

Holy Family Como Bulletin



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Weekend Masses Saturday 6pm, Sunday 8.30am & 10.00am **Weekday Masses:** Tuesday – Friday 9am
Reconciliation: Saturday 5.00pm-5.30pm **Baptisms, Marriage & Funerals:** By appointment Only
Adoration: Thursday 9.30am-11.30am **Safeguarding Officers:** Mark Ferroa 0425454763 & Breda Pires 0422237261
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Third Sunday of Advent - Year B

Sunday 17th December 2023

The Liturgy of the Word

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 61:1-2a.10-11

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken; to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to those in prison; to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord.

'I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God, for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation, he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity, like a bridegroom wearing his wreath, like a bride adorned in her jewels. 'For as the earth makes fresh things grow, as a garden makes seeds spring up, so will the Lord make both integrity and praise spring up in the sight of the nations.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. My soul rejoices in my God

SECOND READING

Thessalonians 5:16-24

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus. Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything - hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil. May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

John 1:6-8, 19-28

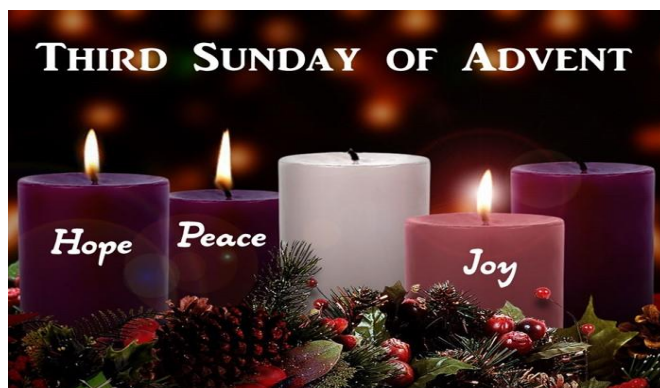
A man came, sent by god. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light. This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked, 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not,' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?'

So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied: a voice that cries in the wilderness: Make a straight way for the Lord.'

Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, "Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?" John replied, "I baptise with water; but there stands among you ... unknown to you ... the One who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap." This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.



Next Sunday's Readings

4th Sunday of Advent - Year B

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

Ps 89:2-5, 27-29

Romans 16:25-27

Luke 1:26-38

HOLY FAMILY DIARY

18th – 24th December 2023

Monday 18th December

No Mass

Tuesday 19th December

9.00am Mass

Wednesday 20th December

9.00am Mass

9.30-11.30am Craft Group

Thursday 21st December

9.00am Mass

9.30-10.30am Adoration

Friday 22nd December

9.00am Mass

Saturday 23rd December

10.30am Children's Christmas Choir Practice

6.00pm Mass

Sunday 24th December

4th Sunday of Advent – Year B

8.30am Mass

10.00am Mass

5.00pm Children's Christmas Mass

12.00am Midnight Mass

Monday 25th December

(Christmas Day)

8.30am Christmas Day Mass

10.00am Christmas Day Mass



ADVENT WREATH WEEKLY PRAYER

Third Week of Advent: (JOY)

Jesus, we gather here as a family to dedicate our lives to you, as John the Baptist did. Help us to know, love, and serve you. As we light this candle, we remember that you bring the light of joy into our lives.

May your Word be always in our minds, on our lips, and in our hearts. Amen.

DRAWN TODAY

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Get your last minute tickets before it is drawn

Tickets on sale to win one of four Christmas Hampers



1 for \$2

3 for \$5

8 for \$10

20 for \$20



CHRISTMAS SEASON

Children's Christmas Mass

Sunday 24th December 5pm

Midnight Mass

Sunday 24th December

Midnight

Christmas Day Masses

Monday 25th Dec 8.30am and 10am

Feast of the Holy Family

Sunday 31st December



CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS

The Parish office will be closed from 23rd Dec 2023 to 2nd Jan 2024

If the matter is urgent, please email como@perthcatholic.org.au

SAVE THE DATE

Father Dat's Installation Mass

Saturday 10th February 2024 at 10am

Mass said by Bishop Don Sproston
Lunch will follow, to coincide Lunar New Year of the Dragon. All invited to officially welcome Father Dat.

Please be advised that the funeral service for long-time parishioner, Betty Leggett will be held at Bowra & O'Dea Funeral Home in Cannington this Tuesday 19th December at 2.30pm. The service will be officiated by Father Aloysius Leong.

