

Holy Family Parish Bulletin

Como - Kensington



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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C



Sunday 17th August 2025

The Liturgy of the Word

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank. Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king, 'My lord king,' he said 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Lord, come to my aid

SECOND READING

Hebrews 12:1-4

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings us to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shamefulness of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

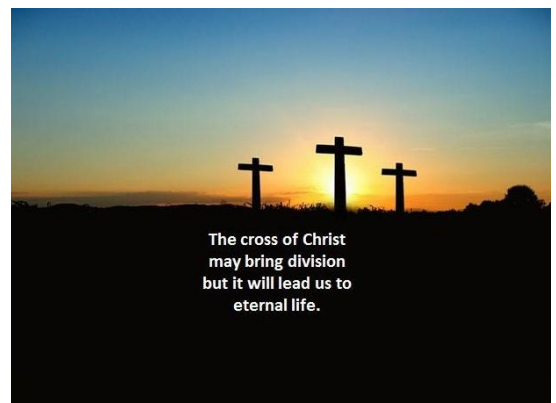
GOSPEL

Luke 12:49-53

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over! Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.



Next Sunday's Readings:

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 66:18-21 // Psalm 116

Heb 12:5-7, 11-13 // Luke 13:22-30

PARISH DIARY
18th – 24th August 2025



MONDAY 18th August
9.00am No Mass

TUESDAY 19th August
9.00am Mass

WEDNESDAY 20th August
9.00am Mass

THURSDAY 21st August
9.00am Mass
9.30am – 10.30am Adoration

FRIDAY 22nd August
9.00am Mass

SATURDAY 23rd August
5.00-5.30pm Reconciliation
6.00pm Mass

SUNDAY 24th August
21st Sunday of Ordinary time
8.30am Mass (Morning Tea)
10.00am Mass (Morning Tea)

CHURCH HEATING SYSTEM

We apologise for the heating system not working in the church at the moment. Due to the age of the system, and the inability to obtain parts for the system, the heating component is struggling to function correctly. We are consistently looking at this and hoping for some warm relief soon.

NEXT PARISH PILGRIMAGE

Our 2nd parish pilgrimage will be held on Monday 29th September, at St John Paul II in Banksia Grove & St Anthony's in Wanneroo. If you are interested, please fill in a slip & place in the general drop box in the foyer or speak with one of the pilgrimage people who will be in the church foyer this weekend or email the office at

como@perthcatholic.org.au

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RETREAT at NEW NORCIA
MONASTERY

Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th October

Program: Arrive at the Guesthouse, New Norcia, (very close to the actual Monastery), Saturday morning 10am; Depart Monastery Sunday 2.00pm. There will be opportunities to gather in the Monk's Chapel for prayers with them - and 3 reflection sessions together.

Cost: \$160ea—includes room with ensuite, breakfast & 3 meals - lunch, dinner & lunch Please don't let cost deter you – we can help with this. Join 9 members of our Parish SCC Group. To register contact Tony Pires 0418900046

ONLY 6 ROOMS STILL AVAILABLE

We need to lock in attendance in the next 2 weeks to confirm our booking.

HEALING PRAYERS

An accredited Archdiocesan Catholic Charismatic prayer team, Keith and Colleen Morgan, is offering their ministry to support our parishioners who seek comfort, hope, and healing, whether in body, mind, or spirit. This includes those facing financial hardship, struggling with broken relationships, or simply in need of prayerful support. Let them help you invite Jesus and Mary into the spaces of your life that feel burdened or unsettled. The prayer session takes just 5 to 15 minutes and will be held in private at the front of the chancel after a weekend Mass, once a month. If you're interested, please sign the sheet in the foyer or contact the parish office, indicating your preferred time: after the Saturday Vigil Mass or the 10:00 am Sunday Mass. The plan is to pilot this in September.



CHRISTMAS PREPARATION TEAM

If you would like to be a part of Christmas preparations in December, Please fill in a slip and place in the drop box.



CRAFT GROUP

The craft group will no longer be holding craft sessions at this parish. Patricia and the group would like to thank the parish for their support over the many years they have been meeting and making craft. Your support of their causes and money raised has been greatly appreciated.



