

Holy Family Parish Bulletin

Como - Kensington



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4th Sunday in Lent - Year C



Sunday 30th March 2025

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

FIRST READING

Joshua 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.' The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover, they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING

Corinthians 5:17-21

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on his reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I will rise and go to my Father and tell him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

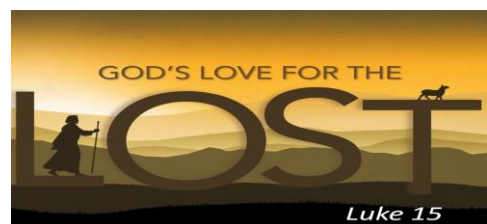
Luke 15:1-3.11-32

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them: 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery. 'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything.

Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you, I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place & went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father saw and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because of this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found. And they began to celebrate. Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But for this son of yours when he comes back after swallowing up your property—he and his women—you kill the calf we had been fattening." The father said "My son you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice because your brother here was dead and has come to life, he was lost and is found.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.



NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

5th Sunday of Lent Yr C

Isaiah 43:16-21 / Psalm 125

Philippians 3:8-14 / John 8:1-11

PARISH DIARY
31st March – 6th April 2025

MONDAY 31st March

9.00am No Mass

TUESDAY 1st April

9.00am Mass

WEDNESDAY 2nd April

9.00am Mass

THURSDAY 3rd April

9.00am Mass

9.30am – 10.30am Adoration

FRIDAY 4th April

9.00am Mass

7.00pm Stations of the Cross

(John Paul II)

SATURDAY 5TH APRIL

5.00-5.30pm Reconciliation

6.00pm Mass

SUNDAY 6TH APRIL

5th Sunday of Lent

8.30am Mass (Morning Tea)

10.00am Mass (Morning Tea)

EASTER MASSES

- * **Stations of the Cross** – every Friday 7.00pm (During Lent)
- * **2nd Rite of Reconciliation** – 2nd April – 7.00pm
- * **Palm Sunday** – 12th/13th April
- * **Holy Thursday** – 17th April – 7pm
Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.30pm
- * **Good Friday** – 18th April
 - Stations of the Cross 10.00am
 - Passion of the Lord 3.00pm
- * **Easter Vigil** – 19th April 6pm
- * **Easter Sunday** – 20th April
8.30am / 10.00am

NEW OFFICE HOURS

Office hours will now be
Tuesday to Friday 9am – 12noon
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A/C number 790041

Reference: Your Initial and Surname.



4th Sunday of Lent
29th & 30th of March 2025

Irene lives in a remote village in the Kongolo Region in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). Things began to change when Irene joined the Youth Capacity Strengthening Program (YCSP), run by Caritas Kongolo with the support of Caritas Australia. Through the program, Irene learned sewing skills and was provided with a sewing machine and fabric. Irene also gained farming skills. Now, she grows enough food to feed her family and even shares her sewing knowledge by mentoring other women in her community.



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**Our process of
Welcoming New
Catholics**

The present Group of 10 Enquirers is currently meeting each Sunday, supported by 8 Sponsors and facilitators. This month of March the Group meets in the South Perth Parish each Sunday beginning with the 9.30am Mass and continuing till 11.30. The following month of April we will meet in the Manning Parish. Then back at Holy Family, Como. The Group is supported by the 3 Parish Priests and Parish Communities. Please continue to pray for these Catechumens and Candidates as they grow in their love for, and knowledge, of God and the Catholic Faith. If you have any questions, please call **Tony Pires - 0418 900 046**

**PARISH BADGES AND
BUTTON BADGE PENS**

Father Dat has an idea and is Keen to create parish badges & Button badge pens. These can be used for pilgrimages, given to the Sacramental Children or Children's Liturgy. This concept will begin once Father Dat returns from his pilgrimage. You can view the examples in the foyer. If you are interested, please send your details to the office by email at como@perthcatholic.org.au



MASS INTENTIONS:

All Holy Family Parishioners

If you would like a mass offered, please pass your offering envelope to Father before mass on the day. Father will read out the names at the beginning of Mass.

