

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 and Marriage:** Email: holyfamilycomocatholic@gmail.com
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2nd Sunday of Lent- Year B

Sunday 25th February 2024



The Liturgy of the Word

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

FIRST READING

Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said, 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.' When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him. Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood. Then he stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son. The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self - it is the Lord who speaks - because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living. .

SECOND READING

Romans 8:31-34

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us - he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi', he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus. As they came down the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.



Next Sunday's Readings

3rd Sunday of Lent

Exodus 20: 1-17 Psalm 18:8-11.vR. Jn 6:68
Corinthians 1: 22-25 John 2: 13-25

HOLY FAMILY DIARY
26th FEBRUARY – 3rd MARCH 2024

Monday 26th February

No Mass

Tuesday 27th February

9.00am Mass

Wednesday 28th February

9.00am Mass

9.30am Craft Group – MR1

Thursday 29th February

9.00am Mass

9.30am-10.30am - Adoration

Friday 1st March

9.00am Mass

7.00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday 2nd March

6.00pm Mass

9am-11am – Toastmasters – Hall

1pm-4pm – Ukulele Group - Hall

Sunday 3rd March

3rd Sunday of Lent

8.30am Mass

10.00am Mass

10.30am-12noon – RCIA Group MR1

11am-1.00pm – StVDP - Hall



This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of three resilient women: Ronita from the Philippines, Leaia from Samoa and Memory from Malawi. While from three different corners of the world and facing vastly different challenges, they are all united by one dream: to create a better world for all future generations. Please donate to Project Compassion by using the donation boxes or envelopes, calling 1800024413 or caritas.org.au/project-compassion

MASS OFFERINGS

Recently passed away:

Margaret Capp

Souls of: Marcel Chung, Hans

Fuderer



The Power of Prayer list is now on the noticeboard. If you would like to add someone on to the list, please write their name on the form in the church foyer. The list will be updated each week.

MASS OFFERINGS

Please be advised of a change with Mass Offerings

If you would like a mass offered during the week or at any weekend mass, please pass your offering envelope to Father Dat before mass **ON THE DAY**. Father will read out your offering at the beginning of Mass.

SENIOR MINISTER OF THE ALTAR

Do you have a desire to help and serve our sacred environment, the Altar. Our parish is looking for a Senior Minister of the Altar for our WEEKDAY masses. If you are interested, please put your name, phone number and days available on the signup sheet in the foyer.



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to all couples who are celebrating their anniversaries in February. Please refer to the list of names on the notice board.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

* **2nd Rite of Reconciliation**

Wednesday 13th March 7.00pm

* **Parish Youth Group (Be.Loved)**

Wednesday 6th & 20th March 6pm – Hall

* **Palm Sunday** – 24th March

* **Holy Thursday** – 28th March 7pm

* **Good Friday** – 29th March

Stations of the Cross – 10.00am

Passion of the Lord – 3.00pm

* **Easter Vigil Mass** – 30th March 7pm

* **Easter Sunday** – 31st March

8.30am & 10.00am



**1ST AND 2ND COLLECTION
 NEW TAP AND GO
 MACHINES IN THE
 FOYER**

You may have noticed that the Parish now have two (2) Tap and Go machines in the foyer. This is a new option for the 1st and 2nd collection because many people no longer carry cash and prefer the cashless option of planned giving. Each machine is marked as 1st and 2nd collection and you will need to tap each machine, selecting the amount you wish to offer. These machines can be used before or after the weekend masses only.

PLEASE NOTE:
These tap and go machines do not replace the 1st and 2nd collections taken during the weekend mass.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these machines, please contact Joanne or Mareen in the office via email at: como@perthcatholic.org.au

2024 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

The Sacramental program commences this weekend with an Enrolment Mass for all children at 6.00pm on Saturday, followed by an Information Evening event from 7.00pm to 7.50pm. At the meeting, parents will be given briefings by Fr Dat, Tony Pires and Mark Ferroa. Timetables, details of workshops, ceremonies and other documents will be distributed. If you have any questions, please email Mark at: comocath.sacramental@gmail.com

DIGITAL DIARY

The parish now has a digital google calendar/diary. If you want to book an appointment with Father, book the hall or one of the meeting rooms please contact Joanne or Mareen in the office.

