are also brief histories included in the original church blessing booklets. Previously a number of people have provided oral histories. There is a need to bring this all together and it is planned that the History Team will publish an informative and interesting story by Christmas this year

**MICHAEL  
TAYLOR**



## MINISTRY TEAM

**Parish Priest:** Fr Ossie Lewis  
**Resident Priest:** Fr Greg Carroll  
**Parish Pastoral Assistants:**  
 Nola Smith & Tony Pires  
**Sacristan:**  
 Joseph Muttupulle  
**Office Staff:**  
 Cecilia Bray & Joanne Zappia  
**Safeguarding Officers:**  
 Breda Pires & Jim Phillips

**Liturgy Committee Chair:**  
 David Ho  
**Adult Faith Formation:**  
 Tony Pires  
**Sacramental Preparation:**  
 Mark Ferroa  
**Sacred Environment:**  
 Megan Phillips  
**Holy Family Care:**  
 Maggie Doyle  
**St Vincent de Paul Society:**  
 Mike Cosson

**Parish Pastoral Council Chair:**  
 Marie Tiley  
**Finance Committee Chair:**  
 Leon Hanrahan  
**Maintenance Committee:**  
 Jim Phillips  
**Grounds Committee:**  
 Colin Howarth  
**Social Team Coordinators:**  
 Leo Dias, Marina Pavvey, Marie Tiley  
**Archivist:**  
 Lucia Steeman

Contact details for the above parishioners are available from the Church Office Tues-Fri 9.30am-12.30pm

### HOLY FAMILY DIARY

3rd - 9th September 2018

**MONDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER**

- No Mass
- 6pm D'Cantor Choir Rehearsal
- 7.30pm SVdP Meeting - Mtg Rm1

**TUESDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER**

- 8.30am Rosary
- 9am Mass

**WEDNESDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER**

- 8.30am Rosary
- 9am Mass
- 9.30am Craft Group - Mtg Rm1
- 10am Mass - Balmoral NH
- 7pm ICYO Choir Rehearsal

**THURSDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER**

- 8.30am Rosary
- 9am Mass
- 9.30 - 3.30pm Adoration
- 7pm Adult Faith Enrichment Course Embracing the non-violent teachings of Jesus - Hall

**FRIDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER**

- 7pm Mass
- 7.30pm Sto.Padro Pio Prayer Group

**SATURDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER**

- 3pm ALTAR SERVER TRAINING
- 1pm Ukulele Group
- 4.45pm Confirmation Class - MtgRm1
- 5.40pm Holy Rosary - Church
- 6pm Mass

**SUNDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER**  
 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME


- 8.10am Holy Rosary - Church
- 8.30am Mass
- Children's Liturgy - Mtg Rm1
- 9.40am Holy Rosary - Church
- Children's Liturgy - Mtg Rm1

**SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS**  
 Breda Pires: 0422 237 261  
 Jim Phillips: 0419 964 806

**WE THANK THE FOLLOWING MINISTERS FOR THEIR SERVICE THIS WEEKEND**

| 1/2 September                             | Saturday 7.00pm  | Sunday 8.30am   | Sunday 10.00am   |
|---|--|---|--|
| Acolytes                                  | David Pereira  | David Ho  | Peter Quinn  |
| Altar Servers MC                          | Aaron Richards   | Holly Smith   | Bryan Chong  |
| C   | Cameron Richards   | Kate Pearson  | Esther Muttupulle  |
| S1  | Jedsen Monk  | Zara Pearson  | Shenaya Wijeyekoon   |
| S2  | Siena Monk   | Grace Pearson   | Mike Muttupulle  |
| S3  | Xavier Bianchini   | MC  | MC   |
| Commentators                              | Helen Mason  | Regina Crothers   | Tony Pires   |
| Readers                                   | Amanda Johnson   | Katy Fuderer  | Anne Armstrong   |
|   | Andrea D'Souza   | Geraldine Taylor  | Joyce Khoo   |
| Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist | Mike Cosson<br>Anne Quinn<br>Alex Paljetak<br>Margaret Hennessey | Regina Crothers<br>Rose Hart<br>Adelene Bird<br>Jacky Embry | Pascale Ng<br>Vicki Ha<br>Breda Pires<br>Grace Toczylowski |
| Children's Liturgy                        |  | Rebecca Bhat  | Stephanie Johnson  |
| Sacred Environment                        |  | Lynne Newton  |  |