MASS INTENTIONS:

Anniversary: Rosa Passarelli

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.

Norah Langshaw, Waminda Residents, Dragutin Markovic, Daisy Givens, Nadia O'Brien, Mary & Ben Bianchini, 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, Kerry & John Hardwick, Jake Manricks, Michael, Nadia, Adrian, Annie, Reg & May, Margaret & Arthur, Edith Johnson, Barry O'Malley, Rhys, Brit, David, Janelle, Marlene Bissett, Brian Schofield, Ross Moir, Chris Baker, Ann Salmon, Jeffrey Bonser, Anne Armstrong, Elaine Newman, Helen Peters, Carmel, Msgr Brian O'Loughlin, Rosa Canada, Eileen Teuchert, Mercedes Rivera, Nelly Baez, June Robertson, Teresa Garcia, Yvonne Druce, M Love, Mel L, Brian Jarvis, Jeffrey Zoysa, Karin Holly Grant, Giorgina Schmalkuche, Yolanda, Sarah, Molly, Fred, Mark, James, Chris, Doris Teo, Ben, Bahar, Margaret, L H Lee, Albert, Natasha Sanderson, Mark Oh, Hayley VanDerHeyden, Carey family, Daniel, Sanjana & family, Andrew Sanderson, Patricia Whyte, James Chandler, Nubia William, Aura Diego, Familia Becerra, Famia Cerinca, Annemarie MacPherson, Gladys, Gloria, Hector, Cristina-Myriam, Bill Staude, Ong Ay Hwa, Barbara Kenny, James

GLUTEN FREE HOSTS

If you would like to receive a gluten free host, **please advise the office** at what mass and time you would like to receive the host. The office will then arrange for the host to be available. You will be advised by return email the procedure of receiving the host. Please contact the office for any other information on this matter on 94505921 or email como@perthcatholic.org.au

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.

4 of 12 Safeguarding Messages:

No-one can touch your private body parts or show you pictures of private body parts. Say no, then go and tell a trusted adult.

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

safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au

In the Gospel of today's liturgy there is an expression of Jesus which always strikes us and challenges us. While he is walking with his disciples, he says: "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!" What fire is he talking about? And what is the meaning of these words for us today, this fire that Jesus brings? As we know, Jesus came to bring to the world the Gospel, that is, the good news of God's love for each one of us. Therefore, he is telling us that the Gospel is like a fire, because it is a message that, when it erupts into history, burns the old balances of living, challenges us to come out of our individualism, to overcome selfishness, to shift from the slavery of sin and death to the new life of the Risen Jesus. In other words, the Gospel does not leave things as they are; when the Gospel passes, and is listened to and received, things do not stay as they are. The Gospel provokes change and invites conversion. It does not dispense a false intimist peace, but sparks a restlessness that sets us in motion, and drives us to open up to God. It is just like fire: while it warms us with God's love, it wants to burn our selfishness, to enlighten the dark sides of life. What does this word of Jesus, about fire, mean for us? It invites us to rekindle the flame of faith, so that it does not become a secondary matter, or a means to individual wellbeing, enabling us to evade the challenges of life or commitment in the Church and society. Faith is not a "lullaby" that lulls us to sleep. True faith is a fire, a living flame to keep us wakeful and active even at night! And then, we might wonder: am I passionate about the Gospel? Does the faith I profess and celebrate lead me to complacent tranquillity or does it ignite the flame of witness in me? We can also ask ourselves this question in our community, does the fire of the Spirit burn, with the passion for prayer and charity, and the joy of faith? Or do we drag ourselves along in weariness and habit, with a downcast face, and a lament on our lips, and gossip every day? Brothers and sisters, let us examine ourselves on this, so that we too can say, like Jesus: we are inflamed with the fire of God's love, and we want to spread it around the world, to take it to everyone, so that each person may discover the tenderness of the Father and experience the joy of Jesus, who enlarges the heart, and Jesus enlarges the heart and makes life beautiful.

