

Holy Family Parish Bulletin

Como - Kensington



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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C



Sunday 7th September 2025

The Liturgy of the Word

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

FIRST READING

Wisdom 9:13-18

What man indeed can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent you holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

SECOND READING

Philemon 9-10,12-17

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you and with him - I could say - a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave anymore, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood- brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Let your face shine on your servant and teach me your laws. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

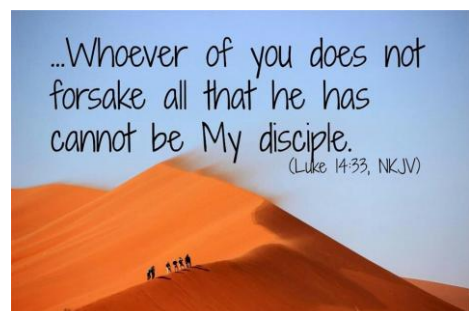
Luke 14:25-33

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish". Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace.

So, in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.



Next Sunday's Readings:
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
The Exaltation of the Cross
Num 21:4-9
Psalm 77:1-2, 34-38
Phil 2:6-11
John 3:13-17

PARISH DIARY

8th – 14th September 2025

MONDAY 8th September

9.00am No Mass

TUESDAY 9th September

9.00am Mass

WEDNESDAY 10th September

9.00am Mass

THURSDAY 11th September

9.00am Mass

9.30am-10.30am Adoration

FRIDAY 12th September

9.00am Mass

SATURDAY 13th September

5.00-5.30pm Reconciliation

6.00pm Mass

SUNDAY 14th September

24th Sunday of Ordinary time

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8.30am Mass (Morning Tea)

10.00am Mass (Morning Tea)



Fathers' Day Raffle Winners

1st prize Black F20 – Frank

2nd Prize Blue B6 – Marie

Number line No. 63 – Ann

All winners have been notified.

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets, you helped raise \$496.00.

WELCOMING NEW CATHOLICS THE RCIA JOURNEY



A new Journey commences in a couple of months **A NIGHT of ENQUIRY** will be held in the Parish Hall, Sunday 9th November, 6.00 - 7.30pm to explain the process. If you know anyone who wishes to attend, please bring them along. There is no obligation, just simply come and listen. Everyone welcome

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

On Sunday, 14th September we celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross invites the faithful to look upon the One who was lifted up, drawing all people to himself. Please wear **RED** and bring along your crucifix or cross and place them on the table at the altar for Father to bless.



NEXT PARISH PILGRIMAGE

Our 2nd parish pilgrimage will on Monday 29th September, at St John Paul II in Banksia Grove & St Anthony's in Wanneroo. Please fill in a slip & place in the general drop box in the foyer if you are interested

GLUTEN FREE HOSTS

If you would like to receive a gluten free host, **please contact the office** advising what mass you would like to receive the host. 94505921 or email como@perthcatholic.org.au

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MASS INTENTIONS:

To all Fathers with us today and to those in Heaven

For all members of the Sacred Heart Sodality

THE POWER OF PRAYER LIST

Norah Langshaw, Waminda Residents, Dragutin Markovic, Daisy Givens, Nadia O'Brien, Mary & Ben Bianchini, Mary Hippolite, Reg & Joyce Groutsch, Ed Devereux, Heather Jordan, Ng Choon Bee, Ng Chai Hong, Paddy Embry, Caroline, Wayne, Ethan, Liam & Scarlett, Sonali, Sachini, Fe Fontanini, John Hardwick, Michael, Nadia, Adrian, Annie, Reg & May, Margaret & Arthur, Edith Johnson, Rhys, Brit, David, Anne Armstrong, Elaine Newman, Helen Peters, Carmel, Msgr Brian O'Loughlin, Rosa Canada, Brian Jarvis, Karin Holly Grant, Yolanda, Sarah, Molly, Fred, Mark, James, Chris, Ben, Bahar, Margaret, Mark Oh, Hayley VanDerHeyden, Daniel, Sanjana & family, Andrew Sanderson, Patricia Whyte, James Chandler, Nubia William, Aura Diego, Familia Becerra, Famia Cerinca, Annemarie MacPherson, Gladys, Gloria, Hector, Cristina-Myriam, Bill Staude, Ong Ay Hwa, Barbara Kenny, Sergio Manricks, David Tile, Don H, June Indria, Robert Brown, Faith, Vicki Shephard, Kiera Moran, Margaret Abbott, Remus Iliesco