**Ministers please check your roster for next week.**  
 They are available on the Parish Notice Board or at [www.holyfamily.com.au](http://www.holyfamily.com.au)



### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES SEPTEMBER 2018

We congratulate the following parishioners celebrating wedding anniversaries this month:

Mike & Elka **Zekulich**,  
 Brian & Margaret **Jarvis**,  
 Gloria & Eric **Armstrong**,  
 Ted & Flo **Cue**,  
 Tom & Pam **Morshead**,  
 Patricia & John **Williams**,  
 Kevin & Betty **Mitchell**,  
 Stephen & Mary **Tan**,  
 Bernie & Michelle **Roberts**,  
 Rudy & Katherine **Llanos**,  
 Tony & Cecilia **Bray**,  
 Dot & Tony **Elder**,  
 Dan & Claire **Hegarty**,  
 Adam & Elly **Nevin**,  
 Peter & Amy **Tsia**,  
 Pat & Kamille **Nogoy**,  
 Tony & Breda **Pires**,  
 Adam & Jeanette **Drury**

**God bless you on your special day**

### THE POWER OF PRAYER

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week:

Andres **Chaves**,  
 Michele **McDermott**,  
 Bill **Woodruff**,  
 Carolyn **Gonsalves**,  
 Bernadette **Fernandez**

If you know someone **who has asked for prayers** please add their name to the list in the church foyer. Names will be highlighted in the next Parish Bulletin & remembered in the Prayers of the Faithful in the Sunday Masses. Those names will be on the Notice Board the following week.

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

**Annual General Meeting**  
 11am Sunday 16 September

**Are you new to our Parish?**

If you have recently moved into the area and would like information about our Parish, please introduce yourself to Fr Ossie and complete a New Parishioner Enrolment Form available in church foyer.

Church's Formal Response to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse is available in the church foyer.



# GREETINGS FROM FR OSSIE

Dear parishioners and friends,

I take this opportunity to share with you a thought from our beloved Pope Francis.

First of all I would like to thank you most sincerely for your commitment in the service of our Church and particularly of our parish. This church and this parish is the Mystical body of Christ. It is very attractive to think of this parish as a small-scale model of the church, in other words as a body which strives seriously every day to work harmoniously, head, hands and legs in unison. In fact, as a dynamic body it cannot live without a vital, personal, authentic and solid relationship with Christ and one another.

To this end, Pope Francis give us, two exhortations:

Firstly, the need for coordination: Once its members lose communion among themselves, the body loses its harmonious functioning and its equilibrium: its members do not work together and lose the spirit of fellowship and teamwork. When the foot says to the arm: "I don't need you" or the hand says to the head, "I am in charge" they create discomfort and scandal.

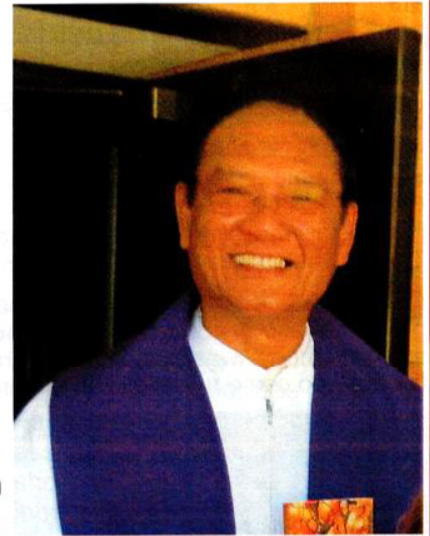
Secondly, gossiping, grumbling and back-biting is a grave illness which begins simply in small talk and takes over a person, making him become a "sower of weeds" and in many cases, a cold-blooded killer of the good name of our colleagues and confreres, and so let us be on our guard against the terrorism of gossip.