Mary Haydock's 100th Birthday

Mass and celebration

Wednesday 6th March 2024

Mass at 12noon followed

by Lunch in the Hall. Please put your name on the sheet in the foyer if you wish to attend.



HELPERS FOR OUR QUIZ NIGHT

Planning Meeting TODAY at 11am

The quiz night committee is holding a planning meeting after the 10am Mass this weekend in the Hall. If you are interested in helping at the quiz night, please come along and
 **SAVE THE DATE - QUIZ NIGHT 3rd MAY**

PLANNED GIVING CONTRIBUTIONS via DIRECT DEBIT

We still offer the option of direct debit for both 1st & 2nd collection:
1ST Collection supports the priest
 BSB 086 006 A/C number 181363301
2ND 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.

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.
10 of 12 Safeguarding Messages:
 Parents, talk to your children about safe and unsafe secrets.
This message is placed at the request of the Safeguarding Office of the Perth Archdiocese.

LENTEN REFLECTION

10 WAYS TO RENEW YOUR LIFE IN CHRIST THIS LENT

By ACI Prensa staff

Lent is a time of conversion and penance that the Catholic Church offers to believers to prepare for and live the Easter Triduum - the mystery of the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus. During the 40 days (this year 14 February to 28 March), Catholics can set goals to grow in holiness and help others do the same. Here are 10 ways to evangelise and renew your life in Christ this Lent:

- 1. Receive Communion frequently.** Throughout Lent, attending Mass and receiving Communion is the most effective missionary and evangelizing act in which the faithful can participate. St John Paul II noted that the Eucharist contains within itself the "world's principle and eternal source of salvation." Therefore, Catholics should take advantage of its benefits as often as possible.
- 2. Pray more deeply.** Many Catholics ignore the importance of prayer in their lives. This season of Lent can be an excellent occasion to deepen our relationship with God through prayer. St. John of the Cross wrote: "Whoever flees prayer, flees all that is good." St. Ephrem offers a more practical perspective. For him, prayer forms virtues in our hearts - it protects us from anger, pride, and envy. Praying helps us die to ourselves to configure ourselves to Jesus, which is especially needed during Lent.
- 3. Commit to reading the Bible.** Pope Benedict XVI always asked Christians to commit to becoming familiar with the holy Scriptures. Incorporate the Bible into your daily prayer. It is, as the Catechism says, the primary source of our knowledge of God.
- 4. Go to confession! Do not be afraid. Just go.**
- 5. Help those in need.** The season of Lent invites the faithful to give our lives for others, especially for those most in need as did Christ, "who became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich." There are thousands of Catholic charities around the world that need our help. Jesus told us: "You will always have the poor with you" (Mt 26:11). This was an admonition to always take care of those less fortunate than ourselves. The poor are the treasure of the Church.
- 6. Cultivate your devotion to the Virgin Mary.** Mary serves as a perfect model for all Catholics: men, women, children, teenagers, mothers, busy professionals, students - anyone seeking to develop a more Christ-centred life during Lent.
- 7. Be a peacemaker.** Make peace with someone who you believe does not deserve respect, forgiveness, or a moment of consideration. If not, what exactly did Christ mean when he said we should forgive our enemies?
- 8. Meditate on the Stations of the Cross.** Most parishes offer the opportunity to pray the Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent. Accept this opportunity that God offers you to learn more about faith and about what's missing in your spiritual life.
- 9. Stand up for Jesus Christ.** During Lent, make an extra effort to defend Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. When we are faced with intolerant, closed-minded, and anti-Christian opinions, it is incumbent upon us to teach and inform with love those we meet in our daily lives. The world is becoming increasingly hostile toward Christians and Christianity. The love of Christ is the answer to ignorance, hatred, and intolerance. If not, what exactly do we believe as a community of faith?
- 10. Evangelise the people you meet along the way.** The advantages of evangelising far outweigh the discomfort we might feel in sharing the Gospel with others. We have the opportunity to explain our beliefs to others who might not understand them, and with the Holy Spirit's assistance, we may even convince others of the wisdom and reality of our beliefs. Trust in Christ and allow him to speak through you.