Pope Francis 14.8.22 Angelus, Saint Peter's Square

Chief Justice Peter Quinlan to speak at Catholic Man Breakfast Series

The Chief Justice of Western Australia Peter Quinlan will speak at the Catholic Man Breakfast Series hosted by Most Rev. Don Sproston, Auxiliary Bishop of Perth, details as follows: Thursday 11th September 2025, 07:00 - 09:00, Duxton Hotel.
Tickets <https://app.tickets.org.au/MA/CMBSPer25>
Enquiries Ray Gourlay 0408 923 068

PATER NOSTER CATHOLIC CHURCH MYAREE
MASSIVE BOOK FAIR - 30th & 31st August

Pater Noster Catholic Church, Cnr Marmion and Evershed Streets, Myaree will be having a Massive Book Fair, Saturday 30 August from 9am to 4pm and Sunday from 9am to 3pm. Books just \$2.00 each and EFTPOS available. Tea, coffee and snacks available gold coin donation. *Further info contact Ann Chew* sacraments@paternostermysaree.org.au.

EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING
COMMON GROUND - FAITH EDUCATION FOR
YOUNG ADULTS

Wednesdays 6pm to 8.30pm, Catholic Pastoral Centre, 40A Mary St, Highgate (enter through Harold St). Common Ground is a space where Young Adults who share similar values and beliefs come together and belong. Through faith formation, prayer, mission, ministry and social activities, Common Ground provides opportunities to grow in faith, deepen your relationship with God and explore what it means to live a life of purpose and meaning. Ask questions, share your struggles, and receive encouragement and guidance. Come along!
For more information visit www.cym.com.au.

MEDITATIVE PRAYER IN THE STYLE OF TAIZE
This Sunday, 17th August 2025

7pm – 8pm (chapel doors open at 6.30pm)
16 York Street, South Perth
Invite your friends and pray in a relaxing, meditative way.
Enquiries: Sr Maree Riddler rsj, 0414 683 926, maree.riddler@sosj.org.au

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Today, Jesus says that He has come to set the earth on fire. Of course, he didn't mean to set everything on fire. Rather, He wanted the flame of the Holy Spirit to burn in the hearts of people all over the world.

Let us pray
Jesus, we pray for the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts and make us to love You everyday. Amen.

WEEKEND ROSTER

		Saturday 6:00 pm	Sunday 8:30 am	Sunday 10:00 am
COMMENTATOR/READER				
16 th / 17 th August	20 th Sunday in Ord	C. Frank Gianini R. Dimitrio Sidi EME Margaret Loraine	C. Marianne Taylor R. Susannah Robinson EME Lyn Hope-Hume	C. Michael Danager R. Cecilia Yap EME Vicki Ha
23 rd / 24 th August	21 st Sunday in Ord	C. Tony Pires R. Bred Pires EME Marie Tiley	C. Alex Wu R. Lyn Hope-Hume EME Rose Hart	C. Pascale Tin R. Dilshara Fernando EME Carem Carrasco
30 th / 31 st August	22 nd Sunday in Ord	C. Dimitrio Sidi R. Carolyn Watson EME Linda Hernawati	C. Annette Newman R. Geraldine Taylor EME Murray Rosenberg	C. Rebecca Machado R. Jennifer Low EME Grace Toczylowski
ACOLYTES				
16 th / 17 th August	20 th Sunday in Ord	Hasan Sidi	Shajy Vadukoot	Tony Bray
23 rd / 24 th August	21 st Sunday in Ord	Dimitrio Sidi	Michael Taylor	Leo Burke
30 th / 31 st August	22 nd Sunday in Ord	Hasan Sidi	John Newman	Tony Bray
ALTAR SERVER				
16 th / 17 th August	20 th Sunday in Ord	Isabelle Chiew Edith Johnson	No Servers	Angel Siby Martina Teran-Carrasco
23 rd / 24 th August	21 st Sunday in Ord	Raegan Tanuwidjaja Dinuli Kariyakarawana	Claudia Taylor-Beard Dom Newman	Samantha Teran-Carrasco Jovan Halim
30 th / 31 st August	22 nd Sunday in Ord	Elizabeth Morris Hugh Morris	Lilyanna Bell Patrick Newman	Ethan George Delena Tran

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