He concludes by saying that it is the Holy Spirit of God who makes us realise that every member participates in the sanctification of the Body of Christ. It is He who brings about the harmony and unity of all the members.

And so, let us devote ourselves to ardent prayer to the Holy Spirit so as to grow in the love of God, his Church and one another.

God bless,

*Fr Ossie Lewis PP*



## YOUTH @ HOLY FAMILY

AMABEL  
WIJAYA

In Australia the liturgical year of 2018 is a national Year of Youth - designed to focus more on the young people in the church and how the church can support them to grow more in faith.

At Holy Family we have formed our own youth group so that young people in the parish will have a place to hang out with friends, share their faith journey with one another and grow together as a community in Christ.

The Youth Group aims to provide a support group for young people, aged 12 to 30 to help them develop a better and deeper understanding of their Catholic faith leading in to the Australian Catholic Youth Festival to be held in Perth in 2019.

A Youth Mass is held on the last Saturday of the month and is followed by a Youth Event in the Hall. Amabel and Dimitrio, our Youth Leaders, welcome ALL youth to the Mass & event.



**Youth Mass**  
**Last Saturday of the month**



# SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

MARK FERROA

## First Holy Communion Ceremony

On Sunday 26th August thirty children made their First Holy Communion. During the Mass, celebrated by Fr Ossie, the children prepared the altar by taking up in procession the altar cloth, candles and sacramentary. The gifts of bread and wine were then brought forward.

Our group of communicants this year was the largest group to make their First Holy Communion in our parish and the church was packed with family members and friends who came to witness the ceremony.

### Reflections from the father of a First Holy Communicant

30 kids! 12 weeks (or more) program. Missed classes. Excuses given. Always met by an understanding smile and yet more reassurances, 'Not to worry, it's OK'.

Getting that set of clothes all in white. Steam coming out of the ears. Then, the big day arrives and it's just amazingly cool, wonderful and beautiful. Those 30 kids all Blessed with this amazing Sacrament, a special gift for the rest of their lives, that will spiritually enrich each one of them in ways that they cannot yet even begin to understand.

To the Catechists Mark Ferroa and Marie Tiley, Fr Ossie, the Choir and the Holy Family Community at large, thank you from Agatha Danagher as well as me, her Dad xx



## First Reconciliation Ceremony



Thirteen children made their first confession at the First Reconciliation Ceremony celebrated by Fr Ossie Lewis on Saturday, 23 June 2018. The ceremony was well attended by the children's families. After each child had received absolution, Fr Ossie invited their family to come forward for a family reconciliation. The child then lit their candle from the Paschal Candle and placed it on the altar.



## Confirmation Program 2018

**Sacramental Meeting**  
3.30pm Saturday 20 October  
**Ceremony Rehearsal**  
3.30pm Saturday 27 October  
**Ceremony**  
6pm Saturday  
3 November





# PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

MARIE  
TILEY

## Parish Management

At Holy Family Parish, Como we are an active Christ centred community. Many subcommittees support Fr Ossie in promoting Gospel values and the teachings of the Church. The Parish is well supported by two pastoral assistants, Nola Smith and Tony Pires. They dutifully assist Father in leading the mission and pastoral care of the parish community. The Pastoral Council also assists Fr Ossie to promote the Church's mission to live and communicate the love, values and teachings of Christ in our world. The newly realised Archdiocesan constitution is mandated by the Archbishop of Perth and provides regulations for the operation of the Council as a body of persons to carry out activities as specified. We look forward to working closely with other Parishes to meet the challenges of the new Archdiocesan constitution. The Parish Finance Committee also works within this constitution in offering sound advice to the parish priest on financial matters related to Parish funds.

Behind the scenes there are many people who support the smooth running of our Parish. Office staff are available each day of the week to handle inquires and liaise with Fr Ossie. Our two Safeguarding Officers are responsible for ensuring the safety of children, young people and the vulnerable within our Parish. The Maintenance Coordinator keeps a check on our ageing Church and premises. A recent initiative for the Parish has been an upgrade of the solar panels for a more energy efficient return. Ongoing maintenance is underway in the Church and hall. Recently a hazardous tree was removed from behind the Parish centre. Our Grounds Coordinator dutifully works with and oversees the volunteer workers on a Saturday morning to upgrade our gardens and keep them looking neat and tidy.

