

Holy Family Parish Como - Kensington



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Weekend Masses Saturday 6.00pm, Sunday 8.30am & 10.00am Weekday Masses: Tuesday – Friday 9.00am

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.00pm - 5.30pm Adoration: Thursdays 9.30am-10.30am

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD – YEAR A

SUNDAY, 17TH MAY 2026

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

FIRST READING

Acts 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.' As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him, they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

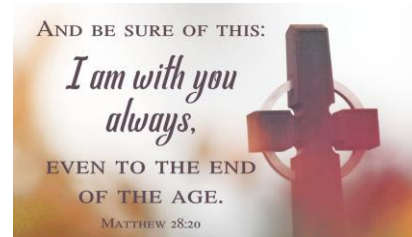
COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

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Next Sunday's Readings PENTECOST SUNDAY YEAR A

Acts 2:1-11
Psalm 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34
Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13
John 20:19-23



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THE PARISH WEEK AHEAD

18th – 24th May 2026

Monday 18th May

9.00am No Mass

Tuesday 19th May

9.00am Mass

Wednesday 20th May

9.00am Mass

Thursday 21st May

9.00am Mass

9.30am Adoration

Friday 22nd May

9.00am Mass

10.30am Funeral Brian Jarvis

11.30am Funeral Wake (h)

Saturday 23rd May

4.45pm 1st Eucharist lesson (m1)

4.45pm Pre-confirm lesson (m2)

5.00-5.30pm Reconciliation

6.00pm Mass

7pm – 8pm Healing Prayer

Sunday 24th May

Pentecost

8.30am Mass

10.00am 1st Recon lesson (m2)

10.00am Mass

10.30am-11.30am RCIA (m1)

2.00pm CCR Pentecost Mass



NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

MASS AND MORNING TEA

National Volunteer week begins Monday, 18th May. Today Father Dat will dedicate the 10am mass as a thanksgiving mass for all our wonderful volunteers at Holy Family Parish. Without your enthusiasm & support we could not do all the things we do in our parish.

This Mass will be followed by a catered morning tea for all volunteers who wish to attend.

Ritual of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Faith Journey

What do Catholics believe? Why do they have rituals and attend Mass? Interested or curious about becoming Catholic? Holy Family Como invites you to join us. For more information, please contact Geraldine Taylor on 0408 093434

NATIONAL COUNT OF ATTENDANCE

During the first 4 weekends in May, you will notice members of the Parish Council counting heads during mass. The 5-yearly "National Count of Attendance" is taking place around the Perth Archdiocese. Thank you for your understanding while this is taking place.

MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE RESULTS

1st Prize **Green C37 - Irene**

If you have Green ticket C37 and your name is Irene, please contact the office to pick up your hamper.

SAFEGUARDING OFFICER URGENTLY NEEDED

Our parish is seeking the help of a volunteer Safeguarding Officer. This role involves being a point of contact for our parish on Safeguarding concerns, support for Father and meeting National Catholic Safeguarding Standards. Holy Family is seeking nominations for the role. Please contact Breda Pires (0422237261) or Fr Dat at como@perthcatholic.org.au

MUSIC MINISTRY

Do you like singing at Mass? Come along and join our choir members to learn some new hymns. You will be very welcome! A general choir rehearsal will be held Saturday 16th May at 9am in the Church

MASS INTENTIONS:

Recently Deceased: Brian Jarvis

For all those who are mentioned in the "Names of the Book of the Dead"

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to Margaret Jarvis and family on the passing of her beloved husband and father Brian Jarvis. Brian was a dedicated parishioner of the Holy Family Church for many years. Brian's funeral will be held on Friday 22nd May at 10.30am at Holy Family, followed by a wake in the hall.



