

Holy Family Como Bulletin



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Weekday Masses: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9am, Friday 7pm,

Reconciliation: 5.30pm Saturday **Baptisms, Marriage & Funerals:** By appointment Only

Adoration: Thursday 9.30am-12.30pm **Safeguarding Officers:** Mark Ferroa 0425454763 & Breda Pires 0422237261

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

Sunday 11th September 2022

"I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner." Luke 15:10

Recovering the lost

This Sunday's Gospel reading is an assurance of God's desire to regain what has been lost. Our Lord is a God of reconciliation and renewal. He pursues those who have strayed from the truth. Why? Because he cares — he cares more than we do about the people we know who are "lost sheep" or "lost treasures" like the coin in this parable.

Think of the people who have been lost to you because they have abandoned you. God cares and is pursuing them to bring healing to the relationship, and he will continue his efforts even until they take their last earthly breath (sometimes the healing comes after death).

Think, too, of people who are neglecting their faith. Jesus is a Good Shepherd who will never give up pursuing them. Why? Because their value to your family and the Church is important! Their absence is depleting the strength of the community. And God, who is the source of the life of the community, is doing everything possible — well, even the impossible — to lead them to repentance and healing and a safe return.

However, we cannot leave it all up to God. He works through us. Only when we've tried and our influence is nil does God say, "Let go. Trust that I am continually working on the problem." We can believe that Jesus is still chasing after them, even though they hide from him. He is not far from them, even though they push him away.

If there is something else we can do to invite them back into the sheepfold, but we don't, someday we will have to explain to Jesus why we didn't. Why did we fail to love as much as he loves them? Why did we let them stray away without researching how we could help them? Have we done anything to push them away?

No matter how difficult it gets as we partner with Christ to bring others back to the sheepfold, the most important thing we can do is keep loving them unconditionally. Hopefully, they will see in us the love that Jesus is offering to them.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

Who are the lost sheep and missing treasures of your family and your parish community? What will you do this week to reveal Jesus and his merciful love for them? Is there a parish ministry or an evangelization program that you could join to learn how to better help others turn to Jesus?

Questions for Family & Community Faith Sharing:

When the lost are not ready yet to turn to Jesus or return to us or to the Church, how do our attempts to give them Jesus prepare them for an eventual conversion? Why is it worth trying, even if we don't see any fruits for our efforts? Even if it includes sacrifice and extra humility on our part?

Let us Pray: Beloved Lord, Your love covers my life with Your mercy. You don't let my sins keep you from continuously looking for me. Give me a thankful heart, sensitive to all the wonderful things with which You have surrounded me. Amen.

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Covid Prayer

Lord Jesus when you walked with us on earth you spread your healing power. We entrust to you the families and communities affected by Coronavirus, wherever they may be. We pray especially for health care workers, that you may guide and protect them. We pray that your spirit might inspire those researching new medicines and treatments. Grant us the courage not to rush back to our old ways, but to rebuild our world together, creating foundations of justice, with equality and peace for all. And in the midst of this, keep us strong in faith, hope and love. We lift our prayer to you Lord, and trust in your infinite mercy, as we wait for the daybreak. Amen

Please bring this bulletin home

HOLY FAMILY DIARY
12th – 18th September 2022

Monday 12th September

No Mass

Tuesday 13th September

9.00am Mass

Bethany prayer group

Wednesday 14th September

9.00am Mass

9.30am Craft Group – Meeting rm 1

Thursday 15th September

9.00am Mass - followed by adoration of Blessed Sacrament

Friday 16th September

7.00 pm Mass

Saturday 17th September

6.00pm Mass

Sunday 18th September

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30am Mass

10.00am Mass

11.00am AGM

Wedding Anniversaries
September 2022

We congratulate the following parishioners celebrating their anniversaries this month:

Mike & Elka **Zekulich**,
Brian & Margaret **Jarvis**,
Gloria & Eric **Armstrong**,
Ted & Flo **Cue**,
Tom & Pam **Morshead**,
Patricia & John **Williams**,
Kevin & Betty **Mitchell**,
Stephen & Mary **Tan**,
Bernie & Michelle **Roberts**,
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Robert & Anthia **Loh**

God bless you on your special day

SAVE THE DATE

Youth Mass – 18th September, 10am

Parish AGM – 18th September, 11am

Children Mass – 16th October, 10am

Confirmation – 29th October, 6pm

International Dinner – 13th Nov, 11am



Morning tea is back!

Our Parish morning tea will resume on the 25th September

Safeguarding Sunday

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place where people feel safe and supported.

The **children liturgy** also has colouring sheets for your children to bring home and please discuss with them about the people whom they can trust and seek for help.



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

8 of 12 Safeguarding Messages:

Tell a trusted adult if you are worried.
Keep on telling until someone believes you and helps you.