NEW DECREE ON MASS INTENTIONS

There is a new clarification of Mass Intentions and collective offerings as decreed by Pope Francis on Easter Sunday this year. This can be viewed on the Vatican website.

<https://www.vaticannews.va>

As a result of the new decree. The announcements in mass & publication of mass offerings for the parish have changed. *"The Book of the Names of the Dead"* is a liturgical book used in many parishes to honor & remember deceased parishioners by recording their names. The parish has purchased this book which will be available mid September.

ANIVERSARY OF DEATH

Individual names of the deceased will not be mentioned during Mass or published in the bulletin. These names can be written down in "The Book of the Names of the Dead" according to the month. There will be special reference in the prayers of the faithful to all the names in the book.

RECENTLY DECEASED

The individual names of loved ones who have recently deceased will be mentioned in the prayers of the faithful and published in the bulletin. If you wish to make an offering this can be done via the first collection basket/chute or Tap N Go device.

If you have any questions, please contact the office via email como@perthcatholic.org.au
Thank you for your understanding.

ALPHA NIGHTS are back, and you are welcome

A welcoming environment for anyone to have open & honest conversations about life, faith, purpose & Jesus. For the sceptics & seekers, the curious & cautious, young & old. 100% free with a meal, film & time to ask questions, gather your friends, open the space, watch what God can do. Starting Wednesdays 24th September 6.30 - 8.30pm in the Parish Hall.



NEW NORCIA RETREAT

Saturday & Sunday - 11th/12th October

Sponsored by the Como Parish
Small Christian Community.

Sessions led by Fr Robert Nixon & Sr Hilda from the Benedictine Community. An opportunity to spend time reflecting on your love of God; getting to know parishioners; sharing meals, praying with the Monks. Some places still available but get in soon. Call Tony 0418 900 046 for more information

PARISH COUNCIL AGM

The Annual General Meeting for the Parish Council will be held on

Sunday 18th October at 11am.

Nominations forms are in the foyer, if you are considering a position on the council. All parishioners are welcome to attend to hear a rundown on parish business and financial statements over the past year.

Today's Gospel begins with Jesus' seemingly shocking words to the crowds following him, 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple'. The word 'hate' in this passage is an example of prophetic hyperbole which possibly shocks the modern listener more than those to whom Jesus spoke. The crowds may well have been familiar with the loving/hating idiom in use at that time. 'Hate' in this context does not indicate a directive from Jesus to despise or reject anyone. It is used here to dramatically describe the necessity for disciples to choose to prefer to give their loyalty to following Jesus above everything else. In the final line of the Gospel, Luke reports Jesus saying: 'None of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions'. It seems safe to assume, therefore, that the people in these crowds have possessions to give up! They may have been quite wealthy. For those of higher status following Jesus on that day – or in the community for whom Luke is writing – the summons to discipleship could have proved very costly. As disciples of Jesus, we might be prepared to accept the challenge to give up at least some of our possessions or spend less time on activities which are addictive. We might plan to overcome our greed, hoarding, habits of displaying expensive possessions to impress others, and overconsumption of food and goods. We could decide to respond in this way to enable us to share more of our time with others, to share our abundance, to help eliminate poverty, even to more fully embrace recycling, and to reduce waste in the environment.

Reflection by Michele Purcell
ResearchOnline@ND Pastoral Liturgy 55, no 3

A FATHER'S DAY PRAYER

Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father. Bless all fathers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience; support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to you for love and salvation.

