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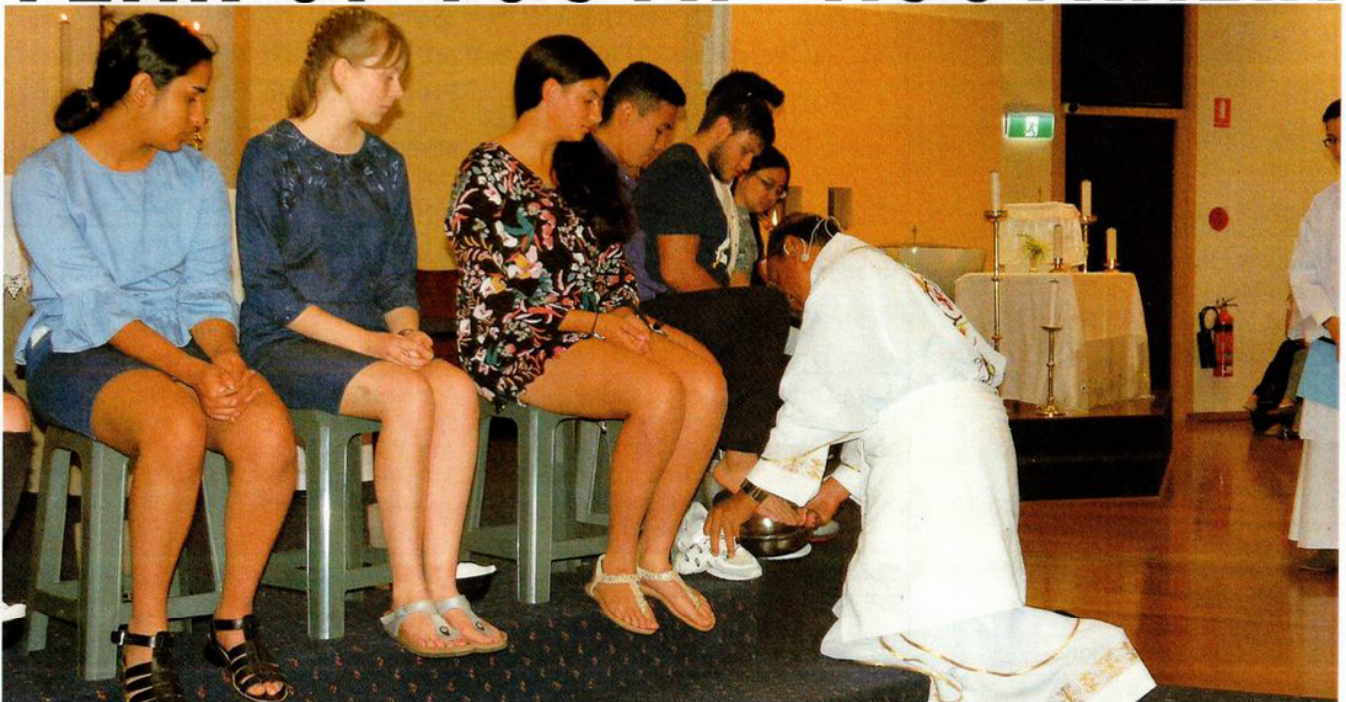
Holy Family Parish Como-Kensington

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## YEAR OF YOUTH - AUSTRALIA



The liturgical year of 2018 has been identified by the Australian Bishops as a national Year of Youth. This is an exciting opportunity on the life of the church to focus on young people and see how we as a church can better engage with them.

The theme of 2018 Year of Youth is “**Open New Horizons for Spreading Joy: Young People, Faith & Vocational Discernment**” and has three main goals:

**Goal 1: TO FOSTER the total personal and spiritual growth of each young person** - The Church is challenged to foster in young people a sense of Catholic wisdom and identity that will provide a guiding direction for the rest of their lives. As a community, parish and family we are called to work together as a broader Church community to walk with young people on their faith journey.

**Goal 2: TO DRAW young people into responsible participation in the life, mission and work of the Catholic faith community** – Faith communities should strive to be places that draw in young people, give them a sense of belonging, and offering them opportunities to minister side by side with adults.

**Goal 3: TO EMPOWER young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today** - We the Church parishes, communities, schools and families, are called to reach out to young people, welcome them, help them find their place in the Church, and accept and encourage the gifts they bring to the whole community. Without young people, the Body of Christ is incomplete.