THE POWER OF PRAYER

Norah Langshaw, Waminda Residents, Stella & Family, Reamae David, Dragutin Markovic, Maureen Galligan, Daisy Givens, Nadia O'Brien, Mary & Ben Bianchini, Mary Hippolite, Reg & Joyce Groutsch, Ed Devereux, Heather Jordan, Serafini Family, Josie Staude, Ng Choon Bee, Ng Chai Hong, Paddy Embry, Caroline, Wayne, Ethan, Liam & Scarlett, Sonali, Sachini, Norman Bickley, Amondo Robels & Fe Fontanini, Eric, Kerry & John Hardwick, Jake Manricks, Michael, Nadia, Adrian, Annie, Reg & May, Margaret & Arthur, Margaret Harrington, Edith Johnson, Barry O'Malley, Rhys, Brit, David, Janelle, Molly, Marlene Bissett, Brian Schofield, Ross Moir, Chris Baker, Ann Salmon, Jeffrey Bonser, Natasha & Paul Sanderson, Lynn Errington, Susan Pyper, Elaine, Barbara, Julie & Ray, Declan & Family, Jessie Amphlett, Rita Anderson, Brendan, Joshua, Roy Camille, Antonette & George, Mark Lewis, Alyssa & Genaro, Yolanda, Sarah, Fred, Nubia, Aura, Diego, William and family, Nicola Synnott, Carmel Lee, Joanna, Sarina, Anne Armstrong, Elaine Newman, Helen Peters, Carmel, Osnain Family, Ambika Selvendra, Veronica Fitzgerald, William, Baby BB, Gladys, Gloria, Hector, Cristina, Myriam, Carlos, Flias, Almonte Family, Bernadette, Heather D, Emer Heery, Anita, Rosalie & Goldie, Gabrielle & Lilian Hayes, Fr Prabhu, Msgr Brian O'Loughlin, Ben, Monica Villaneuva, Kenny Michael Tan, Claire, Vivian Mendes, Rosetta Napoli, Annalisa Turturiello, Lewis Family, Jono, Janet

**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 Be Strong, be brave.
ALWAYS speak out if you feel unsafe. This message is placed at the request of the Safeguarding Office of the Perth Archdiocese.

The Gospel for this Sunday’s Liturgy recounts the so-called Parable of the Prodigal Son. It leads us to God’s heart who always forgives compassionately and tenderly. We are the ones who get tired of asking for forgiveness, but he always forgives. It tells us that God is a Father who not only welcomes us back but rejoices and throws a feast for his son who has returned home after having squandered all his possessions. We are that son, and it is moving to think about how much the Father always loves us and waits for us. But there is also the older son in the same parable who goes into a crisis in front of this Father. It can put us into crisis as well. In fact, this older son is also within us and, we are tempted to take his side, at least in part: he had always done his duty, he had not left home, and so he becomes indignant on seeing the Father embracing his son again after having behaved so badly. He protests and says: “I have served you for so many years and never disobeyed your command”. Instead, for “this son of yours”, you go so far as to celebrate! I don’t understand you!” This is the indignation of the older son. These words illustrate the older son’s problem. He bases his relationship with his Father solely on pure observance of commands, on a sense of duty. This could also be our problem, the problem among ourselves and with God: to lose sight that he is a Father and to live a distant religion, composed of prohibitions and duties. And the consequence of this distance is rigidity towards our neighbour whom we no longer see as a brother or sister. In fact, in the parable, the older son does not say my brother to the Father. No, he says that son of yours, as if to say, “he is not my brother”. In the end, he risks remaining outside of the house, he refused to go in because the other one was there. The Father tries to make him understand that for him, every child is all of his life. The ones who know this well are parents, who are very close to feeling like God does. At this point in the parable, the Father opens his heart to his older son and expresses two needs, which are not commands, but essentials for his heart:

To make merry - this helps to overcome the fear and discouragement that can come from remembering one’s sins. To rejoice - Do not stay focused on errors, do not point fingers at what they have done wrong, but rejoice over the good because another person’s good is mine as well!