## Spiritually

Our altar servers, acolytes, lectors, extraordinary ministers, children's liturgy team, sacred environment team, liturgy committee and small Christian communities all contribute to the development of our catholic faith within the Parish and are a visible sign of our Christ centred, faithful Church. Their devotion in carrying out their roles displays commitment to serving God as we gather in worship. The liturgical year of 2018 has been identified by the Australian Bishops as a National Year of Youth. At Holy Family Parish the youth meet monthly with Fr Ossie to focus on practical ways to deepen their faith and be active within the Catholic faith community as they live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today.

## Evangelisation

The Parish sacramental program prepares children for the celebration of the sacraments. The parish supports the family to provide a home environment that promotes the growth of faith for all their family members and leads them into celebrating the faith-life of the parish community especially through their participation in the Mass. Catechists also take weekly Children's Liturgy sessions during the Sunday masses to bring children closer to Jesus and his teachings in the Gospel. Adult faith enrichment sessions are hosted by the Parish to facilitate a deeper understanding of the Catholic faith and Church teachings. Holy Family is hosting three Plenary Council discussions looking at the future of the Church in Australia. Parishioners are encouraged to attend and share their thoughts and experiences. Individual submissions may be made directly to the Plenary Council team online at:

[plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

## Social Outreach Services

The Vinnies Como Conference services people in need in Como, Kensington, South Perth, Manning and Karawara. They offer assistance to their clients through food, fuel, clothing, bedding and furniture vouchers. The Holy Family Parish give generously to collections for the Vinnies and support the Christmas Giving Tree. The Holy Family Parish operates Holy Family Care which offers assistance to parishioners for short term home help, handyman jobs, transport, gardening and emergency meals. The Parish supports appeals locally, Nationally and Internationally through Caritas, Lifelink and Catholic Missions Propagation of the Faith Appeal. Parishioners are generous with donations and their time given to people in need.

## Social and fundraising activities

Social and fundraising events are offered within the Parish. Parishioners offer both monetary and organisational support to ensure the success of these activities.

## Parish Initiatives

During 2018 a small team of parishioners headed by Michael Taylor have begun a Parish History Project. Another initiative taken up by the Parish Pastoral Council has to been to update the appearance and content of the parish website. This project is presently underway and will be finalised in the near future.

## Our future

As Catholics we are challenged to be attentive to the realities of life within society and to work together to search for where God may be leading. It is important that we gather, pray and share our thoughts and listen to one another. The Catholic Church in Australia is undergoing change. We have an opportunity through The Plenary Council to respond and be disciples of this renewal and change.



# SOCIAL EVENTS

MARINA PAVEY  
& LEO DIAS

Social Events are an important part of building community within the parish but one of the challenges for any Social Team is putting together a calendar of social events that caters for the varied age and interest groups within a parish.

So far this year the Social Team have succeeded with the presentation of a **Family Film Night** in the Parish Hall, the more adult oriented **Movies Under the Stars** at the Bray's residence and the fabulous **Parish Quiz Night**. In addition to the regular **Sunday Morning Tea** every second week we have also enjoyed the mid week **Anzac Day Morning Tea** and the **Stay On Your Feet Morning Tea** presentation on the Feast of the Assumption. **Hot Cross Buns** were served for morning tea on Easter Sunday with the drawing of the Easter Raffle after the 10am Mass, then the delicious Cake Stall with a **Cupcake for all Mum's** was served up on Mother's Day.

Events still to come on our calendar include the Friday night **"70's Disco Night"** in September and the Family Fun Day **"Mad Hatter Tea Party"** in October. Also on the drawing board are an **"Old Time Music Hall"** evening, **"50's Rock & Roll Party Night"**, **Children's Christmas Movie Night** and of course our **Parish Christmas Carols Evening** and the much anticipated **Holy Family Feast Luncheon**.