At Holy Family Parish, Como we held a Year of Youth Launch Mass on Saturday 3rd February. At this Mass youth were involved in all aspects of the liturgy including Music Ministry, Serving at the Altar, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist and the Proclamation of the Word. We look forward to the next Youth Mass on Saturday 21st April. Youth are invited to join Fr Ossie after the Mass for a ‘Curry Night’ and informal discussion on family.

During the Holy Thursday Mass youth participated in the enactment of the ‘washing of the feet’. It was heartening to see young people actively involved in the example of ‘faith in action’ as they ‘served’ each other by washing their feet. We are progressing well with the three goals of the Year of Youth.

**BREDA PIRES &  
ANDREA D’SOUZA**

**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 & Maggie Doyle  
**Safeguarding Officers:**  
 Breda Pires & Jim Phillips

**Liturgy Committee Chair:**  
 Nola Smith  
**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 Coordinator:**  
 Marie Tiley  
**Hall Coordinator:**  
 Maggie Doyle

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

## HOLY FAMILY DIARY

### 2nd – 8th April 18

**MONDAY 2ND APRIL**

- No Mass
- 6pm D'Cantor Choir Rehearsal
- 7pm ICYO Choir Rehearsal
- 7.30pm SVdP Meeting - Mtg Rm1

**TUESDAY 3RD APRIL**

- 8.30am Rosary
- 9am Mass
- CCR Meeting - Mtg Rm1

**WEDNESDAY 4TH APRIL**

- 8.30am Rosary
- 9am Mass
- 10am Mass - Balmoral
- 9.30am Craft Group - Mtg Rm 1

**THURSDAY 5TH APRIL**

- 8.30am Rosary
- 9am Mass
- 9.30-3.30pm Adoration

**FRIDAY 6TH APRIL**

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

**SATURDAY 7TH APRIL**

- 11.30am BAPTISMS:  
 Emerson Arandiga  
 Diogo Carvalho E Rego
- 1pm Ukulele Group
- 6pm Vigil Mass
- 7pm Adult Faith Enrichment Chat

**SUNDAY 8TH APRIL**  
**2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

- 8.30am Mass
- Children's Liturgy - MtgRm1
- 10am Mass
- Children's Liturgy MtgRm1
- 1st Reconciliation Class - MtgRm2

**HOME COMMUNION**

Do you know anyone who is house bound or new to a Nursing Home and would like to receive Holy Communion? Phone 9450 5921 or Email [como@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:como@perthcatholic.org.au)

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

| 31 Mar /1 April                           | Saturday 7.00pm  | Sunday 8.30am  | Sunday 10.00am  |
|---|--|--|---|
| Acolytes                                  | Peter Quinn  | John Newman  | Richard Hennessy  |
| Altar Servers MC                          | David Ho   | David Ho   | David Ho  |
| C   | Carl Dias  | Esther Muttupulle  | K Don Shenahan  |
| S1  | Shenaya Wijeyekoon   | Kian Sykes   | K Don Shannel   |
| S2  | Stephanie Tory   | Mike Muttupulle  | Peston Pereira  |
| TH  | Dimitrio Sidi  | Holly Smith  | Bryan Chong   |
| B   | Holly Smith  | Jocelyn Singihh  | Elisha Seow   |
| Commentators                              | Alex Wu  | Lynne Newton   | Tony Pires  |
| Readers                                   | Judy Jayasekera  | Katy Fuderer   | Leon Hanrahan   |
|   | Juliana Koh  | Tshung Cheng   | Marina Pavey  |
|   | Nola Smith   |  | Lindy Fitzgerald  |
|   | Tiana Tran   |  |   |
| Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist | Ann Quinn<br>Mary O'Neill<br>Shanthy Dias<br>Frank Giannini<br>Marie Tiley<br>Adelene Bird | Adelene Bird<br>Linda Hernawati<br>Joni Wijaya<br>Jim Phillips | Rose Hart<br>Gwen Woodruff<br>Grace Toczykowski<br>Jill McGimpsey E<br>Shiromi Ariyaratne<br>Warren Pavey |
| Children's Liturgy                        |  | Annette Newman   | Rebecca Bhat  |

**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 APRIL 2017

We congratulate the following parishioners celebrating wedding anniversaries this month:  
 Glenn & Louisa **Joseph**,  
 Nike & David **Pereira**,  
 Stephen & Amanda **Bourne**,  
 Marianne **Taylor** & Simon **Beard**,  
 Alex & Anne **Makomi**,  
 Brian & Margaret **Short**,  
 Daniel & Raelene **Bianchini**,  
 Frank & Maria **Evangelista**,  
 Vincent & Virginia **Scanlan**,  
 Evelyn & Dilip **Sen**,  
 Shajy & Saffi **Vadukoot**,  
 John & Annette **Newman**,  
 Vicki & Ken **Brown**,  
 Gerard & Lucia **Steeman**,  
 Nick & Matija **Tin**.

