

# 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**

**Funerals, Baptisms and Marriages:** By appointment – Please contact the office

## Palm Sunday (The Passion of the Lord) – Year A

Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026

### THE PROCESSION GOSPEL Matthew 2:1-11

When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage to the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you are to say, "The Lord has need of them," and he will send them immediately'. This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying, 'Tell the daughter of Zion, Behold, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass'. The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. They brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!' And when he entered Jerusalem all the city was stirred, saying, 'Who is this?' And the crowds said, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee'.

### THE ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy! O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

### FIRST READING Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning, he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R.** My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

### SECOND READING *Philippians 2:6-11*

His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on the cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore, God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

### GOSPEL

*Matthew 26:14-27:66*

**"The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew"**

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

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## Holy Week

### Next Sunday's Readings

**Easter Sunday**

Acts 10:34, 37-43

Psalms 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Colossians 3:1-4

John 20:1-9

**PARISH WEEK AHEAD**  
**HOLY WEEK**  
**30<sup>th</sup> March – 5<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March (violet)**  
9.00am No Mass

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March (violet)**  
9.00am Mass  
7.00pm Chrism Mass at Cathedral

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April (violet)**  
9.00am Mass

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April (white)**  
**Holy Thursday**  
9.00am **NO** Mass or Adoration  
7.00pm The Lords Supper/  
Adoration

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April (red)**  
**Good Friday**  
10.00am Stations of the Cross  
3.00pm The Passion of the Lord  
4.00pm Confession

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April (white)**  
5.00-5.30pm Reconciliation  
6.00pm Easter Vigil Mass

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April (white)**  
**Easter Sunday**  
8.30am Mass (Morning Tea)  
10.00am Mass (Morning Tea)

**CARITAS AUSTRALIA PROJECT COMPASSION** The trial and death of Jesus reminds us of the tragedy of injustice that continues to this day in so many places around the world. Throughout Lent, Caritas Australia, through Project Compassion, has attempted to draw our attention to many important issues in our world. We have been invited to take up the cross and follow Jesus in our own time, as we Unite Against Poverty. Let us help Jesus carry the cross in our time.

**PLANNED GIVING CONTRIBUTIONS via DIRECT DEBIT**

**1<sup>ST</sup> Collection Account**  
BSB 086 006 A/C number 331331103

**2<sup>ND</sup> Collection Account**  
BSB 086 006 A/C number 839 893 940

**TAP AND GO MACHINE 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION**

Tap each machine selecting the amount you wish to offer OR insert cash into the 2 cash chutes next to each machine.

**HOLY WEEK**

On Holy Thursday and Good Friday, the liturgy will conclude in silence with no final blessing or dismissal. This symbolises the betrayal of Jesus and his death on the cross.

At the Easter Vigil Mass there will be minimal light in the Church until the blessing of the Pascal candle.

**Welcoming New Members Event**

If you are new in the parish and would like an opportunity to meet and greet with music and food, please come and support our upcoming event:

**Venue:** Parish Hall

**Date:** Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April

**Time:** 7pm – 8.30pm

**RSVP** to the parish office or via the General Drop Box in the foyer area by Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April. If you like to volunteer at this event, please contact the parish office.



**HOLY LAND COMMISIARIAT GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION**

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians. This year, the Holy Land continues facing an income shortfall in funds due to the war in Gaza and now the war with Iran, all of which prevent pilgrims coming the Holy Land. We urge Catholics around the world to be as generous as possible and please remember the Christians of the Holy Land and keep them in your prayers. All donation information is on the **envelopes** which will be on the pews on Good Friday. All cash put in envelopes can be placed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> collection basket or in the 2<sup>nd</sup> collection hole in the barrel in the foyer.

Catholic parishes, parishioners & communities across WA are invited to participate in:

**The Pilgrimage of the Migrant Jubilee Cross**

ahead of its arrival in Perth. Deeply symbolic and sacred, the Migrant Jubilee Cross will be in the Archdiocese between **Saturday 18 April and Sunday 3 May**, providing a unique opportunity for spontaneous pilgrimage. Following its time in the Archdiocese, the cross will travel to the Bunbury, Geraldton and Broome Dioceses. The cross will be welcomed to Perth at a special Mass that will be celebrated at **St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> April by Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB**. Between Sunday 19 April and Sunday 3 May, it will be hosted by various parishes, schools and groups, providing the faithful with a unique opportunity for pilgrimage.