If you have any ideas for social functions that will target an audience that We have overlooked please do not hesitate to send an email to:

Marina on [mrayside@hotmail.com](mailto:mrayside@hotmail.com) or Leo on [diasleo2000@gmail.com](mailto:diasleo2000@gmail.com)

For upcoming social events in our parish throughout 2018 check out **"Dates to remember"**.

**PUT THIS on YOUR CALENDAR!**

## Dates to remember

- ◆ **September** - 70's Disco Night
- ◆ **October** - Mad Hatter Tea Party
- ◆ **December** - Christmas Carols
- ◆ **December** - Holy Family Feast Day Luncheon

# 70's Disco Night

## Friday 14 Sept 7-10pm

Put on your dancing shoes & relive the Saturday Night Fever days  
Soft drink & snacks for sale BYOG

**\$5 per person or \$20 per family**

Add your name to the list available in the church foyer at ALL Masses  
**THIS WEEKEND**

# Mad Hatter Tea Party

## 11am Sunday 14 October

Dress up as your favourite character from

**"Alice in Wonderland"**.

Lots of fun activities for the kids.  
Sausage sizzle, cupcakes and drinks for sale.

**\$5 per person or \$20 per family**

Add your FAMILY name to the list in the church foyer

## Coming soon...

**Children's Christmas Movie Night**  
**Parish Christmas Carols**  
**Holy Family Feast Luncheon**



# Mother's Day Blessing

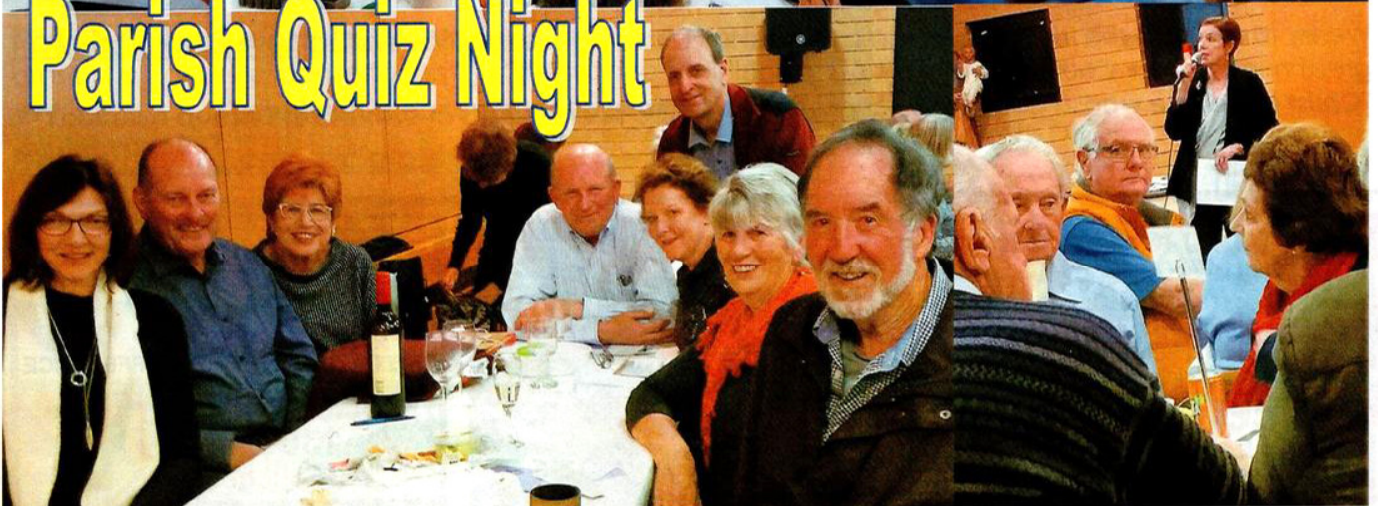


## Cake Stall & Raffle

During Mass flowers were presented followed by a special Blessing of ALL Mothers. After the 10am Mass the raffle was drawn and cakes were available to purchase. Cupcakes were handed out to all Mothers.