PLANNED GIVING CONTRIBUTIONS

We offer the option for EFT for both the 1st & 2nd collection:

First collection

First collection supports the priest.

BSB 086 006 A/C number 181363301

Second Collection

Second collection supports the parish.

BSB 036 050 A/C number 790041

Reference: Your Initial and Surname

Any queries related to Planned Giving should be directed to the Parish Office.

ADORATION

There will be no Adoration on 28th December 2023. Adoration will return on the 4th of January 2024 from 9.30am-10.30am



CHILDREN'S ROOM (At the back of the church)

For parents using the children's room at the back of the Church, could you please vacate the room as soon as possible after Mass. This room will be used as a Chapel after Mass for people who wish to pray privately in silence. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Father Dat

MASS OFFERINGS

Mass Offering: Carmela Scurria

Wellbeing of: Jo B, Mary, Alessia
Alfonso, Reg & Joy Groutsch

MORNING TEA THIS MORNING

Please come along and enjoy a cuppa and a chat

Wedding Anniversaries December 2023

Congratulations to the following couples who are celebrating their anniversaries in December:

Dorothy & Bill Chin,
David & Katherine Gan,
June & Malcolm Young,
Bob & Pascale Tin,
Dot & Greg Oliver,
Wendy & Leo Burke,
Michael & Stella Pang,
Alvin & Jacqueline Kang,
Roland & Cathy Ordonez,
Shehani Alles & Don Dixon
Eleanor & Julius Fernandez,
Astrid & Coilles Ducarme,
Brian & Sheila Walker,
Jessica & Don Wall,
Marisa & Colin Kwok
Mareen & Ishan Peries



God bless you on your special day

The Vinnies Giving Tree in the foyer bears tags with items for Christmas hampers. These will be distributed to needy local families in December.

Please take a tag from the tree, purchase the item/s written on the tag and return the items & tag to the tree. This will assist Vinnies to help many of the less fortunate in our community. Have a better Christmas.

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good works



SAFEGUARDING COMMITMENT STATEMENT

Holy Family Parish Como is committed to providing a safe & secure environment for all its members, leaders, especially its children & vulnerable adults. The care, safety & welfare of children & vulnerable adults is a collective responsibility embedded in policies & practices of the Parish which reflect a commitment to a zero tolerance to abuse.

12 of 12 Safeguarding Messages:

Be strong, be brave and ALWAYS speak out if you feel unsafe.

This message is placed at the request of the Safeguarding Office of the Perth Archdiocese.

Gospel Reflection

The Gospel according to John today presents us the biblical character who – excluding Our Lady and Saint Joseph – first and most fully experienced the expectation of the Messiah and the joy of seeing him arrive: naturally, we are speaking of John the Baptist. John the Baptist undertook a long journey to come to bear witness to Jesus. The journey of joy is not a walk in the park. It takes work to always be joyful. John left everything, in his youth, to put God in first place, to listen to His Word with all his heart and all his strength. John withdrew into the desert, stripping himself of all things superfluous, in order to be freer to follow the wind of the Holy Spirit. Of course, some of his personality traits are unique, unrepeatable; they cannot be recommended for everyone. But his witness is paradigmatic for whoever wishes to seek the meaning of his or her life and find true joy. In particular, the Baptist is a model for those in the Church who are called to proclaim Christ to others: they are able to do so only by detaching from themselves and from worldliness, by not attracting people to themselves but directing them toward Jesus. This is joy: directing toward Jesus. And joy must be the characteristic of our faith. And in dark moments, that inner joy, of knowing that the Lord is with me, that the Lord is with us, that the Lord is Risen. The Lord! The Lord! The Lord! This is the centre of our life, and this is the centre of our joy.

Pope Francis homily 13-12-20 Angelus, St Peters square

Archbishop Timothy Costelloe 2023 Christmas Message

One of our popular Christmas Carols begins with these words: *What child is this who, laid to rest on Mary's lap, is sleeping?* Very quickly, the carol moves to an answer: *This, this, is Christ the King, the babe, the son of Mary.* Each year, as Christmas comes around, we are invited to let this same question - *what child is this* - arise in our minds and our hearts, and to reflect on the answers which emerge. You can view the full message on the noticeboard in the foyer. Or you can view the message on the Archdiocese website or on YouTube at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=buwISHEeFA>

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS



WA Young Salesian - Summer Camp

8-12 January 2024

Are you between 11½-15 yrs or starting Year 7 in 2024? Come and join us for this 5-day fun filled camp at Nanga Bush Camp, Dwellingup. From only \$270 Visit the website or contact Graham on 0418 979 600 Register now at: www.wayoungsalesians.com

JESUS YOUTH (JY) Looking for an adventure that'll shape your life's purpose?