A copy of the pilgrimage of the cross is on the noticeboard in the foyer or see <https://www.perthcatholic.org.au/News/Events-News-2026-03>



**MASS INTENTIONS:**

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

**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, Paddy Embry, 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, Carmel, Msgr Brian O'Loughlin, Rosa Canada, Sarah, Molly, Fred, Patrick, Louise, Chris, Aria, David Rowe, Sanjana & family, Andrew, Aura Diego, Familia Becerra, Famia Cerinca, Annemarie MacPherson, Barbara Kenny, David Tiley, Margaret Abbott, Joshua, Serafini Family, Cain Family, Regina & Linda, Beverley Loraine, Jono, Gina & Brian, Fr Carroll, Maria O'Connor, Albert, Carmel, Julie, Anna Alfonso, Jessie S, Mario Gomez, Caitlin Von Witt, Melissa Arthena, Chris Lowry, Aldrin Ong, Adrian Ong, Kaye, Anastasia, Ashot, Tamara, Mervin & Jenni Yap, Wang Ming Wei, Lachlan, James Chandler, Suchich family, Maureen & Beiam McCormack, Enzo Troisi, Natasha, Marie H, Jean, Antonette & George, Declan & Family, Trevor Fonty, Steve Ford, Aiden Cooper, Ian Wood, Rosina Renzullo, John Joyce, Richard Newman, Beryl Northey, John O'Connell, Liz Mulcahy, Kelley H, Ambiga Salavantra, Bob Peruc, Mark, Eduardo & Mario Gomez, Darren, Tony B, Paul, Mary L, William, Maria F, Anna Alfonso, Sarah, Lee B & family, Mel, Shane & Brad Hickman, Troy Skopelitis Kristy Phillips, Trish Doohey, Luke Beattie

**Ritual of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Faith Journey**

What do Catholics believe? Why do they have ritual and attend Mass? Interested or curious about the Catholic faith or becoming a Catholic? Holy Family Como invites you to join us and explore these questions in a pilgrims' journey of faith, hope and love. For more information, please contact Geraldine Taylor on 0408 093434



**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.

**SAFEGUARDING OFFICER**  
Breda Pires 0422237261



“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”. This is the cry that today’s liturgy has us repeat in the responsorial psalm, the only cry that Jesus makes from the cross in the Gospel we have heard. Those words bring us to the very heart of Christ’s passion, the culmination of the sufferings he endured for our salvation. “Why have you forsaken me?”. The sufferings of Jesus were many, and whenever we listen to the account of the Passion, they pierce our hearts. Yet, amid all these sorrows, Jesus remained certain of one thing: the closeness of the Father. Now, however, the unthinkable has taken place. Before dying, he cries out: “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”. The forsakenness of Jesus. “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” In the Bible, the word “forsake” is powerful. We hear it at moments of extreme pain. In a word, in the drastic severing of the bonds that unite us to others. There, this word is spoken: “abandonment”. Christ brought all of this to the cross; upon his shoulders, he bore the sins of the world. And at the supreme moment, Jesus, the only-begotten, beloved Son of the Father, experienced a situation utterly alien to his very being, abandonment, the distance of God. Why did it have to come to this? He did it for us. There is no other answer. This abandonment is the price he paid for me. He became one with each of us in order to be completely and definitively one with us to the very end. He experienced abandonment in order not to leave us prey to despair, in order to stay at our side forever. He did this for me, for you, because whenever you or I or anyone else seems pinned to the wall without an answer, there can still be a hope, Jesus himself, for you, for me. It is not the end, because Jesus was there and even now, he is at your side. When I feel lost and confused, when I feel that I can’t go on, he is beside me. Amid all my unanswered questions “why...?”, he is there. Jesus, in his abandonment, asks us to open our eyes and hearts to all who find themselves abandoned. For us, as disciples of the “forsaken” Lord, no man, woman or child can be regarded as an outcast, no one left to himself or herself. Let us remember that the rejected and the excluded are living icons of Christ: they remind us of his reckless love, his forsakenness that delivers us from every form of loneliness and isolation. Today let us explore this grace: to love Jesus in his abandonment and to love Jesus in the abandoned all around us. Let us ask for the grace to see and acknowledge the Lord who continues to cry out in them. God has not left us alone; let us care, then, for those who feel alone and abandoned. Then, and only then, will we be of one mind and heart with the one who, for our sake, “emptied himself”. He emptied himself completely for us.

*Pope Francis 02.04.23, Saint Peter’s Square*

**Understanding the Real Paul**

**Friday lecture 6-8pm and/or Saturday Workshop 9am-3pm**

The Council for Catholic Women Perth warmly invite you to hear Dr Michele Connolly RSJ, a renowned scripture scholar and theologian, talk about the life and the influence of the real St Paul. She will talk about the historical Saul, his conversion and his radical vision of God in Christ. Focus will be on the letters attributed to Paul. All Welcome.