# Parish Quiz Night





# SMALL FAITH COMMUNITIES |

TONY PIRES

Sacred places are the places we encounter everyday.



" You don't have to especially go to sacred places to pray or wait for holy days for good things to happen. You can pray always, and everything that happens is potentially sacred if you allow it to be. Once we can accept that God is in all situations, and that God can and will use even bad situations for good, then everything becomes an occasion for good and an occasion for God." Richard Rohr

### Members of our Small Faith Communities

- Seek to grow by reflecting on the 'sacred' that happens as we go about our everyday lives
- Reflect on the God who is with us in the simplicity and busyness of life and reaches out with great love.
- Share the sacred moments that often come in the pain and worries we face.
- Cover many aspects of life and faith in our prayer and discussion; from what we gleaned from Fr Ossie's homily last weekend to the latest issues dominating the media or the difficulties we face in our lives.



**Groups meet each fortnight, or month, in a local home; share meals occasionally; organise and enjoy various events together; and support each other when contributing to Parish Life; at times we laugh and cry together .**



These small communities are not exclusive; every parishioner is welcome to join one. Come as often as you wish - even for a month or two; or stay for years.

If you would like to form one with people you know in the parish, we have a 5 session program and a leader to start you on the journey.

We try to live with the view expressed by Fr Richard Rohr above; and reiterated here by one of the great minds of our Church -

**"Christ is the one whose centre is everywhere and whose circumference is nowhere."**

St Bonaventure

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# PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 | TONY PIRES

## PLENARY COUNCIL 2<sup>nd</sup> PARISH GATHERING

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say  
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There are not many opportunities for Lay People to contribute to the workings of the leadership of our Catholic church. So, this Plenary Council is a valuable occasion for all of us.

Parishioners gathered and shared their view/thoughts a few weeks ago at the 1<sup>st</sup> Session when we considered the 1<sup>st</sup> Question.

All found it a valuable time and shared openly as well as listening to the views of others.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Session:

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October: 11.15am – 1.00pm

Parish Centre

All invited

Sandwiches will be available for lunch – as well as Tea & Coffee.

#Remember this is not a discussion session



Plenary Council 2020

*Listen to what the Spirit is saying...*

**QUESTION TWO - What questions do you have about the future of the Church for the Plenary Council to consider in 2020?**

The session will be divided into 3 sections:

- 1) **REFLECT (15 mins)**- In silence, reflect on your personal experience of faith, life and the Church.  
\*\*Write down your thoughts.
- 2) **Then SHARE AND LISTEN (30 Mins)** – to the thoughts you have listed.  
Take turns to listen to each other as you share your personal experience of faith, life and the Church. *When others are speaking, remember to listen with an open and humble heart.*  
\*\*Add to your list.
- 3) **With the WHOLE GROUP (30 mins)**- List the areas from all groups on a White Board or point out the notes on Butcher paper around the walls  
\*\*Add to your list



**Parish Submission: Claire Noonan** – Parish Pastoral Counsellor, will collect the group lists and present a Parish Response to this 2<sup>nd</sup> Question to the Plenary Council through the website.

\*\*Your own questions are also to be sent in separately to the website:

[Plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://Plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)



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# VINNIES - FESTIVAL MASS



On Sunday 24th June, Holy Family Parish Como hosted the St Vincent de Paul Annual Festival Mass for the Queens Park Region, comprising Conferences in the south eastern suburbs of the Perth Metropolitan area. The purpose of the Festival Mass is to commission new members and new Conference Presidents.

The commissioning ceremony was conducted by Como Parish Priest Fr Ossie Lewis, while new members and Presidents were introduced by Ms Barbara Boggan, the Queens Park Regional President and welcomed by Mrs Gladys Demissie, Vinnies' new State President.

Ten new members were commissioned of whom seven were from the Como Conference. Two new conference Presidents, from Armadale and Riverton Conferences, were also commissioned.

Members of the Vinnies Como Conference were involved in various aspects of the liturgical celebration - Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, taking up the collection and bringing forward the gifts in the Offertory Procession.