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ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

NANO NAGLE CENTRE *Place of Peace and Reflection*
The Road to Gethsemane – Reflecting on your Faith Journey.
They came to a small estate called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, 'Stay here while I pray'. ... 'Wait here and keep awake'. (Mark: 14: 32;35)
Thursday 7 March 10am–2pm Presenter: Geraldine Taylor
 Cost: \$20.00 (includes handouts and a light lunch)

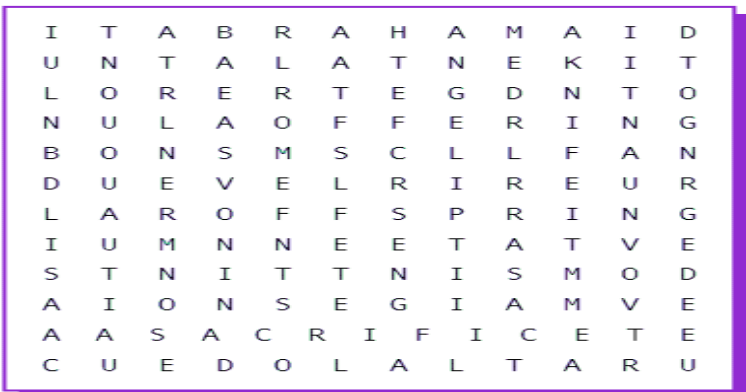
BREAKFAST IN THE GARDEN

Saturday 9th March at 8am Garden Venue, Mary MacKillop Centre, 16 York Street, South Perth. Bring \$20 for brekkie. BYO chairs. Free raffle ticket on entry. Assorted range of pot plants and chrysanthemums in time for Mother's Day. For catering RSVP before 5 March to Roberta Scanlan, robscans52@icloud.com or 0459 364 872.

KIDS' CORNER

Word Search for Abraham Was Called to Sacrifice Isaac

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle. The words can be left to right, up and down, or diagonally.



2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

Abraham was a good man, and like Noah, he had complete faith and trust in God. God put this trust to the test when he asked Abraham to kill his son Isaac.

LET US PRAY

Lord, give us the faith and courage of Abraham to do whatever you might ask us. Make our trust and love for you grow stronger each day. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.



ABRAHAM
ALTAR

ANGEL
BURNT

ISAAC
KNIFE

OFFERING
OFFSPRING

RAM
SACRIFICE

WEEKEND ROSTER

		Saturday 6:00 pm	Sunday 8:30 am	Sunday 10:00 am
COMMENTATOR/READER				
24 th /25 th February	2 nd Sunday of Lent	C. Dimitrio Sidi R. Frank Giannini	C. Lyn Hope-Hume R. Geraldine Taylor	C. Cyril D'Silva R. Pascale Tin
2 nd /3 rd March	3 rd Sunday of Lent	C. Clara Johnson R. Amanda Johnson EME. Marie Tiley	C. Jill Browne R. Lyn Hope-Hume	C. Regina Crothers R. Cecilia Bray EME. Rose Hart
ACOLYTE				
24 th /25 th February	2 nd Sunday of Lent	Hasan Sidi	John Newman	Leo Burke
2 nd /3 rd March	3 rd Sunday of Lent	Daniel Bianchini	Shajy Vadukoot	James Chong
ALTAR SERVER				
24 th /25 th February	2 nd Sunday of Lent	Elizabeth Morris Gabiella Jakowetz (a)	Evelyn Newman Dominic Newman	Andy Yip (a) Delena Tran
2 nd /3 rd March	3 rd Sunday of Lent	TBA	TBA	TBA
CHOIR				
24 th /25 th February	2 nd Sunday of Lent	St Cecilia Choir	Holy Family Choir	Sanctus Choir
2 nd /3 rd March	3 rd Sunday of Lent	Sagrada Familia	Holy Family Choir	D'Cantor Choir

CHURCH NOTICEBOARD

For more of what's happening in the Archdiocese or Employment Opportunities, please see the Notice board in the Church foyer.

LOST PROPERTY BOX

If you have lost something, the lost property box is in the office.

RETURN OF PYX PLEASE

If you have taken a Pyx, could you please return them as soon as possible as we currently have none available. Thank you.



CHILDREN'S ROOM (Back of the church)

Parents using the children's room, could you please vacate the room as soon as possible after Mass. This room will be used as a Chapel after Mass for people wishing to pray privately in silence. Thank you for your consideration of this request.
Father Dat

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