Pope Francis, Angelus, St Peter’s Square 27.3.22 (part thereof)

Rather than “giving something up” maybe “take something on.?”

Rather than seeing Lent as a period of denial and deprivation, we can view Lent as an invitation to commit to positive actions, like volunteering, donating money, or practicing deeper contemplation. By virtue of committing to something new, we also give something else up. We sacrifice our time and commit it to service or to God. Lent, fundamentally, is about facing the hardest elements of human existence — suffering, mortality, death. The Easter cycle, true to life, is a gritty one. In this sacred time, we should confront what we often ignore. For centuries, Christians have used fasting as a tool to turn attention away from worldly goods towards God and Truth. By letting something go, we practice loosening our grip on our own concerns to make space for greater, deeper concerns. How are we working this Lent?

Tony Pires



ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

Worldwide Marriage Encounter



Would you like to give yourself and your spouse quality time over a weekend that will focus on love, communication and relationship? A WWME Weekend may be the best gift you can give to each other. **Upcoming Weekends are as follows:**
Live-out Weekend **24/25 May** @ Corpus Christi College, Bateman
Live-out Weekend **26/27 July**, Bunbury @ Bunbury Catholic College
Live-in Weekend **7/9 November** @ Vincentian Retreat Centre, Karrakup
For more information about coming Weekends contact Brendon or Valerie on 0493 534 865, email WAb bookings@wwme.org.au or visit www.wwme.org.au

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hunger	heaven	worthy
compassion	kissed	slaves
robe	ring	sandals
fatted	calf	celebrate
elder	music	dancing
angry	plead	disobeyed



We all know how good we feel when we say “sorry” and make up after a quarrel. Jesus told a story to show that when we forgive and are forgiven, we are filled with great joy and a feeling of peace.

Lord, you gave your love and peace to us. Help us to make our world a happier place by sharing that love and peace with each other.

WEEKEND ROSTER

		Saturday 6:00 pm	Sunday 8:30 am	Sunday 10:00 am
COMMENTATOR/READER				
29 th /30 th March	4 th Sunday of Lent	C. Carolyn Watson R. Michelle Teo EME Helen Mason	C. Breda Pires R. Jacinta Vu EME Marie Tiley	C. Michael Danagher R. Cecilia Yap EME Vicki Ha
5 th /6 th April	5 th Sunday of Lent	C. Carolyn Watson R. Michelle Teo EME Margaret Loraine	C. Lyn Hope-Hume R. Jill Browne EME Geraldine Taylor	C. Cecilia Yap R. Michael Danagher EME Pascale Tin
12 th / 13 th April	Palm Sunday	C. Dimitrio Sidi R. Helen Mason EME Christina Sidi	C. Ralph Newton R. Lynne Newton EME. Marie Tiley	C. Tony Bray R. Cecilia Bray EME Carem Carrasco
ACOLYTES				
29 th /30 th March	4 th Sunday of Lent	Dimitrio Sidi	John Newman	James Chong
5 th /6 th April	5 th Sunday of Lent	Hasan Sidi	Shajy Vadukoot	Leo Burke
12 th / 13 th April	Palm Sunday	Hasan Sidi Shajy Vadukoot	Michael Taylor John Newman	Tony Bray James Chong
ALTAR SERVER				
29 th /30 th March	4 th Sunday of Lent	Elizabeth Morris Hugh Morris	Lilyanna Bell Evelyn Newman	Sierra Ong Angel Siby
5 th /6 th April	5 th Sunday of Lent	Isabelle Chiew Dinuli Kariyakarawana	Palak Vadukoot Evelyn Newman	Jovan Halim Delena Tran
12 th / 13 th April	Palm Sunday	Gabriella Jakowetz Hayden Willey	Leo Newman Evelyn Newman	Saheli D'Silva K Don Shannel

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