God bless you on your special day

**SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS**

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

**THE POWER OF PRAYER**

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week:

**Nell Caulfield**, Joan & Ellie **Chin**,  
**Nat Beard**, B **Beckett**, Bill **Parker**,  
 Bill **Wagner**, Rev Graeme **Varvelle**,  
**Glenn Sonja**, Chris **Fox**, **Irene Val**,  
 Ken **Saver**, **Andrea**, **Ethan**, **Celine**,  
 Wayne **Tak**, **Norah Langshaw**,  
 Dolores **Black**, John Peter **Serrafini**,  
 Thomas & Jane **Russell**, **Carmen**,  
**Pat**, members of the **McPherson & Cain** families.

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.

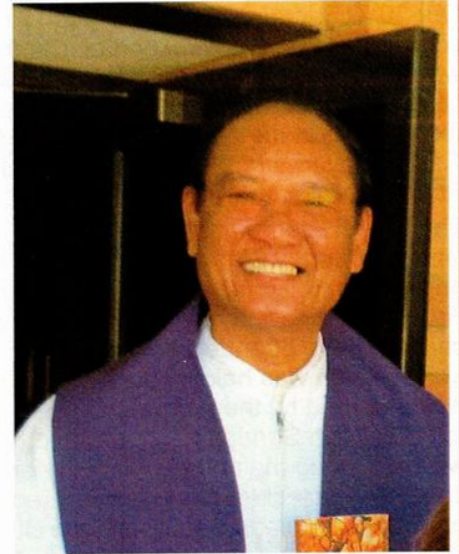
**PARISHIONER INFORMATION**

Please complete our new Parishioner Information Forms to ensure we have your correct contact details on our Parish Database.

# GREETINGS FROM FR OSSIE

**Alleluia! The Lord is risen.  
He is risen indeed Alleluia!**

Dear parishioners and friends,  
It is with great joy that I convey to you this Easter Message. Through His resurrection the Lord has validated all his teachings. His victory over sin and death has brought us new life and new hope. As beneficiaries of this new life we are entrusted with the task of living and passing on this new life to those who will come after us.



This is indeed a big task but with the kind of community spirit we have fostered in this parish, we can accomplish this task. So imbued with the blessings of Easter and hand in hand with our brothers and sisters, let us pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend and oppose any foe to assure the survival and success of this momentous event that we call Easter. Asking his blessing and his help let us now go forth and live this Easter Life, knowing that here on this earth God's work must truly be our own. Alleluia!

May God bless you and all your loved ones this Easter and every day of your life.

Fr Ossi Lewis PP

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

MARIE  
TILEY

The Parish Pastoral Council has begun the year with a shared vision and clear direction from our Parish Mission statement. We strive to build a parish structure that embraces each of us and enables us to work collaboratively to serve God. Already this year we have sought direction from the Archdiocese regarding strengthening and revitalising our Parish. We eagerly await the release of the Parish Council Constitution to increase the level of understanding of the role of Parish Pastoral Councillors and parish leaders as to how to effectively meet the needs of the community.

The Year of Youth was launched in our Parish in early February with a Youth Mass followed by a sausage sizzle. A group of young parishioners are coming together, sharing their faith and working within the Christian community as we move towards Church renewal.

A Parish History Project has begun with a committed team documenting our parish history. Michael Taylor, Kerry Hardwick, Lucia Steeman, Tony Bray and Parish Councillor, Marianne Taylor have met to plan how this will look and proceed throughout 2018.

Tony Pires, one of our Pastoral Assistant, will facilitate an Adult Faith Enrichment session on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April after the 6pm Mass. Everyone in the Parish is invited to gather and share your thoughts and beliefs of our Catholic faith to deepen the appreciation of God's people and strengthen our community of faith.

'Jesus and the Church are like two sides of the one coin: you can't have one side without having the other as well.' (Archbishop Timothy Costelloe). Jesus chose a community of disciples to follow him and this community is what the Church is made up of. This community comprises each and everyone one of us working to spread the Gospel of Jesus through our interaction with others in our daily lives.

# SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM | MARK FERROA

Our 2018 Sacramental Preparation Program commenced on the weekend of 17/18 February when children who enrolled in our Sacramental program, together with their parents, presented themselves at the altar during mass and, before Fr Ossie, prayed a prayer of commitment to their Sacramental preparation.