THE POWER OF PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Norah Langshaw, Waminda Residents, Dragutin Markovic, Daisy Givens, Nadia O'Brien, Mary Hippolite, Reg & Joyce Groutsch, Ed Devereux, Heather Jordan, Ng Choon Bee, Ng Chai Hong, Caroline, Wayne, Ethan, Liam & Scarlett, Sonali, Sachini, Fe Fontanini, Michael, Nadia, Annie, Reg & May, Margaret & Arthur, Edith Johnson, Rhys, Brit, David, Anne Armstrong, Elaine Newman, Helen Peters, Canada family, Sarah, Molly, Fred, Patrick, Louise, Chris, Aria, David Rowe, Andrew Hammond, Aura Diego, Familia Becerra, Famia Cerinca, Annemarie, Jessie Amphlett, Barbara Kenny, David Tiley, Margaret Abbott, Serafini Family, Cain Family, Regina & Linda, Beverley Loraine, Fr Carroll, Maria O'Connor, Chris Lowry, Aldrin Ong, Adrian Ong, Troisi family, Jean, Antonette & George, Declan & Family, John Joyce, Richard Newman, Kelley H, Mark, Eduardo & Mario Gomez, Tom Core, Abin Davis, Aurelius Daniel, Anderson family, Vicki Sheppard, Cedric DeSouza, Lisa, Vincent Scanlan, Sanderson family, Anna Alfonso, Steve Ford, Samantha Wylie

SACRED HEART SODALITY

The Sacred Heart Sodality has been active in Como Parish for many years. Our numbers have depleted as members have left the parish or passed away. We gather as a group at Mass on the first Sunday of every month. At the end of Mass, we have short prayerful meeting. If you would like to join our group as part of a continuing prayerful Catholic practice please contact Jill 0499778810

WESTPAC ACCOUNT CLOSURE

The Parish banking has now been successfully transferred to NAB. As a result, the **Westpac bank account will soon be discontinued**. Please update your banking details for recurring payments at your earliest convenience. Our new banking details are as follows:

1st Collection Account

Bank: NAB

Account Name: The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Perth – Presbytery Account

BSB: 086-006

Account Number: 331331103

2nd Collection Account

Bank: NAB

Account Name: The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Perth – Catholic Development Fund

BSB: 086-006

Account Number: 839 893 940

We appreciate your prompt attention to this matter and thank you for your continued support

Today is the Ascension of the Lord. It is a feast we know well, but which can raise several questions, at least two. The first question: Why celebrate Jesus's departure from the earth? It would seem that his departure would be a sad moment, not exactly something to rejoice over! Why celebrate a departure? Second question: What does Jesus do now in heaven? Why we are celebrating. Because with the Ascension, something new and beautiful happened: Jesus brought our humanity, our flesh, into heaven, this is the first time that is, he brought it in God. That humanity that he had assumed on earth did not remain here. The risen Jesus was not a spirit, no. He had his human body, flesh and bones, everything. He will be there in God. We could say that from the day of the Ascension on, God himself "changed" – from that point on, he is not only spirit, but such is his love for us that he bears our own flesh in himself, our humanity! The place awaiting us is thus indicated; that is our destiny. Today, we celebrate "heaven's conquest". Jesus, who returns to the Father, but with our humanity. And so, heaven is already ours a little bit. Jesus has opened the door and his body is there.

The second question: So, what does Jesus do in heaven? He is there for us before the Father, continually showing our humanity to him – showing him his wounds. I like to think that Jesus, prays like this in front of the Father – making him see his wounds. "This is what I suffered for humanity: Do something!" He did not leave us alone. In fact, before ascending, he told us, as the Gospel says today, "I am with you always, to the end of the age". He is always with us, looking at us, and "he always lives to make intercession" for us. To make the Father see his wounds, for us. In a word, Jesus intercedes. He is in a better "place", before his Father and ours, to intercede on our behalf. Intercession is fundamental. This faith helps us too – not to lose hope, not to get discouraged. Before the Father, there is someone who makes him see his wounds and intercedes.

Pope Francis, 21-05-2023 Regina Caeli, Saint Peter's Square

LAUDATO SI' & NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK

Caring for Country, Caring for Our Common Home brings together Laudato Si' Week and National Reconciliation Week in a shared call to action: to listen deeply, reflect humbly, and respond authentically - to First Nations peoples, and to the cry of the earth and the poor.