The commissioning ceremony was followed by a morning tea in the Parish Centre where the length of service of eleven of our Vinnies members was recognised. Each member was presented with a certificate of appreciation by Mrs Demissie. Five of these members were from the Como Conference. The total years of combined service by these eleven members amounted to 390 years.

If you would like to know more and become involved in the Vinnies Como Conference please email **MIKE COSSON**  
Mike at [cosson@iinet.net.au](mailto:cosson@iinet.net.au)

## ONE DAY PARISH RETREAT - October

Prayer is opening your heart and life to God to allow Him, in the power of the Holy Spirit and with Christ, to pray in, for, and with you.

Prayer is what God is doing in your heart.

The retreat is an opportunity to spend a few hours focussed deeply on God and His work with you.

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October 9am - 4pm**  
**MacKillop Centre, York St, South Perth**

Organised by the 4<sup>th</sup> Ave, Small Christian Community

Led by **Sr Pauline Dundon** - Josephite Sister who has worked with Parish Communities across the state - the last few years she has been Director of Catechists in the Bunbury Diocese.

**Day will include:** Silent reflection time - Prayer - Reflections from Sr Pauline - some opportunities for questions and sharing.

Bring a little food to share through the day.

Cost \$10

Please place your name on the list in the Foyer.

Enquiries: Tony Pires 0418 900 046





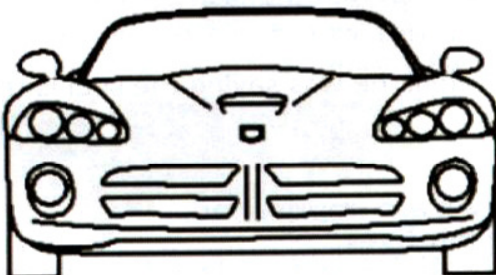
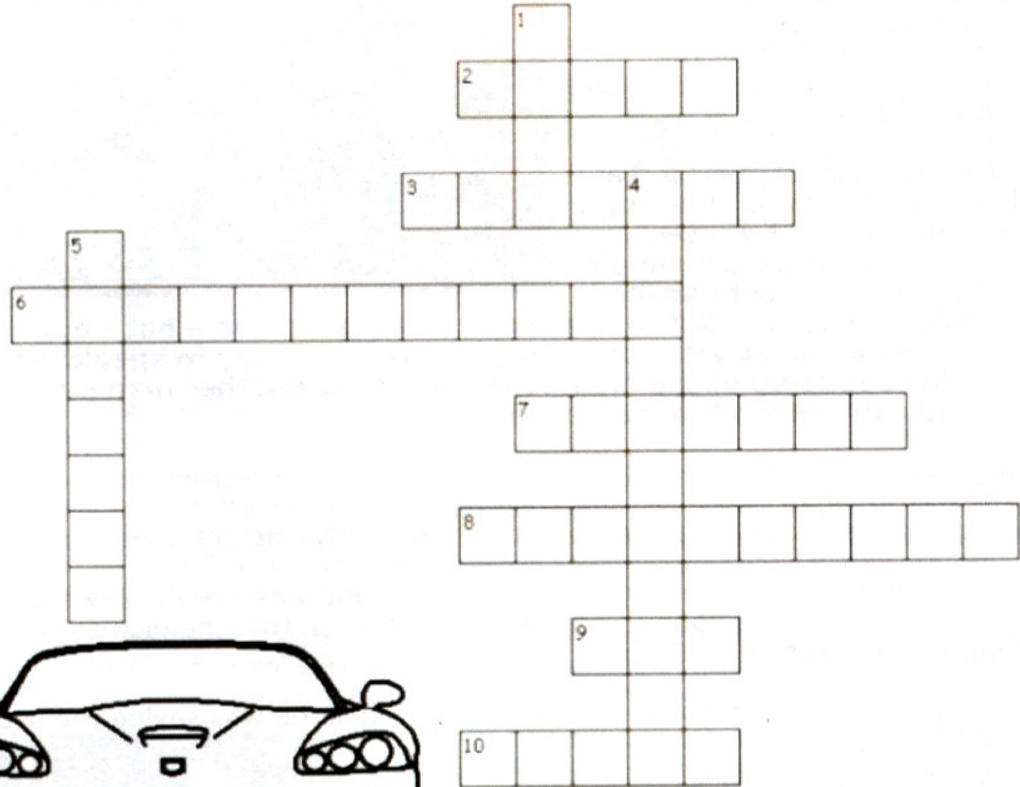
# For our children...