The First Reconciliation program started a week later on Sunday 25 February. This program is on-going and, so far, parents have attended a Parent Meeting with the catechists, and the children have attended a Rite of Commitment Mass, which was held on 11 March. The Mass was well attended by the families. Classes will continue to be held on Sundays at 10am and the children will be making their first confession on Saturday 23 June. The catechists for our First Reconciliation program are Ellen Miller and Clare Burke.

We are currently preparing for the start of our First Eucharist and Pre Confirmation classes, both of which will be conducted during the second school term.

Meanwhile, there have been a few changes in our team of catechists who carry out our Sacramental program. One of our longest-serving catechists, Sonia Tay, will be moving interstate in the near future and she will be missed by all of us. Another of our catechists, Trish Candeias, is leaving the sacramental program to focus on our ever popular Children's Liturgy program. On behalf of our parish, we would like to thank Sonia and Trish for their contribution to our Sacramental program.

We warmly welcome Ellen Miller, Joni Wijaya and Stephanie Johnson who have so generously responded to our invitation to join our team of catechists. Ellen has already taken charge of our First Reconciliation class, while Stephanie and Joni will join other catechists to teach in our First Eucharist and Confirmation classes.

And we will continue to have Marie Tiley, Clare Burke, Nola Smith and Mark Ferroa in our team of catechists. We would like to thank Marie and Clare for their many years of service, preparing so many children for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation.

## Important dates and times for the 2018 Sacramental Preparation program:

The First Reconciliation program started Sunday 25 February. Classes are held on Sundays from 10.00am to 11.00am.

The First Eucharist program will start on Saturday 5 May. Classes will be held on Saturdays from 4.45pm to 5.45pm.

The Pre Confirmation program starts on Saturday 5 May. Classes will be held on Saturdays from 4.45pm to 5.45pm. The program finishes on Saturday 23 June.

The Confirmation program will start on Saturday 21 July. Classes will be held on Saturdays from 4.45pm to 5.45pm.

## YR5 PRE-CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

A new Pre Confirmation program for children in year five has been incorporated into our parish sacramental preparation program this year. Our sacramental classes will now be organised as follows:

|        |                      |
|--------|----------------------|
| Year 3 | First Reconciliation |
| Year 4 | First Eucharist      |
| Year 5 | Pre Confirmation     |
| Year 6 | Confirmation         |

The Pre Confirmation program has been introduced to help children develop a better understanding of our faith in readiness for the Sacrament of Confirmation. It is mandatory for all children to complete the Pre Confirmation program before they can enrol in our Confirmation preparation program.

The topics covered in the Pre Confirmation program include:

1. The Seven Sacraments
2. Leaders of the Faith Community – the Church
3. Continuing the Mission of Jesus
4. The Apostles Creed
5. Preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation
6. The Saints

What the introduction of this program does for our parish in practice is to fill a gap in our sacramental preparation program where children, after receiving the Sacrament of First Eucharist in year four, do not attend any classes until they are in year six when they prepare for Confirmation. These children will now attend the seven-week Pre Confirmation program when they are in year five.

This year, our Pre Confirmation program will be conducted for two groups of children:

1. Children who will attend Pre Confirmation in 2018 and Confirmation in 2019, and
2. Children who will attend **both** Pre Confirmation and Confirmation in 2018.

(Please refer to the list setting out the important dates for our 2018 Sacramental program.)