Look no further than CATALYST 2.0: Set Your Purpose, brought to you by **Jesus Youth (JY)**! Join us for an unforgettable camp from Feb 16th to Feb 18th, 2024, at the beautiful Nanga Bush Camp. Whether you're a recent high school graduate or aged 18-25, this camp is designed just for you! Sign up now to enjoy our early bird discount until December 31st! For inquiries and registration, reach out to Tina at 0405712200 or Gibin at 0468843450.

Jesus Youth is a Holy See approved international ecclesial movement of the Catholic Church, which challenges young people to have a meaningful and fulfilling life. JY has been ministering for kids, teens, young adults, and families in Perth since 2007

MUSIC AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

Join us every **Thursday 1.05pm, St Mary's Cathedral, Perth** for a half-hour music recital – a perfect opportunity to escape the busyness of the day for some prayerful, reflective music. Admission free, all welcome. For information and further details please contact Jacinta on 92231377 or email music.cathedral@perthcatholic.org.au

KIDS' CORNER

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JOHN	WITNESS	LIGHT
LEVITES	ELIJAH	PROPHET
ISAIAH	PHARISEES	BAPTISE
WATER	BETHANY	JORDAN



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Today will be the last Children's Liturgy for the year.

The Children's Liturgy will be in recess during the school holidays, returning on Sunday 4th February 2024.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

News of John the Baptist had spread throughout the land, and crowds of people were flocking to listen to him. The leaders of the Jews decided to send some of their priests and elders to find out who this man really was.

LET US PRAY

Dear God, give us the courage to change our hearts and make us grow strong in love and faith. We ask this through Jesus.



WEEKEND ROSTER AND CHRISTMAS ROSTER

		Saturday 6:00 pm	Sunday 8:30 am	Sunday 10:00 am
COMMENTATOR/READER				
16 th /17 th December	3 rd Sunday of Advent	C. Frank Giannini R. Dimitrio Sidi	C. Peter Messer R. Annette Newman	C. Anne Armstrong R. Cyril D'Silva
23 rd /24 th December	4 th Sunday of Advent	C. Dimitrio Sidi R. Carolyn Watson	C. Lyn Hope-Hume R. Alex Wu	C. Fiona Wee R. Cecelia Yap
24 th December Christmas Eve	Children's Christmas Mass	5pm C. Dimitrio Sidi R. Tiana Sidi	Midnight High Mass	Commentator & Reader Amanda Johnson
25 th December Christmas Day	Parish Mass		C. Ralph Newton R. Lynne Newton	C. Tony Pires R. Cecilia Bray
ACOLYTE				
16 th /17 th December	3 rd Sunday of Advent	Hasan Sidi	Shajy Vandukoot	Tony Bray
23 rd /24 th December	4 th Sunday of Advent	Daniel Bianchini	Bill Staude	Dimitrio Sidi
24 th December Christmas Eve	Children's Christmas Mass	5pm Peter Quinn	Midnight High Mass	Volunteer Needed
25 th December Christmas Day	Parish Mass		Michael Taylor	Leo Burke
ALTAR SERVER				
16 th /17 th December	3 rd Sunday of Advent	Nicolas Willey Vasana Boonyothayan	Leo Newman Dominic Newman	Mary-Jane Yip (a) Jovan Halim
23 rd /24 th December	4 th Sunday of Advent	Edith Johnson Elizabeth Morris	Dinuli Kariyakarawana Patrick Newman	Andy Yip (a) Delena Tran
24 th December Christmas Eve	Children's Christmas Mass	5pm Hugh Morris Isabelle Chiew (a)	Midnight High Mass	Dinuli Kariyakarawana
25 th December Christmas Day	Parish Masses		Evelyn Newman Claudia Taylor Beard	Jovan Halim Ethan George
CHOIR				
16 th /17 th December	3 rd Sunday of Advent	St Pio choir	Holy Family Choir	Jesus Youth
23 rd /24 th December	4 th Sunday of Advent	St Cecilia's Choir	Holy Family Choir	D'Cantor Choir
24 th December Christmas Eve	Children's Christmas Mass	5pm St Cecilia's Choir	Midnight High Mass	D'Cantor Choir
25 th December Christmas Day	Parish Mass		Holy Family Choir	Ukulele Choir

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