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



MASS OFFERING

Wellbeing of Eva, Paul & Dorothy Hwee, Marc Lee

Soul of Audrey Loo (recently deceased)



POWER OF PRAYER

Maureen, David, Fitzgerald Family
Elena Bettie, Norah Langshaw, Watson Family, Waminda Residents, Stella & Family, Reamae David, Mary Colladel, Deb, Pam, Grace McGlynn Marie Lacy, Dragutin Markovic, Maureen Galligan, Daisy Givens, Nadia O'Brien, Mary & Ben Bianchini, John & Mary Hippolite, Joy & Reg Groutsch, Ed Devereux, Maria & Frank O'Connor, David, Rhys, Luke, Margaret & Brian Short, Marion, Heather Jordan, Michela Drake, Jeremy & Stephanie, Ali MacPherson, Louise Wynne, Ng Choon Bee, Ng Chai Hong, Ng Choon Poh, Andy Lubke, Gary Caulfield, Rebecca, Howard Evans, Paul Reed, Anne Hickey, Serafini Family, Mekalya, Theo & Oscar, Gunawan Sumana, Carmencita Barrios, Francisco Flores, Marcela, Jonathon, Giorgina, Edie, Arthur, Ethan, Gwen & Eardley, Elizabeth and Kevin, Dorothy Healy, Kate Bonner, Tom Core, Wendy Burke, Garth & family, Almonte Family, Philip Mellican, Fernando Capone, Melani Ho, Aloysius Lee, Sonali, Sachini, Billy, Michelle & Adele Gianati, Ruth, Noel Pereira, Asyn

Archbishop's Pastoral Letter

The Archbishop is reinstating the Sunday Obligation from 4th September and inviting us, in light of health concerns, to a mature approach to our faith and a genuine concern for the common good of our society.

If you have not picked one, you can read it online at <https://smc.tiny.us/22aug>

Let the Church always be a place of mercy and hope, where everyone is welcomed, loved and forgiven.

-Pope Francis-

The **Holy Family AGM** is scheduled for **Sunday 18th September** after the 10am Mass. Please join us for a rundown on Parish business including a financial statement for the past year.

Nomination forms are available in the foyer, if you are considering a position as a councillor of the Holy Family Parish Pastoral Council. Criteria for Council membership includes:

- Catholics who are active members of the Parish community and have reached the age of eighteen and have an interest in the welfare of all parishioners
- A desire to be of service to the parish community
- A keenness to promote the teachings of the Catholic Church
- An ability to work cooperatively and constructively with all members of the Council and
- A sufficiency of time to devote to Council duties.

Positions are also available for the Finance Committee. Please make inquires at the Parish office.

We look forward to your presence and support at the upcoming AGM.

The 24th Sunday in Ord Time - Year C

FIRST READING

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostasised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!" I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.' But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said, 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.' So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I will rise and go to my father.

SECOND READING

Timothy 1:12-17

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-32

The tax collectors and the sinners, meanwhile, were all seeking his company 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: 'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost."

In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance. 'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it?

And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbors? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'

He also said, '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 and went back to his father. 'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him 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 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 was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

Next Sunday's Readings:

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 8:4-7 // Psalm 112:1-2,4-8

1Tim 2:1-8 // Luke 16:1-13

ROSTERS

	Saturday 6:00 pm	Sunday 8:30 am	Sunday 10:00 am
COMMENTATOR/READER			
10 th /11 th September 2022 24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Dimitrio Sidi	Geraldine Taylor	Cyril D'Silva
17 th /18 th September 2022 25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Amanda Johnson	Marianne Taylor	Jackson Blake Youth Mass
ACOLYTE			
10 th /11 th September 2022 24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Hasan Sidi	Joni Wijaya	James Chong
17 th /18 th September 2022 25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Carl Celedin	John Newman	Dimitrio Sidi
ALTAR SERVER			
10 th /11 th September 2022 24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Nicholas Willey Hugh Morris	Palak Vadukoot Patrick Newman	K Don Shannel Saheli D'Silva
17 th /18 th September 2022 25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Raegan Tanuwidjaja Jackson Blake	Leo Newman Evelyn Newman	Bryan Chong Shiori Ong
CHOIR			
10 th /11 th September 2022 24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Samuel Yeow (Organist)	Holy Family Choir	Burmese Choir
17 th /18 th September 2022 25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Annalise (Pianist)	Holy Family Choir	Sanctus Choir



Dear Friend, when I spend time with you in the bush, a garden, beneath a night sky, watching sunrise or sunset, May I follow your gaze, thankful for the beauty and wonder of the creation that surrounds me. Amen. *Based on Pope Francis', "On Care for Our Common Home," Laudato Si, paragraph 97*

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