## Sacramental Ceremony Dates 2018

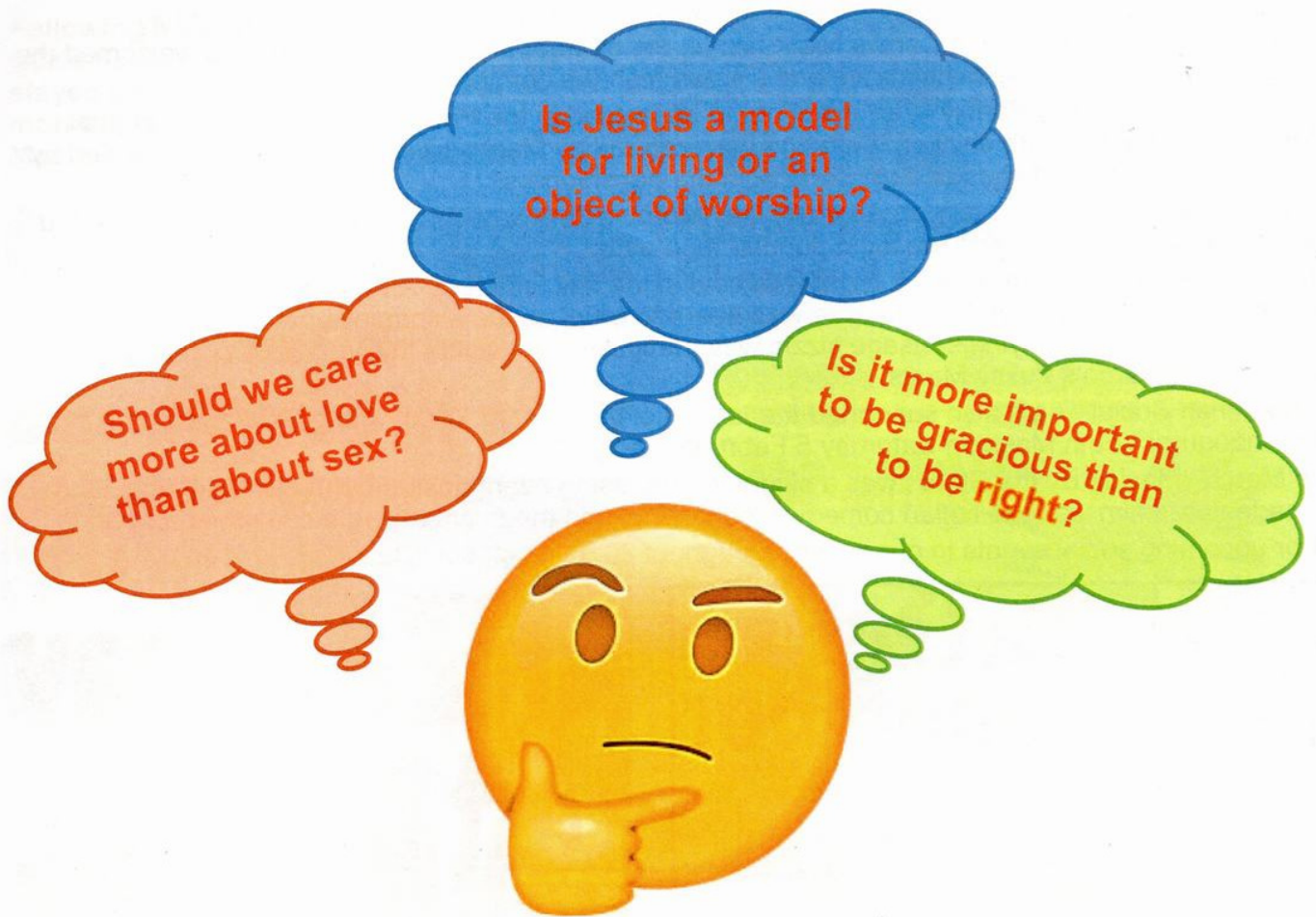


**First Reconciliation**  
Saturday 23 June 2018 at 2.00pm

**First Eucharist**  
Sunday 26 August 2018 at 10.00am

**Confirmation**  
Saturday 3 November 2018 at 6.00pm

# FAITH ENRICHMENT SERIES

TONY  
PIRES

Come along and explore these and other questions in our first **Faith Enrichment** meeting for 2018. Facilitated by Tony Pires with Fr. Ossie in attendance, these sessions aim to explore our role as modern Catholics in a relaxed and supportive environment.

**WHEN: Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April**

**TIME: 7.00pm-9.00pm**

**PLACE: Parish Hall**

Please bring a light snack to share.

**We hope to see you all there!**

# SOCIAL EVENTS

MARIE  
TILEY

Christmas is a busy, sharing time in the Holy Family Parish. In 2017 we entered Advent by celebrating with a wonderful Carol's Night held in the outdoor area of the Church. We welcomed the addition of a nativity play to celebrate and sing on high the coming birth of Jesus.

The Feast of the Holy Family is an event not to be missed in the Parish. We enjoyed our annual luncheon in the hall with chicken, beef and ham catered by Marco's Fussy Meats complemented by salads, scrumptious dishes and desserts from the parishioners.

Later in the month of January an Australia Day Morning Tea was enjoyed by all with meat pies and vegemite sandwiches being the most popular food eaten.

In early February a Family Movie Night was held in the hall featuring 'Alvin and the Chipmunks'. Laughter from children and adults alike was heard to erupt as the chipmunks got up to their usual chaos. Our accompanying sausage sizzle was particularly enjoyable this year with sausages donated by Marco's Fussy Meats.

The parish Social Team also supported the launch of the Year of Youth with a Sausage Sizzle after the inaugural Youth Mass on Saturday 5 February.