**Venue for both:** James Nestor Hall, Catholic Education Office, 50 Ruislip St, West Leederville. **Friday 10 April**

**Time:** 6.30–8pm (Gather at 6pm for light refreshments before the 6.30pm start) and **Saturday 11 April Time:** 9.00am–3pm (Gather at 9am for a 9.30am start.). Morning tea and a light lunch will be provided. Cost: Donation. **RSVP for both:** Wednesday, 9 April to [kerrymacfarlane2@gmail.com](mailto:kerrymacfarlane2@gmail.com) or text 0400 886 835.

**St Mary’s Cathedral tour guide information event  
23rd April at 10.30am**

At our beautiful Cathedral, St Mary’s, we have a very enthusiastic band of volunteers who conduct tours to schools, public and private organisations as well as the general public. This voluntary Ministry was founded in February 2011 and has grown over the years from two to eleven tour guides. However, we would like to increase our numbers. On the above date we will be conducting a short tour followed by a light morning tea in the Cathedral’s Parish Centre. “Open Day” is an event for those who are available during the week and would like to find out more of what is involved. You will be able to ask questions, meet the other guides and perhaps decide to join us. Your commitment would only be determined by your availability and may be just one tour every month or so for approximately 1hour. All necessary training and resources are provided. To register your attendance, or for more information, please call Carol Young (Tour Guide Co Ordinator) on 0417 097 455 Email: [caroly7@bigpond.com](mailto:caroly7@bigpond.com).

**EMMAUS WALK FOR MEN – Saturday 11th April**

Grab a mate or your son and join a group of like-minded men on the Emmaus Walk 2026. The walk commences with a 7:30am Mass at the Carmelite Convent in Nedlands, followed by a leisurely 12km walk along the river via Crawley and Elizabeth Quay to St Mary’s Cathedral, arriving at approximately 10:30am where refreshments and reconciliation will be available. To register your interest, [Click Here](#). For further information, contact Kim on 0414 537 023.

**KIDS’ CORNER**

**Palm Sunday maze**

**Word-Search**

The Children’s Liturgy will be in recess during the school holidays, returning in Term 2



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**PALM SUNDAY**

The Jews were waiting for a king to lead them against the Romans and make them free again. When Jesus rode into Jerusalem, on Palm Sunday, he was welcomed as this king, but he came as a king of peace and not to bring war.

**LET US PRAY**

Lord Jesus, Prince of Peace, we pray that your peace will spread throughout our world today and touch the lives of everyone.

## WEEKEND ROSTER

		Saturday 6.00pm	Sunday 8.30am	Sunday 10.00am
<b>COMMENTATOR/READER</b>				
28 <sup>th</sup> /29 <sup>th</sup> March	Palm Sunday <i>(red)</i>	C. Imelda Loviyanti R. Carolyn Watson EMHC Vicki Ha	C. Susannah Robinson R. Marianne Taylor EMHC Murray Rosenberg	C. Fiona Wee R. Pascale Yip EMHC Grace Toczylowski
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	The Lords Supper (White) Holy Thursday 7pm	C. Helen Mason R. Cecilia Bray EMHC Marek Toczylowski		
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Good Friday <i>(red)</i> Stations of the Cross 9am  Passion of the Lord 3pm	Youth  C. Ralph Newton N. Lynne Newton EMHC Sible Rozario		
4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Vigil <i>(white)</i> Easter Sunday <i>(white)</i>	C. Kimberley de Souza R. Sean de Souza EMHC Margaret Loraine	C. Lyn Hope-Hume R. Jill Browne EMHC Geraldine Taylor	C. Ben Dias R. Shanthi Dias EMHC Ceclia Bray
<b>ACOLYTES</b>				
28 <sup>th</sup> /29 <sup>th</sup> March	Palm Sunday <i>(red)</i>	Dimitrio Sidi Hasan Sidi	John Newman Shajy Vadukoot	Tony Bray Leo Burke
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	The Lords Supper (White) Holy Thursday 7pm	Michael Taylor Shajy Vadukoot		
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Good Friday <i>(red)</i> Passion of the Lord 3pm	Leo Burke Tony Bray		
4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Vigil <i>(white)</i> Easter Sunday <i>(white)</i>	Dimitrio Sidi Hasan Sidi	John Newman	Tony Bray
<b>ALTAR SERVER</b>				
28 <sup>th</sup> /29 <sup>th</sup> March	Palm Sunday <i>(red)</i>	Hugh Morris Nicolas & Hayden Willey	Dominic Newman Patrick Newman	Jovan Halim Ethan George
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	The Lords Supper (White) Holy Thursday 7pm	Leo, Patrick & Dominic Newman		
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Good Friday <i>(red)</i> Passion of the Lord 3pm	Samantha Carrasco Martina Carrasco		
4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Vigil <i>(white)</i> Easter Sunday <i>(white)</i>	Dinuli & Lahan Kariyakarawana Hugh Morris	Leo Newman Dominic Newman	Saheli D'Silva Ethan George



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