Chief Justice Peter Quinlan to speak at Catholic Man Breakfast Series

The Chief Justice of Western Australia Peter Quinlan will speak at the Catholic Man Breakfast Series hosted by Most Rev. Don Sproston, Auxiliary Bishop of Perth, details as follows: Thursday 11th September 2025, 07:00 - 09:00, Duxton Hotel. Enquiries Ray Gourlay 0408 923 068

Tickets <https://app.tickets.org.au/MA/CMBSper25>

EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING COMMON GROUND - FAITH EDUCATION FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Wednesdays 6pm to 8.30pm, Catholic Pastoral Centre, 40A Mary St, Highgate (enter through Harold St). Common Ground is a space where Young Adults who share similar values and beliefs come together and belong. Ask questions, share your struggles, and receive encouragement and guidance. Come along! For more information visit www.cym.com.au.

PILGRIMS OF HOPE: GLOW IN THE DARKNESS

"the spiritual quest is a journey without distance. You travel from where you are right now to where you have already been." (Anthony de Mello 2012)

Reality or Illusion. How awake and self-aware are we on our pilgrim journey? In this session employing De Mello's writings, we explore *the freedom of coming home* and the reality of the most *radiant light* that shines in the darkness. Date: Thursday 18th September – 9.30am – 3.00pm Presenter: Geraldine Taylor Cost: \$40.00 (morning tea provided, bring own lunch) Registration and enquires: Sr Catherine Warner on 93850684

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES - CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF PERTH

The Catholic Archdiocese of Perth has employment opportunities for suitably qualified persons to join its team and continue the good work of the Church. For details and how to apply, refer to our parish noticeboard or

<https://www.perthcatholic.org.au/Employment.htm>

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FATHER'S DAY

WORD SEARCH



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Being a disciple of Jesus is not easy. But we pray for wisdom, knowing that God will lead us to a life where we will not only be able to serve God and others, but one where we will also be very happy.

Let us Pray

Dear Jesus, please help me to live the way God wants me to live and to love God more than anything else. In your name we pray. Amen.

WEEKEND ROSTER

		Saturday 6:00 pm	Sunday 8:30 am	Sunday 10:00 am
COMMENTATOR/READER				
6 th / 7 th September	23 rd Sunday in Ord	C. Sean De Souza R. Kimberley De Souza EMHC Marie Tiley	C. Jill Browne R. Geraldine Taylor EMHC Lyn Hope-Hume	C. Fiona Wee R. Pascale Tin EMHC Carem Carrasco
13 th / 14 th September	24 th Sunday in Ord	C. Michelle Teo R. Amanda Johnson EMHC Christina Sidi	C. Ralph Newton R. Lynne Newton EMHC Jill Browne	C. Cecilia Yap R. Michael Danager EMHC Grace Toczowski
20 th / 21 st September	25 th Sunday in Ord	C. Imelda Loviyanti R. Amanda Johnson EMHC Dimitrio Sidi	C. Sussanah Robinson R. Jacinta Vu EMHC Rose Hart	C. Pascal Yip R. Henry D'Silva EMHC Pascale Tin
ACOLYTES				
6 th / 7 th September	23 rd Sunday in Ord	Hasan Sidi	Shajy Vadukoot	James Chong
13 th / 14 th September	24 th Sunday in Ord	Dimitrio Sidi	Michael Taylor	Leo Burke
20 th / 21 st September	25 th Sunday in Ord	John Newman	Shajy Vadukoot	Tony Bray
ALTAR SERVER				
6 th / 7 th September	23 rd Sunday in Ord	Elizabeth Morris Hugh Morris	Lilyanna Bell Claudia Taylor-Beard	Martina & Samantha Teran-Carrasco
13 th / 14 th September	24 th Sunday in Ord	Edith Johnson Raegen Tanuwidjaja	No servers	Saheli D'Silva Sierra Ong
20 th / 21 st September	25 th Sunday in Ord	Nicola Willey Hayden Willey	Claudia Taylor-Beard Dominic Newman	Angel Siby Martina Teran- Carrasco

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