In March, 'Movies By the Stars', was a singular fundraising event hosted by Cecilia and Tony Bray. The featured film was the Italian comedy 'God Willing' and the event raised a commendable \$400. For upcoming social events in our parish throughout 2018 check out "Dates to remember".

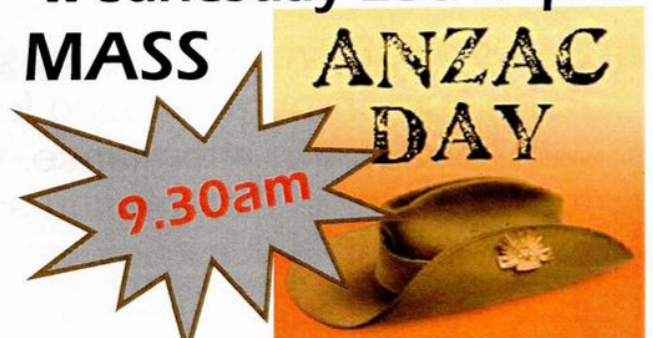
**PUT THIS on YOUR CALENDAR!**

## Dates to remember

- ◆ **April** - ANZAC Day Morning Tea
- ◆ **May** - Mother's Day Morning Tea
- ◆ **June** - Pasta & Peroni Night for Singles
- ◆ **July** - Quiz Night Fundraiser
- ◆ **August** - Family Fun Day in the Park
- ◆ **September** - Father's Day Morning Tea
- ◆ **November** - Melbourne Cup Luncheon
- ◆ **December** - Christmas Carols
- ◆ **December** - Holy Family Feast Day Luncheon

# ANZAC Day Lest We Forget

**Wednesday 25th April  
MASS**



Morning tea will be served  
after the Mass

## Family Movie Night



# ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS™

Our Family Movie Night was enjoyed by both parents and children as they watched the animated movie Alvin & the Chipmunks. This was a successful family gathering where the value of spending time together was highlighted in a happy and safe environment. Thank you to the Band of Merry Workers and all the families who came to share their time and laughter. A big thank you to Marco's Fussy Meats for donating the sausages for the evening.

★ ★ **Movies** ★ ★

## Under the Stars

Once again Cecilia and Tony Bray opened their beautiful garden to parishioners to screen the Italian comedy **God Willing**. A fun time was had by all and a handy \$400 was raised.

# Australia Day January 26

Following Mass with an Ozzie flavour, we all stayed back for a lovely morning tea which included Meat pies and vegemite sandwiches.



# Cake Stall & Raffle Mother's Day Sunday 13th May



# Youth Mass 6pm Saturday 21 April

# Drawn TODAY!

## After the 10am Mass EASTER HAMPER Raffle



Tickets are *only*  
\$2 each, 3 for \$5

# Pasta & Peroni Night for Singles



# QUIZ NIGHT

## Returning in July

# Morning Tea

## First & Third Sunday of the month after 8.30am & 10am Mass

YEAR OF YOUTH 2018  
BISHOPS' CATECHESIS

HOW TO SHARE MY FAITH  
AND KEEP MY

# FRIENDS

8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, SUNDAY  
2.30 pm, followed by mass

WITH BISHOP DON SPROXTON  
AT REDEMPTORISTS MONASTERY CHURCH

# SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES

TONY  
PIRES

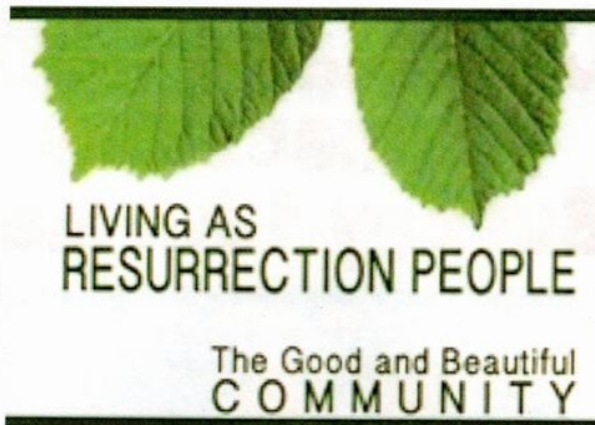


## Belonging at a Basic and Powerful level

Easter has come again – we have celebrated Christ’s power over all that will diminish us.

How do we fit today with Christ and his call to influence our families, friends, our world with His extraordinary commitment to love?

How have we grown as people of Christian Love?