## 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Pharisees and scribes had made many laws that were supposed to help the Jews obey God's law. After a time it became more important to obey their own laws than those of God. Today we hear how and why Jesus disobeyed one of these laws.

## LET US PRAY...

Father, pour your goodness into our hearts. Help us to try not to judge others by their appearance, but to look for your goodness inside them.



### Across

2. We are doing this when we listen, obey, appreciate and forgive your dad.
3. God talks about our father in the Bible because he thinks they are this too.
6. Honor your father and mother is one of the ten \_\_\_\_.
7. Dad's make mistakes too so remember to \_\_\_\_ and forget their mistakes.
8. Dad's do this when we do something wrong so we learn from our mistakes.
9. When your dad can't \_\_\_\_ a problem remember you have a heavenly Father that wants to help.
10. Remember to \_\_\_\_ your dad for all he does for you and your family.

### Down

1. Make sure to show your dad lots of this by hugging and telling him this.
4. Listen to your father's \_\_\_\_ and you will learn to have discipline and understanding.
5. Father's day is a special \_\_\_\_ to appreciate your dad.

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# 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"...the things that come out from within are what defile."

(Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23)

## Soul and body: "the Me within me"

In a venerable synagogue in Prague, there is a display of paintings and drawings by children. It's a lovely exhibit - until you realize that the children who created these pictures all perished in the Holocaust.



There is one sketch in the exhibit that is especially evocative. It was drawn by a ten-year-old boy named Frantisek Brozan. Frantisek's picture is a **simple line drawing of a man with striped pants. He has two eyes, a dot for a nose, a moustache and a hat - but no mouth or arms. It seems like an expression of helplessness: no way to speak, no arms to reach out. But inside the torso of the man, Frantisek drew another man - and, if you look carefully, you can see it's that same man.**

What is this man within the man?

In the display, there is card placed next to the picture. The picture is titled *Soul and Body*

Rabbi Naomi Levy saw the picture on a trip to Prague and was deeply affected by it. She writes in her book *Einstein and the Rabbi: Searching for the Soul*, that the picture shows that **"even in hell the soul can create beauty":**

"Frantisek asked us to see the soul with new eyes. I think he was saying the soul is the 'Me within me.' "

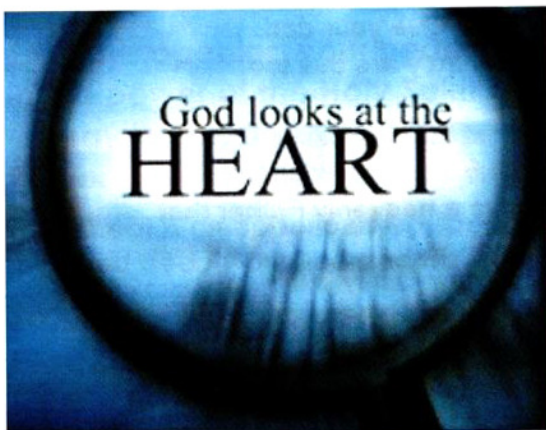
**It is the truest version of Me.**

**The Me that we are given by God.**

**The Me that cannot be taken away even when we are imprisoned.**

**The Me that cannot be lost even when we lose our lives.**

**It is the Me containing all the strength and potential God has placed inside of us.**



Frantisek Brozan was robbed of the opportunity to fulfil his awesome potential, but his piercing vision of the eternal soul lives on and beckons us to inhabit our days on earth with the fullness and the power of the Me within me."

**Who we are, what we believe, how we respond to life's challenges is centred in our souls, the place where God dwells inside every one of us.**

**God opens our spirits and consciences to realize the sacred image of God that exists in "the Me within me,"**

**calling us to compassion before judgment, joy before fear, reconciliation before division.**

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