LAUDATO SI' WEEK 17 – 24 May FROM HOPE TO ACTION

Laudato Si' week is a global celebration where we remember Pope Francis urging us in his encyclical Laudato Si' to hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor and to humbly place ourselves in communion with our common home. The theme for this year is "**From Hope to Action**", emphasising that ecological conversion is lived through daily choices, community engagement, and institutional courage.

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 23 May - 3 June

The theme for National Reconciliation Week 2026 is **All In**, a call for all Australians to commit wholeheartedly to reconciliation every single day. *All In* makes clear that reconciliation is not a spectator sport and that all of us must step away from the sidelines and take action to make change. Reconciliation will not happen by itself, and it will not happen without all of us.

PARENTING IN A DIGITAL WORLD

Catholic Family & Justice Support Services is facilitating this parent workshop to explore how technology, social media, and online platforms are shaping the way children think, feel and interact. Gain practical strategies to help you support your child in developing healthy, balanced technology habits. Designed for parents and caregivers.

- Tuesday, 26th May - 6.30pm - 8.00pm
- Newman Siena Centre (Clune Lecture Theatre W2.07) 33 Williamstown Road, Doubleview
- Cost - \$5.00 To register, www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1570034?

EUCHARISTIC RENEWAL – JOURNEY TO 2028

Australia is preparing to host the **International Eucharistic Congress in Sydney in 2028**, a historic moment of grace for our Church. In the years leading up to this event, all Catholics are invited into a time of prayer, reflection, and renewal centred on the theme chosen by Pope Leo XIV "*This is My Body, Given for You.*" This national journey calls us to deepen our love for Jesus truly present in the Eucharist and to be formed as Eucharistic missionary disciples. **Official Eucharistic Renewal prayer cards will be available in our parish on Pentecost weekend**; please take one and join this shared journey of prayer for renewal in our Church. For more information and resources, visit <https://eucharist28.org/>.

PRAY FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS IN NIGERIA

Christians in Nigeria continue to suffer greatly for their faith, yet many persevere with deep trust in Christ and devotion to Our Lady. *Aid to the Church in Need* invites you to join with John, a Catholic farmer in Nigeria, in praying a decade of the Rosary this week for persecuted Christians and all who suffer for their faith. **Watch John's moving testimony** and **download a free Red Rosary Prayer Card** to unite your prayers with the suffering Church throughout the world. Scan the QR code or visit www.rebrand.ly/RedRosary26



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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

The time had come for Jesus to say goodbye to his friends and to return to his father in heaven. They had work to do when he was gone, but through the Holy Spirit they would never feel afraid or alone.

LET US PRAY

Lord Jesus, help us to remember that you are with us always and we need never be afraid. Help us to go out and do your work in this world until we see you again, when you come back to us at the end of time.

RISE SUFFER HEAVEN WORSHIPED	REPENT PSALMS SCRIPTURE BLESSING	PROPHETS OPENED FULFILLED UNDERSTAND	TAKEN FORGIVE MOSES MINDS
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WEEKEND ROSTERS

		Saturday 6.00pm	Sunday 8.30am	Sunday 10.00am
COMMENTATOR/READER				
16 th /17 th May	The Ascension of the Lord	C. Frank Giannini R. Dimitrio Sidi EMHC Jacques Farla	C. Lynne Newton R. Ralph Newton EMHC Murray Rosenberg	C. Shanthi Dias R. Pascale Tin EMHC Vicki Ha
23 rd /24 th May	Pentecost	C. Amanda Johnson R. Carolyn Watson EMHC Dimitrio Sidi	C. Susannah Robinson R. Jill Browne EMHC Rose Hart	C. Ben Dias R. Shanthi Dias EMHC Grace Toczykowski
ACOLYTES				
16 th /17 th May	The Ascension of the Lord	Dimitrio Sidi	John Newman	Tony Bray
23 rd /24 th May	Pentecost	Hasan Sidi	Shajy Vadukoot	Leo Burke
ALTAR SERVER				
16 th /17 th May	The Ascension of the Lord	Noah Farla Lilyanna Bell	Leo Newman Dominic Newman	Jovan Halim Volunteer Please
23 rd /24 th May	Pentecost	Edith Johnson Hugg Morris	Volunteers Please	Ethan George Volunteer Please



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