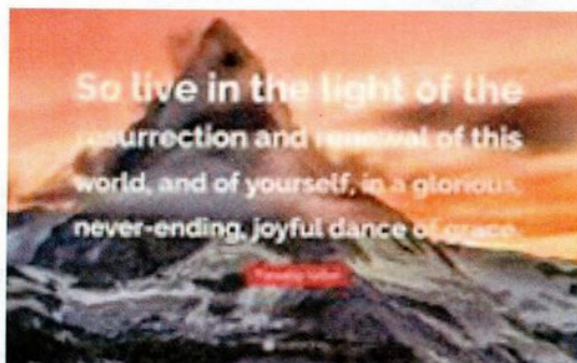


### We understand the Church as the community of Jesus’ Followers.

The Second Vatican Council called the Church: ‘The Body of Christ’ and ‘The People of God’.

St Teresa of Avila (1515 – 1582) wrote the following poem:

*‘Christ has no body now but ours, no hands no feet on earth but ours; ours are the eyes with which He looks with compassion on the world; ours are the feet with which He walks to do good; ours are the hands with which He blesses the world’.*



*Our Parish Small Christian Communities* provide influential ways to develop our faith, build our parish community and serve Christ in our day-to-day lives.

*Through the year – usually fortnightly or monthly – in a local home we:*

- ◆ *share our faith,*
- ◆ *pray together for various needs,*
- ◆ *listen to other’s journeys,*
- ◆ *support one another, reach out to those in need,*
- ◆ *discuss local and national issues that impact our lives,*
- ◆ *seek Christian responses to worrying trends;*
- ◆ *and so seek to grow as Christ’s followers in a sometimes crazy world.*

*All this while sharing food and humour.*

In order to live in resurrection, we must be

**renewed day by day**

by being nourished with the fresh supply of the resurrection life.

**If you would like more information or wish to be a part of a Small Christian Community, please contact:**

**Fr Ossie at [ossielewis28@gmail.com](mailto:ossielewis28@gmail.com)**

**Tony Pires on 0418 900 046**



# SAFEGUARDING PROGRAM | JIM PHILLIPS

## CHURCH WORKERS SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

For all those involved in church work within the  
Perth Catholic Archdiocese

The Catholic Archdiocese of Perth's Safeguarding Program is child focused and is committed to the principle that children have an absolute right to physical, spiritual and psychological safety at all times and that the Church as a Christian institution should now, and in the future, be in the forefront of efforts to make this a reality.

The Safeguarding Program has been included as a key element of the Archbishop's Archdiocesan Plan. The program's framework includes 12 standards for creating a child safe church. Training and support for those who work with children and vulnerable adults has been identified as a vital component of the Program.

Creating a child-safe church is a dynamic process that involves active participation and responsibility by all Clergy, church workers and the wider church community. This is made possible by collaboration, vigilance and proactive approaches across policies, procedures and practices.

AS a volunteer/church worker within the Archdiocese, it is paramount that you are familiar with the Safeguarding Program and how it impacts on your role.

This session will cover:

- An overview of the Safeguarding Policies and Procedures
- The role of the Parish Safeguarding Officer
- Safeguarding and my role within the parish
- Beyond the Royal Commission

We are pleased to offer the following information session on the Safeguarding Program:

### Church Workers Safeguarding Training

Thursday 11 October 2018 5.30pm - 7.00pm

St Benedicts School Library

70 Alness St, APPLECROSS

*Registration is essential.*

**RSVP: Thursday 4 October**

**CONTACT E: [safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au)**

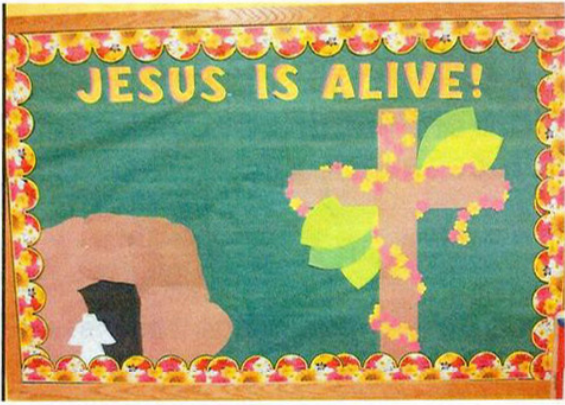
*All participants will receive a copy of -*  
**Protecting God's Children - A Catholic Parents Guide to Keeping Their Kids Safe.**



Protecting Children in the  
Catholic Church

Catholic Archdiocese of Perth | Safeguarding Office | 29 Victoria Square Perth WA 6000  
Phone: 08 9221 7762 | Fax 08 9324 7459 | Email: [safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au)

# For our children...



## LET US PRAY...

Jesus we thank you for the joy of the resurrection when you rose from the dead and were filled with new life. Help us to remember that you suffered and died on the cross for us, so that one day we, too, will share with you the joy of everlasting life.



## EASTER SUNDAY

Today we celebrate the fact that Jesus has risen from the dead and is alive!

In the church today a large bright candle shines out for all to see and the church is decorated with beautiful flowers, a sign of new life.

We sing joyfully "Alleluia, alleluia" as we thank God for Easter morning.

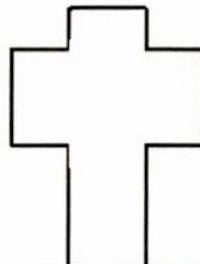
# Easter Word Search

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# Oz Rosary #53

## There are 53 Hail Mary's in the Rosary

In October 2017, more than one million lay people gathered in 53 locations around Poland to pray for the protection of their country and to intercede for their young people.

Ireland then followed with well over thirty thousand lay people gathering at fifty three locations around the country to pray the rosary.

After Ireland, Italy's coastal parishes organised the reciting of the rosary in 53 locations.

England and France are currently organising their own big rosary events on the 28th and 29th April respectively.

Organisers in Sydney, Australia are organising our own big rosary around the nation on Sunday 13th May 2018.

Holy Family Parish, Como already have events planned for Sunday 13th May which is Mother's Day however, in support of this wonderful initiative, we will be reciting the Rosary at 9.30am on Sunday 6th May. Stay back after the 8.30am mass or come early for the 10am Mass and join us as we recite the Rosary, praying for Australia and our Youth.



**This GREAT SOUTHLAND of the  
HOLY SPIRIT NEEDS the Rosary**

**Sunday 6th May at 9.30am**

**Join with us in praying for Australia and our Youth**

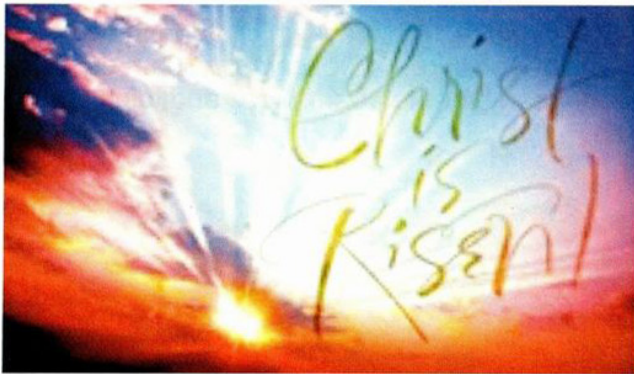
# Easter: *The Resurrection of the Lord*



"You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here." (Mark 16: 1-7)

## Easter change

Leaving school on that Wednesday afternoon, he heard the shots and ducked for cover with other students. **All the shootings** he had read and heard about at other schools were now horrifyingly real. When it was over, he and his schoolmates left their Florida high school changed. A new awareness, a new sense of compassion for others, took hold within them all. These young men and women - no longer kids - vowed that this would not happen to another high school.



She had kept quiet, taking in stride the crude comments, the demeaning jokes, the "accidental" touching **because that is what women were expected to do**, if they wanted to keep their jobs. But the women across the country who spoke up against such sexual harassment and abuse inspired her. She finally saw herself as more than her job. She realized that she was a woman deserving of dignity and respect.

They are almost too many to count. **Thousands die every year** from opioid overdoses. She was going to be among that number. Then she found out that she was four months pregnant - and that her baby would be born addicted. "My baby's going to feel withdrawal because of my choices - knowing that she's going to feel pain because of my actions is horrible." That was enough for her to seek help. Her daughter was born in January. Baby is doing beautifully - mother is getting there.

**Easter is about resurrection - not just resuscitation, - not just about coming back from the brink, - not just about bouncing back from a difficult situation, - not just about a near miss when we've been spared the worst that can happen.**

**In fact, the pre-requisite for resurrection is that the worst - devastating loss and death - happens. And we are changed by the experience.**

**Easter's empty tomb is the blessed hope that the Good Fridays of grief and devastation that we all experience are not the end, but can lead to new, refocused and transformed lives. The "nail marks" do not disappear or are forgotten, but God's wisdom and compassion take hold in our souls. And we are changed.**



**The empty tomb of Easter morning is God's promise: that no tomb can contain the mercy and hope of God.**

**May we be about the work of Easter: to unlock the music of God's peace in our lives that has for too long been entombed by fear, anger and hurt.**